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HOTEL ACTON.

This hotel was completed 12 July, 1927 and was occupied from the 5 May, 1927. In the 1930s it was used as a Patents Office. It returned to hostel accommodation use in the Post World War 2 period.



- ADMANS, William reporter
- BANFIELD, Charlie journalist
- BARTON, Helen & Richard contractor & contractor
- Mrs Helen Barton ran the first omnibus service between Queanbeyan and Canberra. She lived in the Hotel Canberra prior to the move to Hotel Acton. She and her husband are buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery. *St John's Churchyard* by Jean Salisbury notes the following about the Bartons: Helen Antoinette Barton died on 9th April, 1938. She was 59 years of age. Her husband Richard Barton died on 20th October, 1933 aged about 55 years of age. Both graves are unmarked.
- BROWNRIGG, Marcus civil servant
- CASBOULTE, Isobel & Thorold hd & architect
- COLLINS, Thomas civil servant
- CONVILLE, John cook
- CROUCH, Arthur journalist
- CULL, Grace waitress
- EDWARDS, Lilian & Richard hd & journalist
- FENSTON, Jack FCC officer
- FITZGIBBONS, Norris housemaid
- FUSSELL, Leslie company manager
- GILROY, Teresa waitress
- GORDON, Donald draftsman
- HANIBODE, Mary pantrymaid
- HANN, Sally head waitress
- HENWOOD, Amy housekeeper
- HENDERSON, Joseph porter
- INGRAM, Ida housemaid
- INNES, Haughton journalist
- LAWRENCE, Fraser porter
- LOGIE, Margaret waitress
- LYONS, Charles cook
- McKAY, Angus veterinary officer
- O'FLYNN, Susie waitress
- PARKIN, Charles boiler attendant
- RATCLIFF, Joyce clerk
- RODGER, Geoffrey forester
- SOPPET, Margaret housekeeper in charge
- STANTON, Jean pantrymaid
- TALBOT, Roland porter

- UNVERHAN, Adelaide book keeper
- WYLIE, Doris clerk
- YANDELL, Irene & Ernest clerk & clerk

HOTEL AINSLIE

The Hotel was completed 1 July 1927 and occupied from 12 September 1927. This hotel took over the name of the earlier Hotel Ainslie called from 1927 Gorman House.

- BECK, Stanley clerk
- BELL, Robert clerk
- COURTNEY, Laura & Cyril hd & architect
- CULL, Patricia waitress
- CUTHBERTSON, Malcolm kitchenman
- DAVIDSON, Jessie hd
- DUNCAN, Janet chef
- FLETCHER, Jacob clerk
- FOLEY, Lillian library cataloguer
- FRASER, Andrew electrical engineer
- GARDNER, Margaret hd
- GRAY, William electrical engineer
- HALFORD, Edgar civil engineer
- HAMILTON, Annie waitress
- HODGSON, Ethel housekeeper in charge
- IBBOTSON, James porter
- JEFFREYS, Norman ps
- MURPHY, William surveyor
- NICHOLL, William engineer
- PULVER, Astley surveyor
- ROWAN, Alan civil engineer
- WATERFORD, Leo licensed surveyor



Above Capitol Hill, Commonwealth Avenue and off to left Hotel Canberra circa 1927 and below – two photographs of Hotel Canberra.

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HOTEL CANBERRA.

This was the first hotel built in Canberra and was known as *The Politician's Hostel*. Contractor John Howie was employed to build the hotel the first part of which opened in December 1924.

