

Appendix A

Lo Wu Brick Company

• It is believed that a brick company named "羅湖磚廠" was once operated on the land of Fu Tei Au



• This is a historical map (suspected to be a Japanese map) dated back in 1939. See "羅湖煉瓦製造所" located around today's Fu Tei Au. The coloured map underneath the old one represents current day's mapping.

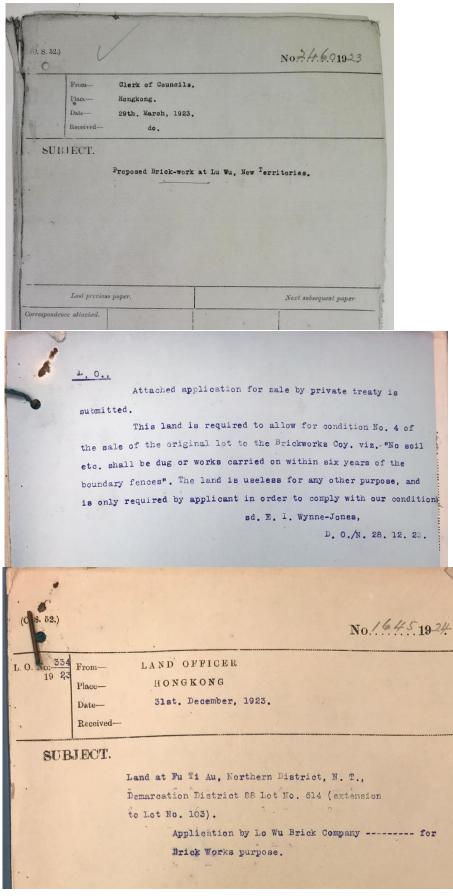


Another map dated in 1928. See "Lo Wu Brick Works".



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 Upon further investigation, we successfully discovered and retrieved an old file at Government Record Services. It documents a land application submitted by Lo Wu Brick Company to land officers in year 1923 for brick work purposes at Fu T(e)i Au. See below pictures.



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| ame of applicant. | S. D. No. | Locality. | Area in acres or sq. feet | For what purpose required. | Period of years recom- mended. | Premium recom- mended, | | special conditions & Remarks. |
| to Wu Brick Co trustee Tse Pun Shang of 54 Queen's Road, Central Hongkon | Lot 614 | Fu Ti Au | 33,840 8.f or .78 ac. | Brick Works extension to Lot 103 sold vide 2460/23 | 75 | \$85 | \$4.00 | Premium at 4 cent a sq.ft. Crown Rent at \$5,00 per acre Special condition No. 5 published for G.N. 276 of 1911 & No. 1 in G.N. 697 of 1909. |
| Hon. Colonial. | SECRETARY, | | LAND OFFIC | | by Comm | | | المعلم المعلم والمعلم المعلم |

 Below paragraph follows the discussion between officers in related to the land ownership of the proposed Fu Tei Au territory for brickwork purposes in question. The second line implies that there is a chance where the Lo Wu Brick Company had already owned part of the Fu Tei Au land before the time of application and might have started operating for some time.

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| Schedule | of lot coloured blue on plan in (1) herewith, showing |
| owners. (2). Lots c | cloured yellow are already the property of the Brick |
| Coy. Lots coloure | d red are Crown land for the most part, but Lot 1136 is a |
| pit or pond & of n | o use: Lot 1699 forms a means of access to the pathway |
| & hillside from th | e river & should not be sold: Lots 1138/9 are private land |
| the block 1136 - 3' | 7 38- 39 - 40 had better be left out. |
| The large | e irregular lot of Cr. land to the N. of Lots 82 & 76, |
| differs from the or | riginal application (see tracing attached (3)) |
| This will | L of course be surveyed in due course. |
| | sd. E. I. Wynne-Jones, |
| | D. 0./N. 4. 7. 23. |

• The next page of the conversation goes on to describe the difficulty of acquiring the land. The underlined paragraph seems to imply that Mr. Tse, son of the company's manager, had already started the business and so that he may carry on the work even without acquiring the land.

4. Mr. Tse informs me that the brickworks could carry on for about 4 or 5 years without the privately owned land. They have machinery for getting clay from a depth of 30 ft. so that if the clay is there, they should get plenty to go on with. . . He further tells me that the private owners say it is not a question of money," but that they want the land to grow food food: the Coy. is willing to pay more than their offer quoted by Mr. Tratman in his minute of 10. 4. 23 above, but the owners will not even name a figure. This looks as if they were in earnest, and I. respectfully submit that in those circumstances it would be wrong to resume their land for a commercial under-SY 311 :04 3 . taking.

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No. S. 336.—It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the District Office, Tai Po, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 17th day of October, 1923.

