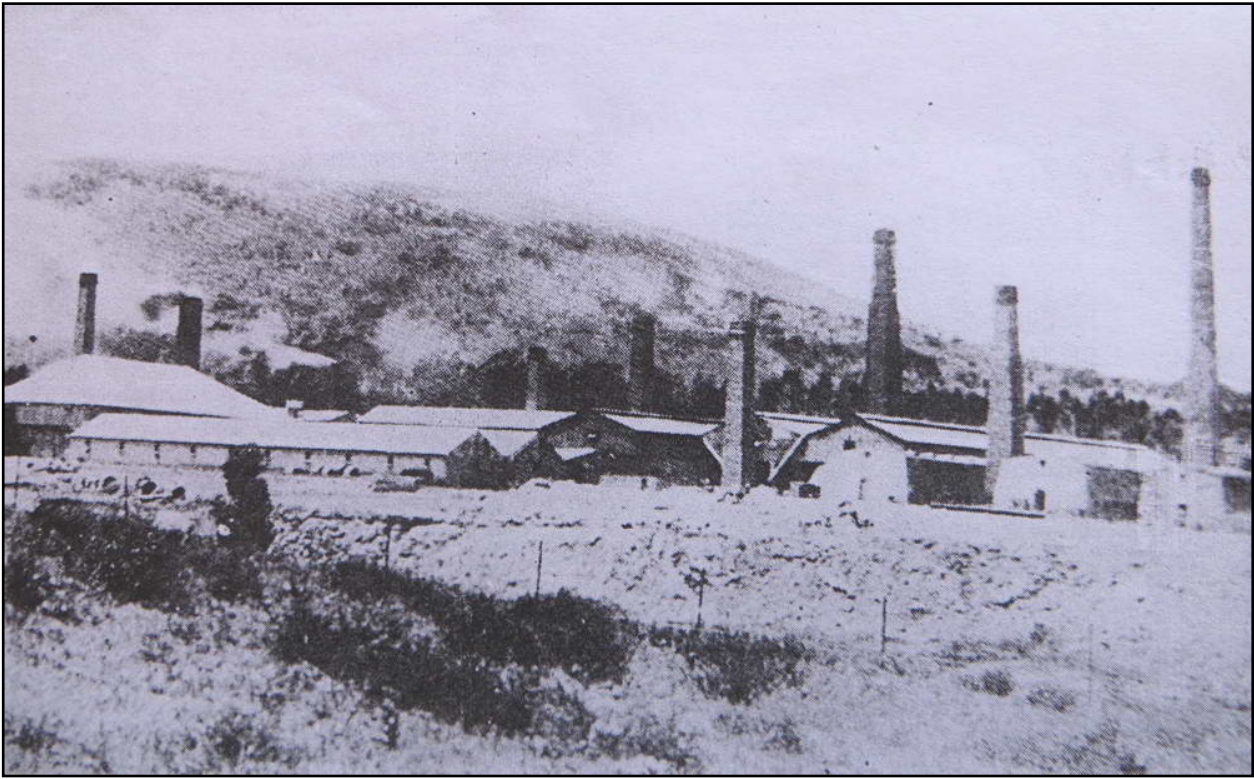


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Dagsê al die belangstellendes in die geskiedenis van ou Pretoria,

13. Pretoria Gister en vandag [Pretoria News, 1988-10-21]



Kirkness Brick Works

A building contractor, John J. Kirkness, arrived in Pretoria in 1887 and started the Groenkloof Brick, Tile and Pottery Factory, later known as Kirkness Brick Works. He produced a popular red faced brick with the name "Kirkness" stamped on it.

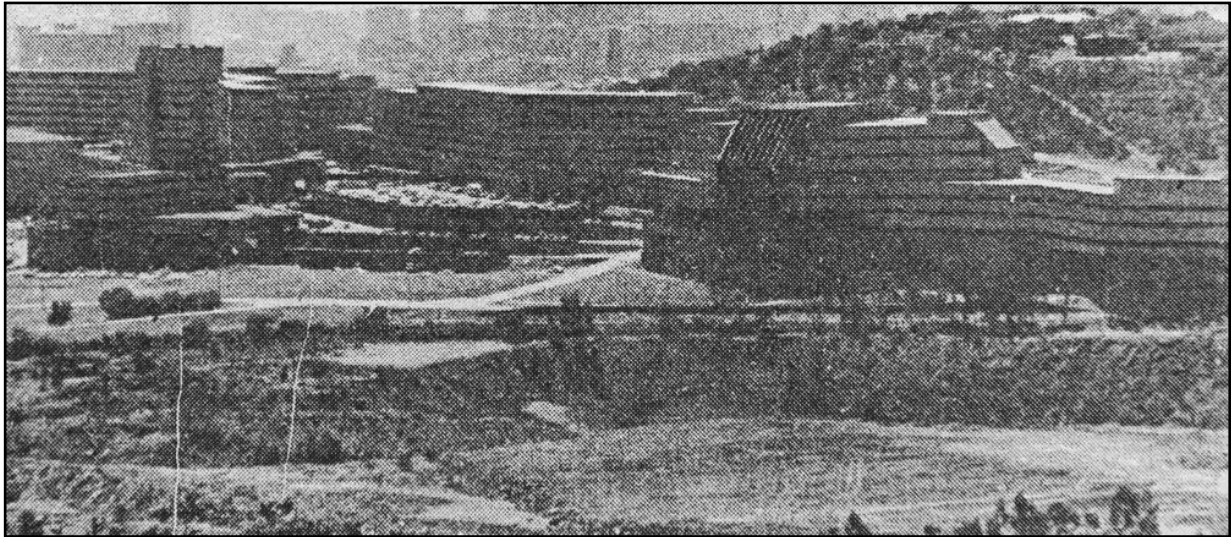
Bricks from his factory were used to build the Central Post Office and Raadsaal on Church Square, the Bloemfontein Raadsaal, the Ou Letteregebou at the University of Pretoria, and the Wierda Bridge over Six-mile-spruit, south of the city.

John Kirkness was also mayor of Pretoria. The factory was closed down in 1958 and the large hole from where the earth was excavated was used by the Pretoria City Council as a refuse dump.

Old Pretoriana picture [above] was taken when the factory was in full production at the turn of the century.

Today's picture [below], shows the same area (in the foreground), where sports grounds for the Pretoria Normal College have been built over the refuse hole after it was filled and levelled.

(Pretoriana picture submitted by Old Pretoria Society member Tom Andrews of Douglas Street, Colbyn. Text by staff writer Daan de Beer.)



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Kirkness Yard



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1. Poskantoor
2. Produkte-handelaar
3. Commercial Chambers
4. Pretoria Klub met die gemeenskapsaal daaragter
5. Kirkness Yard
6. Eerste Skoolgebou

Die sg. "Kirkness Yard" wat ons op die foto sien se ingang was in Vermeulenstraat. Een van die geboue in die omtrek was heel moontlik sy kantoor vanwaar hy sy besigheid bedryf het. Volgens Lola Dunston [Dun-01, p40] is die foto voor 1892 geneem.

Hier volg 'n paar advertensies wat in 1889 in die Staatsalmanak verskyn het:

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Pretoria

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