ADAMS, George porter
 AYRE, Valentine porter
 BERTRAM, Elizabeth housemaid
 BIGGS, Jean waitress
 BRADY, Mary pantrymaid
 CRAMPIN, Ernest cook
 DAVID, Florence clerk
 DOOLAN, Patrick kitchenman
 EDWARDS, Dorothy waitress
 ELOON, Audrey waitress
 EVANS, Margaret & Albert hd & manager
 FLAWN, Richard porter
 GILLET, Bertha waitress
 HALL, Clarice waitress
 HEATHERSHAW, James secretary to the Treasury
 HOWE, Annie waitress
 HUMPHREYS, Lucy waitress
 HURLEY, Gordon hotel employee
 JEFFERIS, George hotel employee
 LEARY, Edward engine driver
 LEONARD, Kathleen waitress
 LOGIE, Joan book keeper
 McFADGEAN, Clive hotel employee
 McNEISH, Mary waitress
 MURRAY, Olive linen maid
 PINNELL, Gordon porter
 RICHARDS, Izobel housekeeper
 SEXTON, Frederick head waiter

SHERIDAN, Nellie waitress
 TEMPEST, Annie booking's clerk
 THOMAS, Beryl hd
 THOMAS, Dorothy typiste
 THOMAS, Thomas FC Commissioner
 c/o Hotel Canberra WETLESS, Agnes waitress
 WOOLNOUGH, Walter geologist
 WRIGHT, Alonyo hotel employee

HOTEL CANBERRA GARAGE

HUNT, William garage proprietor
 MONGER, Roy garage proprietor

HOTEL KURRAJONG.

This was Hostel No 2 until February 1925 when it was named *Hotel Kurrajong*. The building was completed 1 April 1926 and occupied 7 May, 1927. It was named after Kurrajong Hill - later renamed Capital Hill. One kurrajong tree grew on this hill.

LYNCH, James caretaker
 SOUTHWELL, Isabelle manageress

HOTEL WELLINGTON.

This building was nearly named *Hotel Narrabundah*. The hotel was built on the corner of National Circuit and Canberra Avenue and opened for business 5 May, 1927.

ANTHONY, Elsie & Raymond hd & public service inspector
 BEGGS, Eric ps
 CORBETT, Chriss porter
 CONNELL, Denis porter
 COOKE, Gordon private secretary
 COX, Henry civil servant
 FENNESSY, James audit inspector
 GULL, Ivy waitress
 HAMILTON, David porter
 IRVING, Valda & Harold hd & ps
 KING, William kitchenman
 MANUEL, Margaret hd
 MAXWELL, Ray teacher
 NIXON, Myra & Charles hd & ps
 McFADDEN, Eileen & Florence hd & hd
 PARKES, Eliza hd
 PARKES, Ernest civil servant
 PARKES, William civil servant
 PENNELL, Mildred hd
 PETERS, Henry journalist
 QUINLAN, Frederick civil servant
 RANDALL, Harold teacher
 STANLEY, John journalist
 STANLEY, Mary journalist
 STEELE, Dorothy teacher
 WHYTE, Lilian waitress
 WHYTE, William journalist

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Below: Photograph of Hotel Wellington 1927. The hotel was pulled down some years ago and a new hotel built on the site.



BACHELORS QUARTERS, Acton

This building was tenanted by December 1912. It was later renamed *Acton Guest House & Lennox House*. Members of *The Bachelors Quarters* wrote articles for the *Canberra Community News* (1925-1927) under the heading of *Bachelors' Buttons*. Following are a few paragraphs from the issue of July 12, 1926 - *Charlie Currer returned from Melbourne safely. He is a Victorian. Hughie Loughrey, good old sport and firend to all, has been minus a portmanteau, shirts, etc and he is wearing Bert Fullwood's boots since Davey left. They say they have gone down to David Jones locker...Jim Ilott and Andy Fortin claim Bardsley as the wonder batsman of the world to-day: they both come from Melbourne and understand Victorian football.*

