

Yurong Street time-line

1840 family move to Sydney with 3 small children

1840-48 5 more children born

1843 Mordecai was a member of the Bridge Street Synagogue (AJHS has a handwritten list)

1848 On 30th March arrested for breach of the peace, Case dismissed (Sydney)

1852 Elizabeth dies (children age ranges are 16 down to 4)

1855 Mordecai is listed as a dealer at 241 Pitt Street

1855 Sarah marries George Myers

1856 Mordecai is at 229 Pitt Street

1856 (15th August) Mordecai buys 7 terraces in Yurong Street from Reid, Pattison and Pryce who are builders. This block was part of the Reilly subdivision. I guess they spec built 7 good quality houses. From the conveyancing documents we know that he paid :-

800 pounds for no 64

1,700 pounds for no. 60 and 62

1,482 pounds for no. 66 and 68

1,600 pounds for no. 70 and 72

General description for each of these 7 properties was:

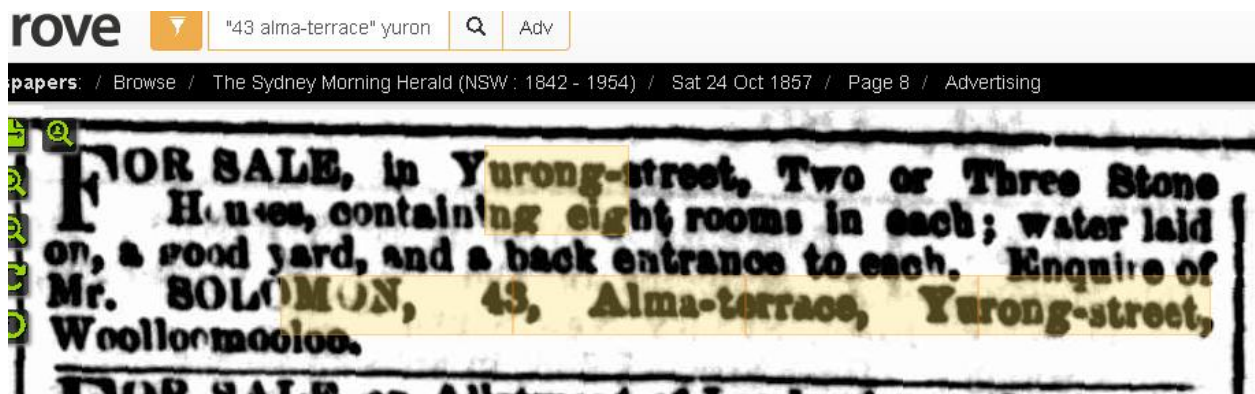
- stone house
- slate roof
- 3 floors
- 6 rooms
- 2 or 3 attics

in all 5,582 pounds. The conveyancing documents show that this was the actual money paid. Did he get this fortune by farming?... or maybe an inheritance (7 buildings might be worth \$15M today----- conservatively). [It should be noted that Myer (his father) died in 1840 but his will was challenged and wasn't settled until 1853... might be the source.

1857 Mordecai was living at 43 Alma-Terrace, Yurong Street (other side of road)
We know this through several Trove entries which show :-

- Mar 1857 - ad to rent out room house in Yurong (suspect this is one of his own)
- April 1857 - Myer appoints Mordecai to collect rents on his properties whilst he is in London. (In 1855 he is listed as owning 223 and 225 Bourke St, 124 Dowling Street. At 18 yr old, where did the funds come from --- maybe from Mordecai)
- May 1857 - trying to let 49 Dowling Street - might also be one of Myers
- Dec 1857 - announces 2nd daughter, Jane's wedding

In Oct 1857 - Mordecai advertises 2 or 3 houses for sale in Yurong St, 8 rooms in each. Is he trying to raise money



... then

Nov 1857 Mordecai takes out a mortgage for 3,000 pounds over the Yurong Street properties. The loan is from George Wigram Allen (founder of Allen, Allen and Hemsley). **Interest rate of 8%**. What did he need this for. Maybe to help his son Henry and George Myers start "Myers and Solomon"

1858 Mordecai listed as living at 68 Yurong, with the rest rented out.

From notices in Trove, we know that George and Sarah were living at 72 Yurong from at least 1858 to 1862 :-

- Isaac born Nov 1858
- Henry born Jan 1860
- Mitchell died aged 6 in Oct 1862
- Elizabeth born Dec 1861

- 1862 ad for a servant
- Fanny born Nov 1863
- advertising for Nurse girl in 1864,65

1865 Mordecai shown as living at 72 Yurong St (Sands directory)

Ad in the paper indicates the properties were advertised for sale in 1866, but M Solomon still shown as the owner of all 7 properties in 1867. Presumably they sold time after then.

It should be mentioned that conveyancing shows the numbers are 60 - 72 and I have measured distances mentioned in mortgage document., but the assessment books and Sands Directory show 68 - 80 land I'm sure these to be correct. Maybe Mordecai sold 60,62,64 and 66 and then bought 74, 76, 78 and 80 [STAY WITH 60 -72 FOR THE TALK]