

# Jalan Ayer Itam (1896-1905)

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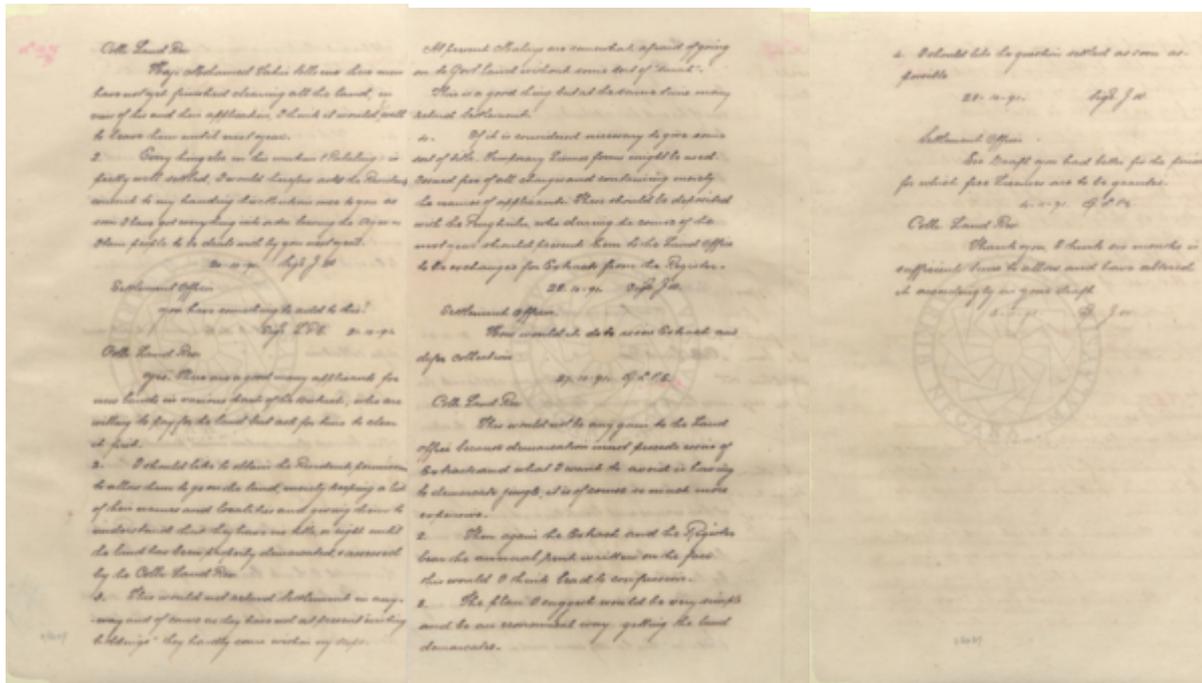
## 1891-1892: Pembukaan Ayer Itam

Antara faktor pembukaan tanah di kawasan pedalaman seperti Ayer Itam ini adalah kesan spekulasi meluas berkenaan tanaman kopi. Sekitar tahun ini, ladang kopi meliputi 2,800 hektar tanah di Selangor: *"Under the Perak Land Code of 1879, State Land was divided into the categories only of Waste Land, Malay Reservation, Building Land and Mining Reserves. Waste Land included forest land, alienable for agriculture. Similar leases from Waste Land served the 'coffee craze', in Selangor, led by T.H. Hill, a planter from Ceylon. Rathborne, Lim Swee King and members of the Malay nobility joined the speculation. In the 1890s coffee covered about 2,800 ha in Selangor."* (Jeyamalar Kathirithamby-Wells, 2005:

NATURE AND NATION: Forests and Development in Peninsular Malaysia" (PDF), m.s. 118).

## 1891-10-16: Pembukaan Tanah

Dato Dagang Kuala Lumpur, Haji Mohamed Tahir melaporkan, beberapa orang peneroka tanah di Ayer Itam memerlukan masa yang lebih panjang untuk menerangkan kawasan hutan di situ, dan memohon penundaan persempadanan dan percukaian di situ. Namun dalam masa yang sama, sebahagian peneroka memerlukan jaminan akan hak pendudukan tanah mereka setelah selesai nanti. Pihak pentadbiran British memutuskan untuk mengeluarkan lesen pendudukan sementara selama 6 bulan bagi para peneroka tersebut:-



“Collector of Land Revenue, Haji Mohamed Tahir tells me these men have not yet finished clearing all the land, in view of this and their application, I think it would be well to leave them until next year. 2. Everything else in his mukim (Pataling) is pretty well settled, I would therefore ask the Resident consent to my handing this? once to you as soon I have got everything into order leaving the Ayer Itam people to be dealt with by you next year. 20-10-91. Sigd J.M.