ADDISON, Stanley clerk
 ATKINSTON, Austin surveyor
 BAILEY, Albert clerk
 BALLANTYNE, Harry chef
 BAKER, Alan clerk
 BARCLAY, Harvey bank clerk
 BARKER, Edgar bank clerk
 BELL, William time clerk
 BIRD, Lawrence engineer
 BOWES, Bertie manager
 BRISLANE, Ivy waitress
 BROPHY, John clerk
 BRUEN, Benedict clerk
 CALDELEUGH, Alfred clerk
 CARMODY, William ps
 CAPPER, Arthur clerk
 CARROLL, Keith clerk
 CLAPSON, Henry civil servant
 CLAREMONT, Stanley bank clerk
 CLARKE, Camillus civil servant
 CURRER, Charles clerk
 DALCO, Thomas clerk
 DOUGLAS, John ps
 EMERTON, Walter clerk
 FERGUSON, John ps
 FORD, Michael ps
 FORTIN, Andrew drainage designer
 FULLER, Frederick clerk

GASKIN, Albert clerk
 GORDON, George draftsman
 GOW, Philip clerk
 HADKINSON, Thomas civil servant
 HARE, Rupert steward
 HARRIS, William clerk
 HASTINGS, Joseph steward
 HAWKINS, Harold draftsman
 HIMING, Frederick heliographer
 HODGSON, Ernest clerk
 ILOT, James designer
 IRVING, John golf professional
 JOHNSTON, Donald steward
 JONES, Henry kitchenman
 KEATING, Daniel clerk
 LINDSEY, Harold electrical engineer
 LITTLE, Cyril bank officer
 LLOYD, Charlotte waitress
 LLOYD, Robert clerk
 LYON, Joseph kitchenman
 MACAFEE, James clerk
 McCLOSKEY, John ps
 McGLADE, Thomas ps
 McGREGOR, Peter steward
 McKENZIE, Edward steward
 MARTIN, Henry cook
 MARTIN, John bank clerk
 MAXWELL, Frederick clerk
 MAY, Leonard clerk
 MESKELL, Henry time recorder
 MILLER, John messenger
 MOLLROSS, Roy clerk
 MOORE, Donald clerk
 MORGAN, Arthur postal employee
 MORROW, Austin clerk
 MORGAN, George ps
 MORONEY, James clerk
 MURPHY, Edward ps
 NULTY, Thomas ps
 O'BRIEN, John watchman
 PARR, John steward
 PATERSON, Alexander steward
 PETTY, Cecil clerk
 RADICH, Peter civil servant
 RICHARDS, Edward clerk
 RICHARDSON, John clerk
 ROBERTSON, Henry civil servant
 ROBERTSON, Henry government servant
 RYCE, Leo clerk
 SHANNON, Lindsay bank official
 SHAW, Samuel draftsman
 SHERIDAN, William cook
 SHORTMAN, Reginald steward
 SPINNER, Stanley clerk
 STAPLETON, John civil servant
 SWINGER, Louis ps

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THOMPSON, Robert ps
 TUDOR, Roy ps
 WADE, Arthur clerk
 WAIGHT, Frank clerk
 WALLACE, Alexander clerk
 WHITHAM, Charles clerk
 WICKS, Reginald clerk
 WOOD, Beverley clerk
 WOODS, Whitney civil servant

BEAUCHAMP HOUSE.

This structure was all concrete. Today it is known as *Ian Potter House*. It opened for business in 1927 and housed mainly single young ladies of *typiste* class.



Above: Beauchamp House in 1927. It was a reinforced concrete building. It's name was changed to Ian Potter House.

BETTS, Leonard useful
 BIGNELL, Rosa typiste
 BROADBENT, Maud pantrymaid
 BROWN, Jean typist
 BROWNE, Betty stenographer
 BUTCHER, Muriel clerk
 CHIRNSIDE, Marguerite stenographer
 CHAUNCY, Florence ledger keeper
 COLEMAN, Ena stenographer
 DIXON, Thelma tracer
 DREW, Teresa clerk
 ELLIOTT, Elizabeth waitress
 ELLIOTT, Winifred waitress
 GATES, Kathleen clerk
 GOLDFINCH, Elsie clerk
 GLASSEY, Mabel typiste
 GREWAR, Doreen typiste
 HALL, Margaret stenographer
 HICKS, Edith house keeper
 ISLES, Annie machinist
 IVES, Dorothea typist
 KELLY, Triss typiste
 LATTIMORE, Jessie typiste
 LIMBURG, Gladys clerk
 LINDLEY, Jean typist
 LUCAS, Kathleen stenographer
 MACAFFEE, Doris ledger keeper
 McILVEEN, Essie typist
 McLEOD, Anna typist
 MAHONEY, Eileen clerk
 MARTIN, Guli typiste

