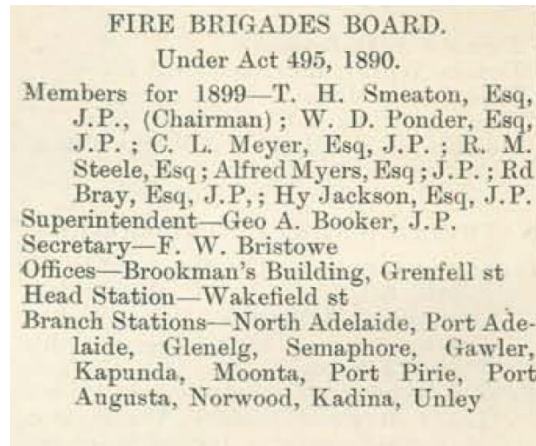


## Adelaide Fire Brigade 1900

### **From the Sands and McDougall Directory for 1900**

Metropolitan Fire Brigade Station, G. A. Booker, Superintendent, Wakefield Street, from the Sands and McDougall Directory 1900.



*Sands and McDougall 1900*

### **Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954), Saturday 6 January 1900, page 3**

#### FIRE ALARM LAST NIGHT.

About half past eleven last night the fire alarm sounded, and quickly a few people gathered in the street. The two fire reels were run out, but on it being stated that the fire was at Mr. C. Blume's place the brigade men decided not to take them farther. A big colume of smoke was visible to the south-east of the town, and a visit of inspection showed that the fire was burning in and around the hole at the foot of the Chinamen's gardens. The thistles growing around the hole made a good blaze, but the fire, which was blocked on one side by a potato field and on another by the Chinamen's gardens, never got beyond this. It soon burned itself out.

### **Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 17 January 1900, page 2**

#### SMALL FIRE.

At about 2.10 a.m. on Wednesday a small fire broke out in a general store belonging to Mrs. Margreat Wilson, of 122, Hutt-street. The fire brigade was notified, and was speedily on the premises, but the flames had got a thorough hold and the contents of the shop were destroyed. The coroner has been informed.

### **Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Friday 27 July 1900, page 2**

#### A FIRE.

About 3 o'clock this morning the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call of fire from Charlick's chicory mills, and they were quickly on the scene. Luckily their services were not required to any extent, as the cause of the alarm was only the smouldering of some chicory, and this was put beyond danger with the aid of a small hose.

### **West Australian (Perth, WA : 1879 - 1954), Monday 27 August 1900, page 5**

#### FIRE AT AN ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.

Adelaide, August 26.

Early on Saturday evening a fire occurred at the laundry of the Children's Hospital, situated right in the middle of the establishment. A dozen of those connected with the hospital fought valiantly with the flames till the fire reels arrived. The whole week's clothing was destroyed. It is estimated that damage amounting to between £150 and £200 was caused. The institution had a narrow escape.

***Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 22 September 1900, page 6***

FIRE IN GRESHAM-STREET.

At 20 minutes to 4 o'clock on Friday morning the Metropolitan Fire Brigade received a call from the Bank-street fire-alarm. The reel, steamer, and ladder turned out with promptness, and on reaching King William-street the locality of the fire was at once ascertained by the dense volumes of smoke which were rising over the A.M.P. Buildings. At North-terrace the exact position of the fire was seen to be in the buildings known as Frearson Bros.', at the corner of North-terrace and Gresham-street. It was found that the two top floors of the building facing Gresham-street were well alight. The firemen, who were by this time reinforced by the brigades from North Adelaide, Unley, and Norwood, forced an entry by the front door, only to find that the staircase formerly there had been boarded over. It was therefore necessary to work the fire from the escape ladder. This was done, and in about half an hour the flames were well in hand. It is clear that the fire started on the roof within a few feet of a chimney, and rapidly burnt through the seaweed-packed ceiling into the large stock of fancy papers and cardboards on the top floor. The staircase from the floor below ignited, and conducted the flames to the second storey, and the wonder is that the whole building was not destroyed. It is a matter for congratulation, that although an enormous quantity of water must have been used, the damage by water to the ground floor and basement stocks is almost nil. The building was insured in the South British Company for £3,000, and in the Imperial for £4,000, and the stock in the Manchester for £4,650. The machinery and stock of Messrs. Thomson Bros. & Coats, which was situated on the ground floor, was uninsured, and fortunately uninjured. The coroner has been informed, and no inquest will be held.

***South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Saturday 22 September 1900, page 6***

FIRE IN GRESHAM-STREET.