The Lots are sold for the term of Seventy-five years from the 1st day of July, 1898, with the right of renewal for a further term of 24 years less 3 days at a re-assessed Crown Rent as Brickworks subject to the General Conditions of Sale published in Government Notification No. 365 of 1906 and to the Special Condition No. 5 published in Government Notification No. 278 of 1911 and to the Special Conditions hereunder specified.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

1. The Purchaser shall within 6 months from the date of sale expend a sum of not less than \$100,000 in the construction of a brickwork on these or adjoining Lots capable of turning out not less than 7,500 bricks per diem.



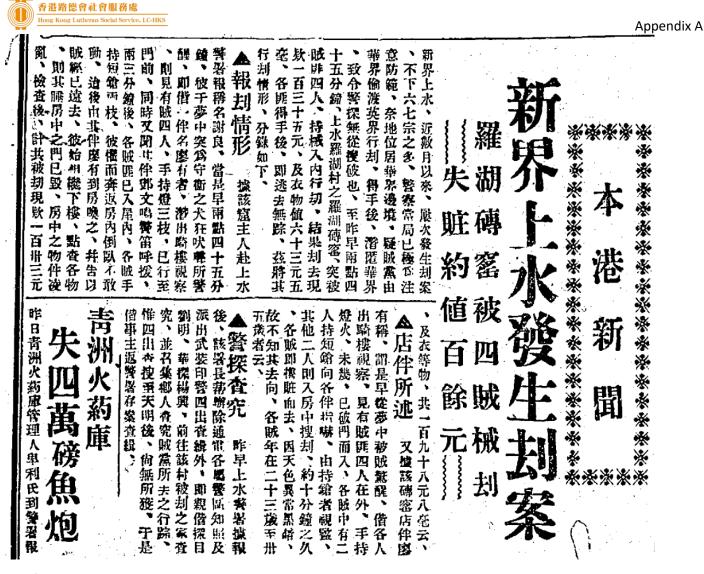
In addition, pieces of old newspapers indicates the existence of the brick company:

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| CHANCE FOR SOMEONE. | CRICKET. | | BRICKWORKS SITE. |
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| re-assessed crown rent as brick- works | Shameen Sports Club in their match with the Hongkong Cricket Club on Monday next:-H. H. Benson (capt.), P. E. Baskett, S. G. Beare, D. Duncan, H. S. Gordon, S. E. King, F. E. Lammert, V. C. Olive, F. V. Read, J. Rodger and Capt. D. R. Wahl. date of sale expend a sum of not less than \$100,000 in the con- struction of a brickwork on these or adjoining lots capable of turning out not less than 2,500 bricks per | NC ANC the on M Li Fmal Mann Hos | ANOTHER SALE OF LAND. At the District Office, Taipo, on the 17th instant, there will be sold by auction 18 lots of Crown land, aggregating about 7.70 acres, the upset price for which is \$1,057. The purchaser will be required within six months of the date of sole to spend not less than \$100. 000 for the construction of brick- works on these and adjoining lots, capable of turning out not less than 7,500 bricks per day. |

🖊 Brief articles posted on the China Mail & the Hong Kong Telegraph on 6/10/1923 (6 months after the initial land application as shown above) for auction promotion in recruiting potential buyers interested strictly in brick work operation on Fu T(e)i Au land.

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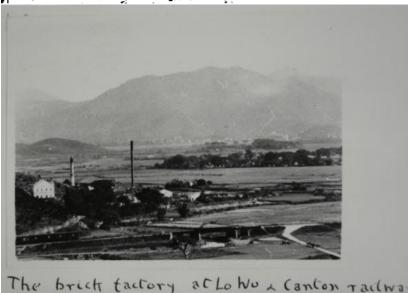
♣ Articles posted on 6/8/1935 by 天光報 and 香港工商日報 respectively in regards to burglary at Lo Wu Brick Company. The first article mentions that the brick work has already stopped operating at that time due to financial difficulty. Therefore, it can be deduced that the company ran for approximately one decade since the land application.





of the routers and hid or the ran away and hid or the roof. After a while his fok told him that the robbers had lef and he found that the place had been ransacked and a safe broken open, from which \$135 had been taken. The robbers also too some clothing.

In all there were five men, tw of whom were armed with revo vers. The direction of thei flight is unknown, and no arrest have yet been inade.



A picture believed to be taken by the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards stationed at the Lo Wu Camp (across the Sheung Yue River, a correctional institution nowadays). If look closely, you can spot the train passing as well as the two major kilns which we believe to belong to the Lo Wu Brick Company at the time.

Another English article reporting the raid at the brickwork premises by the China Mail on 5/8/1935.

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