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 Collector of Land Revenue, Yes. There are a good many applicants for new lands in various parts of the District, who are willing to pay for the land but ask for time to clear it first. 2. I should like to obtain the Residents permission to allow them to go on the land, merely keeping a list of their names and localities and giving them to understand that they have no title, or right until the land has been properly demarcated, & assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue. 3. This would not retard Settlement in any way and of course as they have not at present “existing holdings” they hardly come within my scope. At present Malays are somewhat afraid of going on to Govt land without some sort of “surat”. This is a good thing but at the same time may retard settlement. 4. If it is considered necessary to give some sort of title. Temporary License forms might be used. Issued free of all charges and containing merely the names of applicants. These should be deposited with the Penghulu, who during the course of the next year should present them to the Land Office to be exchanged for Extracts from the Register. 22.10.91. Sigd JW.

Settlement Officer,  
 How would it do to issue Extract and defer Collection. 27.10.91. ?L.P.E.

Collector of Land Revenue, This would not be any gain to the Land Office because demarcation must precede issue of Extracts and what I want to avoid is having to demarcate jungle, it is of course so much more expensive. 2. Then again the Extract and the Register bear the annual rent written on the face this would I think lead to confusion. 3. The plan I suggest would be very simple and be an economical way getting the land demarcated. 4. I should like the question settled as soon as possible.

28.10.91. Sigd. J.W.

Settlement Officer,

See Draft you had better for the period for which free Licenses are to be granted.

4-11-91. ?L.PE.

Collector of Land Revenue, Thank you, I think six months is sufficient time to allow and have altered it accordingly as your draft.

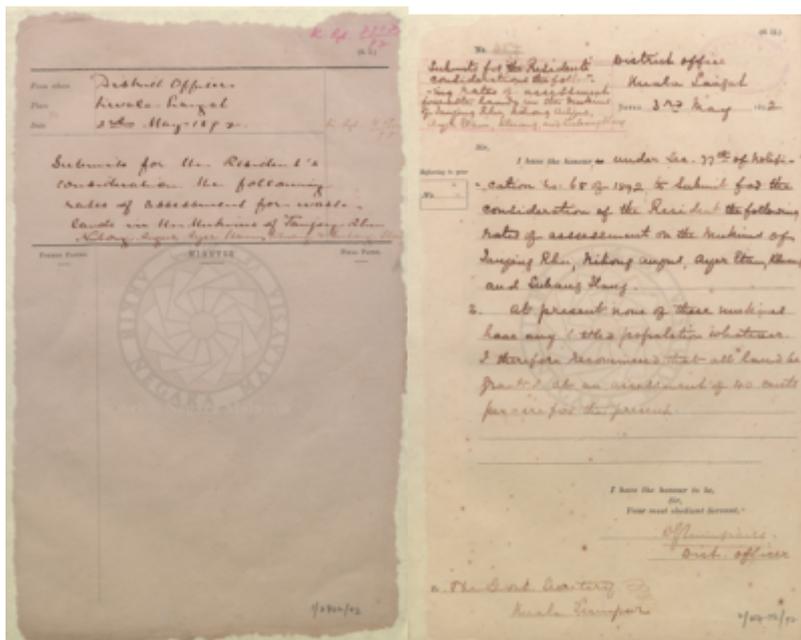
4-11-91. ?JW."

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 16/10/1891:

"FORWARDS A COPY OF A PETITION FROM THE RECENT SETTLERS OF AYER ITAM WHO ASK THAT THEY MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY CALLED ON TO INCUR THE EXPENSE OF DEMARCATION OF THEIR LAND").

### 1892-05-03: Pendudukan Warga

Pada 3 Mei 1892, pegawai daerah Kuala Langat telah mengenalpasti beberapa mukim di kawasan pedalaman yang perlu dibuka untuk pendudukan tetap, bagi menjana kegiatan ekonomi di sana. Antaranya adalah mukim Ayer Itam:-



"I have the honour under Sec. 77th of notification no.65 of 1892 to submit for the consideration of the Resident the following rates of assessment on the mukims of Tanjong Rhu, Nibong Ampas, Ayer Itam, Kluang, and Subang Ilang. 2. At present none of these mukims have any settled population whatever. I therefore recommend that all land be granted at an assessment of 40 cents per acre for the present."