At about 3.40 on Friday morning a call was received at the Fire Brigade Station from the Bank-street fire alarm. Superintendent Booker ordered out the reels, steamer, and ladder, and on arriving at Hindley-street discovered that a fire had broken out in the top stories of Frearson's buildings, situated at the corner of North-terrace and Gresham-street. Within a few minutes after their arrival at the fire the city firemen were joined by the North Adelaide, Unley, and Norwood reels. They found that the two top floors and the roof of the buildings were well alight. The ground floor is occupied by Messrs. Thompson Brothers & Coates, and as the staircase was blocked the firemen had to utilize the fire-escape to effect an entrance to the upper portion of the building. After an hour and a half's hard work they had the satisfaction of getting the fire under control, and eventually extinguished it. As a large quantity of paper was stored in the building the fire made rapid headway, and a large amount of damage was done to the stock, which is insured in the Manchester Assurance Company for £4,650. The building, which is insured in the Imperial Insurance Company for £2,000, was also considerably injured, a portion of the roof having been destroyed. As there were unmistakable signs that the fire originated in the roof of the building the Fire Brigade authorities are of opinion that it was caused by a spark from an adjacent chimney. Messrs. Thompson Brothers and Coates's stock, which is not insured, was slightly damaged by water.

***South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Monday 24 September 1900, page 4***

FIRE IN PULTENEY-STREET.

At about 2.15 a.m. on Saturday the Fire brigade received a call from the Pulteney-street fire alarm. On arriving at the place they found that a fire had broken out in a barber's shop,

occupied by Mr. E. Kosh. The flames were quickly extinguished, but on being informed of the circumstances in which the fire was discovered the City Coroner decided to hold an inquest. The enquiry will be opened at the Somerset Hotel at 10 o'clock this morning.

***Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Thursday 1 November 1900, page 3***

CIVIC VISIT TO THE FIRE BRIGADE STATION.

On Wednesday evening the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mattingly, accompanied by the whole of the councillors and their wives and Cr. Revell, of the Burnside Council, visited the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Station at the invitation of the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Board, Mr. T. H. Smeaton. Mr. Booker and his staff courteously showed all the points of interest, after which the brigade was called out. The party then adjourned to the boardroom, where refreshments were provided. After justice had been done there, the mayor, in thanking Mr. Smeaton for his kindness, said the Norwood branch of the brigade had amply demonstrated its worth. Mr. Smeaton said he would always be happy to see any of the local bodies at the city station. On the proposition of Cr. Storey a vote of thanks was accorded to the superintendent and staff for their excellent work. The band contributed a number of selections during the evening.

***Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 5 December 1900, page 4***

FIRE IN KING WILLIAM STREET.

On Tuesday afternoon a fire took place in a block of buildings at the corner of King William and Hindley streets. A call was received at the Fire Brigade station from the King William-street alarm at 6.4 p.m., and the reel, steamer, and ladder were turned out. The North Adelaide, Norwood, and Unley reels were also sent for, but the two latter were not needed, and returned to their stations. When the brigade arrived on the scene the top floor of the building, which is occupied by Mr. Stump, photographer, was found to be well alight. Two hoses were got to work immediately, and in less than half an hour all danger of the fire spreading was at an end. Its location was in the top story of the building. The floor is used for the storage of negatives and other photographic materials. It was pretty well gutted, but the damage by fire did not extend to any other part of the structure. Immediately below is Mr. Stump's studio, and here a good deal of damage by water was sustained. On the ground floor are shops occupied by Mr. Isaacs, tobacconist, and Mr. Steel, jeweller, and the stocks in both establishments have been much damaged by the water leaking through from above, although that in the tobacconist's shop was protected as well as possible by covering the fixtures with waterproof sheeting. The block belongs to the estate of the late Mr. Alexander Hay. During the last few years it has been the scene of more than one outbreak of fire, though the present is the most serious one. It is not known how the fire originated, as Mr. Stump had closed his premises and gone home for the night when it broke out. There is also some uncertainty about the insurances. The stock and fixtures in the tobacconist's shop were insured for £750 in the Liverpool, London, and Globe Company, and £150 in the Commercial Union, and Mr. Stump's stock is insured in the Manchester Fire Company for £700. Just as the brigade was getting to work Superintendent Booker sustained a severe fall, which dis-located his shoulder. He, however, stuck to his post until danger was over, and only then had the injury attended to. It is not likely that the after effects of the accident will be serious. The fire attracted a large crowd of people, but excellent order was kept by the police. Two constables and two firemen were left in charge of the premises for the night.

***Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Wednesday 5 December 1900, page 3***

FIRE IN KING WILLIAM STREET.

A PHOTOGRAPHER BURNT OUT.