MORIARTY, Hazel clerk
 MURPHY, Gertrude stenographer
 MULLER, Else typist
 MURRAY, Norah machinist
 NEWMAN, Gwendoline stenographer
 O'CONNOR, Grace typiste
 PIERPOINT, Kitty machinist
 REILLY, Alice remington operator
 ROBINSON, Dorothy typist
 SHARP, Nellie stenographer
 SMITH, Grace stenographer
 STATTON, Veronica typiste
 STRINGER, Daisy typiste
 TAYLOR, Isabelle typist
 THORNTON, Sylvia secretary
 THWAITE, Vivien stenographer

BRASSEY HOUSE.

The building was completed on 8 August 1927 and occupied on 29 August 1927. It is now called Hotel Brassey and according to the locals this structure was built on the wrong block and back to front.



BAILEY, Jessie housekeeper
 BRAY, Stephen clerk
 COTTRILL, Una teacher
 DAVIDSON, Caroline teacher
 DOOLEY, Beryl teacher
 EGEBERG, Harold engineer
 FANNING, William clerk
 FLETCHER, Walter clergyman
 GARGETT, Herbert transport officer
 GREEN, Madeline teacher
 HUMPHRIS, Olive teacher
 JACOBI, Mabel teacher
 JONES, Mary teacher
 LEGG, Louis ps
 LIPSEY, Jane teacher
 McKENNA, Francis civil servant
 MARSHALL, Maud waitress
 MARTIN, Hilda & Leslie hd & parliamentary reporter
 MEAGHER, Desmond journalist
 MIDDLETON, Edna teacher
 MINIHAN, Francis ps

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MOORE, Lilian school teacher
 NASH, Margaret housemaid
 NELSON, Rose pantrymaid
 O'CALLAGHAN, John ps
 O'CALLAGHAN, Thomas ps
 REILLY, Barbara teacher
 RICHARDSON, Claire waitress
 RUSHTON, Victor civil servant
 TASKER, Thomas teacher
 TAYLOR, James porter
 TERRY, Eric clerk
 TONER, John useful
 TIERNEY, Minnie waitress
 TURNER, Alan clerk
 WALL, Winnie teacher
 WALSHAW, Sarah housemaid

GORMAN HOUSE

The first section of Gorman House (Hotel Ainslie) was completed in April 1925 and occupied from 1 July, 1925.

The Chairman (FCC - Sir John Butters 1925-1929) became the ruler of a quasi-feudal domain, with his fellow members subordinate only to him. The system was autocratic in its nature and purpose. The word of the Commission was law - good, bad or indifferent...In its outlook on social questions the Commission was mid Victorian. It believed in the Church and the Army Officers at Duntroon as social pillars, and that the lower stratas of society should be protected against their own sinful instincts.

For example at the hostel for female employees (Hotel Ainslie - Gorman House) it discovered with horror that male persons were being entertained there by the typists and school teachers. This practice was ordered to cease, and then it was discovered by the Commission that gentlemen friends were evading the edict by entering and leaving the hostel surreptitiously by the windows. So on a chosen night, at midnight, a cordon of police was placed round Gorman House to seize any male person leaving the building. A few minutes after midnight a man was seen to jump from the window and the police swarmed upon him like flies upon a lump of sugar. He turned out to be the Minister of the Crown who had been trying to recapture his lost youth by frying sausages over an electric radiator for the edification of a party of bright young people...The next arrest was also a Minister of the Crown who had been relaxing from the affairs of State at a party in honour of the birthday of won of his staff... Warren Denning, Capital City 1938



Above: Early 1930s. Group of girls at Gorman House – Sheila Wise photograph.

