KITCHEN OF THE ORIGINAL MORRIS HOME, BUILT IN 1865.

ASPLEY - the NAME

About a century ago district boundaries were not exact and giving locations of the sparsely settled areas were just as inexact. The Aspley area was referred to as part of the Moreton District or as in the country of Stanley or parish of Nundah or Kedron. As the district was around the Cabbage Tree Creek, it quickly was associated with this name. Some of the residents near Little Cabbage Tree Creek used that as a location name also.

By the 1890's the district was commonly called the Little Cabbage Tree Creek District. Evidently there was some confusion with regard to postal deliveries intended for Cabbage Tree (Sandgate) and the residents petitioned postal authorities to change the name. This change was agreed to in 1897.

The name chosen was 'Aspley'. Why 'Aspley'?

'Aspley' was part of the name of the Morris family's properties. They were portions 495, 496, 497 and 498 situated in front and behind the present school site on Maundrell Terrace. The Morris family settled in the district in 1865 and were very active in community affairs for many years.

'Aspley Grove' was the name of John Morris's property. 'Aspley Vineyard' was the name of John Morris (jr)'s property. 'Aspley House' was the name of Mrs. Challinor's home. She was Miss Isabella Morris. The Morris family came from near Nottingham in England and took the name 'Aspley' from the nearby Aspley Hall.

The research of Mr. Fred Robinson has uncovered the following Aspleys in England. Aspley is a locality in West Riding in Yorkshire, It is a county borough. Aspley is a place in West Staffordshire, 2½ miles N.N.W. of Eccleshall. Aspley Guise is on the London-Midland rail line, two miles north of Woburn in south-west Bedfordshire. Aspley Heath is a village 12 miles south-west of Bedford. And the one of interest to this history—Aspley Hall is a county seat, two miles north-west of Nottingham.