Shop assistants and others in the street at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening had some excitement provided for them in the matter of a fire at Stump & Co.'s photographing studio, at

the corner of King William and Hindley streets. It is only a shell of a building, on which the flames soon got a fast hold, and in no time they were licking through the windows facing Hindley street. The studio was completely gutted, while Isaacs's tobacconist shop and Steel's jewellery establishment were flooded with water, particularly the former, and considerable damage was done to the stock. Miss Ollie Lawson, one of the lady assistants in Stump & Co.'s studio, was the last of the employes on the establishment. She stated that she was just preparing to leave the rooms for the night when a lad who was employed as messenger by the firm ran to her and cried, "The place is on fire." Miss Lawson noticed smoke issuing from the top floor, which was known as the printing room. She had no time to make any investigation, and hurriedly got out of the burning building. By this time the alarm had been given, and the brigades arrived a minute or so afterwards. It was at 6.4 p.m. that the fire brigade received a call from the alarm in front of the Union Bank in King William street. The reel, the steamer, and the ladder were immediately turned out from the head station, and the reel from North Adelaide was called in. The Norwood and Unley reels were stopped, as their services were not required. Upon the arrival of the brigade it was seen that the top floor of Stump & Co.'s was well alight. A line of hose was immediately got to work in King William street, and a line from Hindley street was worked from the top of the telescopic ladder. A big stream of water was poured into the building, and in the short space of 19 minutes from the time of the call the fire was extinguished. As the reel was getting to work the line of hose caught on the drum of the reel and dragged the fireman with it. The hose struck Superintendent Booker under the legs, and threw him down on to the tramline and injured his shoulder. During the operations Captain Tupper, of Her Majesty's ship Pylades, visited the scene of the fire, in company with Superintendent Booker. There were a score of firemen altogether employed, and they worked splendidly. Indeed, the public—and there was a good crowd present—could not have had a better object lesson afforded them of the efficiency of the fire brigade. Mr. Stump, who had been telephoned for, arrived on the scene about 6.30 p.m. He was at a loss to account for the fire. Chatting with a representative of "The Register" he said:—"We practically did all the work from this and the Rundle street establishments here. There were about 30,000 negatives on the premises, and some of the old ones were very valuable. Most of them were insured. The stuff in the gallery was insured too. The building belongs to the Alexander Hay estate. In the last fire which happened several years ago only the gallery was burnt. Everything was all right in the printing room then. We repaired things, and beyond losing a few sitters it didn't matter much. We are insured in the Manchester office for a nominal amount, but it is in no way sufficient to cover everything; I doubt whether it will cover the amount of work in hand. The last fire started in the gallery, and we could never account for it. The printers use a fire for drying papers. I do not know whether they were using it to-day." Mr. Isaacs's shop was flooded out, and much damage was done to the stock. The proprietor said—"I am insured sufficiently to pay for the damage, but I will suffer considerably in loss of time and business until things are put straight again. Our busy time is just coming on. It was only to-day that we marked off Christmas goods." It is impossible to say what damage the jeweller's shop suffered. The water ran down the walls, but fortunately the glass cases prevented to a large extent the ware from being spoilt.



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*King William Street, Adelaide [PRG 733/194]. Horse drawn tram and carriages on King William Street, Adelaide, immediately north of Hindley Street facing WSW. Shops that can be identified are; Stump & Co., photographers, John Steel, watchmaker & jeweller, T.J. Hannam, fruiterer, Eskell & Tattersall, dentists, W.H. Bishop's tea, coffee & refreshment rooms, and Moss's loan bank. according to a researcher the tram belongs to Adelaide and Suburban Tramway Company, and is destined for North Adelaide and Nailsworth. The terminus was at Rakes Road - now Regency Road, Enfield. Approximately 1898. W. S Smith, Part of Acre 47 Collection*



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*Hindley Street, Adelaide [B 2144], North corner of Hindley Street and King William Street, Adelaide. A dramatic scene showing a crowd which has gathered to watch a fire in the*

*premises of Stump & Co.'s Photographic Studio. The horse drawn fire appliance of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade can just be seen above the heads of the crowd, and the Police Greys are in attendance. Firemen are climbing a ladder to the roof of the building. Businesses from left to right: The Exchange Hotel, The Gentleman's Boot Emporium, Isaac's Corner Tobacconist, John Steel, Watchmaker, Moss' Loan Bank, T.J. Hannam, Florists. A sign advises that Patey's Liliputian Opera Co. is performing at the Theatre Royal. Approximately 1899. Photographer Francis Gabriel, Part of Acre 47 Collection*

**Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Thursday 6 December 1900, page 5**

The City Coroner has decided not to hold an inquest on the fire which occurred at Stump & Co.'s studio on Tuesday evening.



*Hindley Street corner [B 9247]. North corner Hindley and King William Streets. The far side of Moss's Loan Bank is 27-1/2 yards north of Hindley Street. A dramatic rescue is taking place in the building on the corner of Hindley Street and King William Street. Fire has broken out and a fireman can be seen with a person draped over his shoulder. they are about to descend from the third storey via a series of ladders. Firemen can be seen on the roof of the premises. The building appears to be a tobacconist shop and Alfred Augustus Stump's photographic studio. A large crowd has gathered to watch the drama unfold. The fire broke out in December 1900 and gutted the studio. 1900, John Gazard,*