AARONS, Ida typist
 ANOWSKY, Dorothea typiste
 BARTLETT, Doris typiste
 BARTHOLOMEW, Marjorie typiste
 BAXTER, Mora hd
 CANNON, Maude typiste
 CARTER, Marian typiste
 CODLING, Marie waitress
 COOK, Beryl typiste
 COOK, Edith typiste
 CULPH, Edith typist
 DALY, Sarah hd
 DIXON, Hazel typiste
 DOERING, Ilse typist
 DUGGAN, Daisy stenographer
 EDWARDS, Marjorie typiste
 FIELDER, Margaret typiste
 FULLER, Rachel typiste
 FRANZ, Freda typiste
 FREEDMAN, Ethel typist
 GILLIGAN, Beryl typiste
 GOODWIN-ROBINSON, Mary hd
 GROSVENOR, Marjorie typiste
 HARE, Mary hd
 HILL, Dorothy typist
 HOUSTON, Ruth stenographer
 INKPEN, Muriel typiste
 KILMISTER, Eileen typiste
 LAMB, Haidee typiste
 LEE, Minnie typiste
 LEVY, Zara typiste
 LINDSAY, Dora typiste
 LYNCH, Philomena typiste
 LONG, Noreen typiste
 McCABE, Alice typiste
 McCARTHY, Irene typiste
 McDONNELL, Amy typiste
 McMENEMY, Nellie waitress
 McNAMARA, Katherine typiste
 MANN, Edith civil servant

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MARTIN, Eleanor & Thomas hd & kitchenman
 MARZORINI, Eileen typiste
 MAYES, Ivy typiste
 MOORE, Edna school teacher
 MURPHY, Kathleen typist
 NOLLER, Eileen typiste
 NUTTAL, Frank useful
 O'CONNOR, Eileen typiste
 O'DONOHUE, Mary typiste
 PEACH, Olive civil servant
 POOLEY, Eleanor typiste
 RAHALEY, Catherine typiste
 RUTT, Purleigh typiste
 SABER, Jean stenographer
 SALTER, Irene typist
 SHERIDAN, May typist
 SMALES, Henrietta clerk
 SOUFFLOT, Geraldine typist
 SPOTSWOOD, Sarah civil servant
 STEVENSON, Irene typiste
 STONE, Muriel typiste
 SUTTON, Bridget hd
 TARRY, Alice cook
 THOMAS, Catherine private secretary
 TRIM, Annie stenographer
 WILSON, Isabella typiste
 WOODGATE, Isabel typiste

ST GABRIEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Now Church of England Girls Grammar School. This school opened in 1927 in old Glebe house.

BURGESS, Dulcie teacher of music
 COBB, Charlotte RHSCF
 DAWSON, Lilian hd
 FFRENCH, Madeline teacher
 FORSLAND, James caretaker
 QUICK, Lydia hd
 REYNOLDS, Jeanie school mistress
 ROUGHTON, Doris teacher

LADY HOPETOUN CLUB.

This club was for use by girls who worked as servants etc. There were three houses in Blandfordia used by the club to accommodate their members. Here Canberra Girl's Hockey was *born* under the helm of Miss Hawkins.

BORSERIO, Martha hd
 COLE, Doris civil servant
 CRAGGS, Kate binder
 GREENING, Bertha ps
 HAWKINS, Dorothy welfare officer
 HILL, Mary hd
 McKEDDIE, Florence civil servant
 MORRISSON, Beatrice hd

NICHOLLS, Annie hd
 QUINN, Margaret machinist
 RHODES, Caroline cook
 STEPHENS, Bertha civil servant
 WIESE, Annabelle book folder

PRINTERS' QUARTERS.

These semi-detached cottages with common mess room were completed on 12 November 1926 and occupied from August 1926. Later named *Kingston Guest House*. Fraser Court is now on the site - opposite the Kingston Shops. They were built by Mason of Queanbeyan. Below - view from the Printers Quarters circa 1926.



Below: The Printers Quarters 1926.



AMBROSE, Isaac compositor
 ARTHUR, Albert linotype operator
 BALDRY, Norman compositor
 BANNON, Joseph printer
 BARNES, Frank compositor
 BIGGS, David compositor
 BILLING, Frederick compositor
 BODEY, Colin mechanic
 BOND, William ps
 BROWN, Henry proof reader
 BULPIN, George book binder
 BURKE, Elizabeth waitress
 CARROLL, William printer
 CHANDLER, Charles printer
 CLEARY, Ivy waitress
 COPE, Thelma waitress
 COTTRELL, Herbert printer
 18 CONSTANT, Charles clerk
 CROSS, James stationer
 CUMMINS, Harry audit clerk
 DANIEL, Leinad telephone mechanic
 DAVIS, Philip clerk

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DUDLEY, John compositor
 DUTTON, William chef
 FENNELL, Doris waitress
 FERN, James mechanic
 FITZGERALD, Georgina waitress
 FITZGERALD, Irene waitress
 FLYNN, Percy steward
 GANDY, Bertha & Arthur hd & compositor
 GUTHRIE, Charles carpenter
 HACKETT, Gordon mechanic
 HALL, Frederick telegraphist
 HAMMERSLEY, John paper ruler
 HICKS, David compositor
 HINGELEY, Joseph clerk
 HINES, Edward compositor
 HOLL, Harold book finisher
 HOPKINS, George steward
 HUTCHINSON, John compositor
 JAMES, Henry monocaster
 JAMES, John linotype operator
 JENKINS, Herbert compositor
 KAY, Alexander steward
 KENNA, Daniel assistant chief steward
 KENT, Cecil telegraphist
 12 KINGSWELL, Mabel & William hd & compositor
 LAND, Cecil clerk
 LARSSON, Karl labourer
 LIDDEL, William compositor
 LOVE, Arthur machinist
 McAUSLAN, John compositor
 3 McDERMOTT, Joseph clerk
 McDERMOTT, William printer
 McINTOSH, George ps
 McNEICE, Herbert printer
 MAHER, Reginald printer
 MAHON, Edward clerk
 MALLETT, Lillian pantrymaid
 MILLER, Robert civil servant
 MOUNTJOY, Harry printer
 MULLANE, Arthur linotype operator
 NAPIER, Stanley compositor
 NASH, William steward
 NICHOLLS, Percy printer
 NOLAN, Oliver iron monger
 O'NEILL, Alfred book binder
 O'REILLY, James steward
 O'SHANNESY, William steward
 PHIPPS, Eric clerk
 PRICE, Phillip clerk
 RITCHIE, Alexander linotype operator
 ROBERTS, Alfred compositor
 RYAN, Ruby hd
 RYAN, Philip book binder
 RYAN, David printer
 SCARD, Charles steward

SNOWDEN, Oliver foreman
 SUTTON, John clerk
 TORBITT, Charles compositor
 TURNBULL, George compositor
 TURNER, Charles READER
 TURNER, Firth lino operator
 UNWIN, John warehouseman
 WADE, Kevin compositor
 WATCHORN, Louis clerk
 WALKER, Jessie & Alexander hd & mono
 caster
 WALTON, Roy salesman
 WATKINS, William clerk
 WHATTY, Harold ps
 17 WHITE, Clare & Robert hd & lino operator
 WHITE, Leslie kitchenman
 WOOD, Edward compositor
 WORTER, John kitchenman



Above: Brodie's Garage in Wentworth Avenue 1926



Identified as Acton Camp, but may be Power House?
Red Hill in background?