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 03/05/1892:

"SUBMITS FOR THE RESIDENT'S CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING RATES OF ASSESMENT FOR WASTE LANDS IN THE MUKIMS OF TANJONG RHU, NIBONG AUGUS, AYER ITAM, KLUANG & SUBANG ILANG").

**CATATAN:** Pada mulanya pihak British memberikan pengecualian cukai bagi tiga tahun pertama pendudukan, bagi menggalakkan penghijrahan warga agar mereka dapat mengerjakan tanah tersebut. Namun tidak semena-mena hal ini menyebabkan mereka duduk berpindah randah, agar tidak perlu membayar cukai tersebut. Ini menyebabkan sesetengah pentadbir memansuhkan pengecualian ini, malah mengenakan syarat yang ketat untuk mendudukinya: *"In the late nineteenth century the Malay Peninsula was sparsely populated, and large tracts of land were uncultivated. One objective of the British administration was to open potentially productive areas for settlement by estate interests where investment could be attracted and otherwise by peasant cultivators or immigrants to the peninsula from Sumatra and elsewhere in the region. Toward this end, land was made available to peasant farmers free of any payment to the government during the first three years of occupancy, and in some instances cash advances were given as well. ... The inducements offered by the government attracted settlers, but there were repeated complaints from officials about the instability of Malay peasant settlements. The District Officer of Kuala Selangor wrote in 1894 that he was taking steps to discourage "nomadic" cultivation "where the people raise merely one crop of padi and then abandon the land. ... In Perak, for example, the rent-free period was eliminated and more rigorous settlement procedures were introduced. Under the new rules, only "natives of the mukim in which they apply or of a neighbouring mukim" who "have good reasons, such as increasing families and so forth", or else "Bonafide immigrants of Malay race" were to be allowed to acquire land. In the case of immigrants, "measures should be taken to discover whether they really come from outside the Federated Malay States and mean to stay", while "Federated Malay States Malays are not to be encouraged to wander up and down the Federation, planting impermanent products."* (Paul H. Kratoska, *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* Vol. 16, No. 1 (Mar., 1985), pp. 16-45:

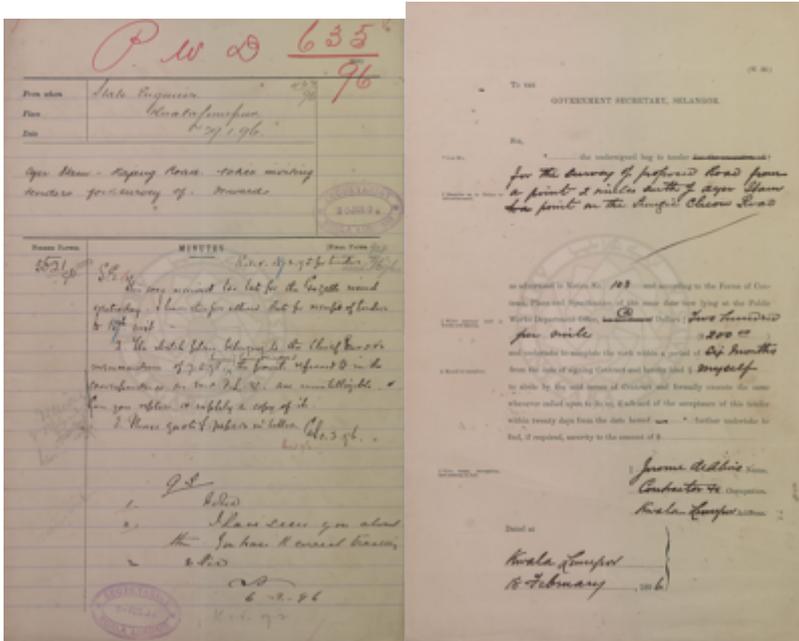
"[The Peripatetic Peasant and Land Tenure in British Malaya](#)").

## 1896-1905: Jalan Kajang - Ayer Itam

Setelah pembukaan tanah dibuat, jalan yang menghubungkan Kajang dengan Ayer Itam (sekitar Kampung Pulau Meranti - Bukit Puchong kini) mula dirancang. Ianya dibina secara berperingkat mulai 1896, dan siap sekitar 1905.

### 1896-01-29: Pembukaan Tender Ukur Jalan

Kerja ukur bagi menghubungkan Ayer Itam (2 batu ke selatannya) dengan Jalan Sungai Chiow/Cheow/Chuau/Chua, Kajang, sejauh :-

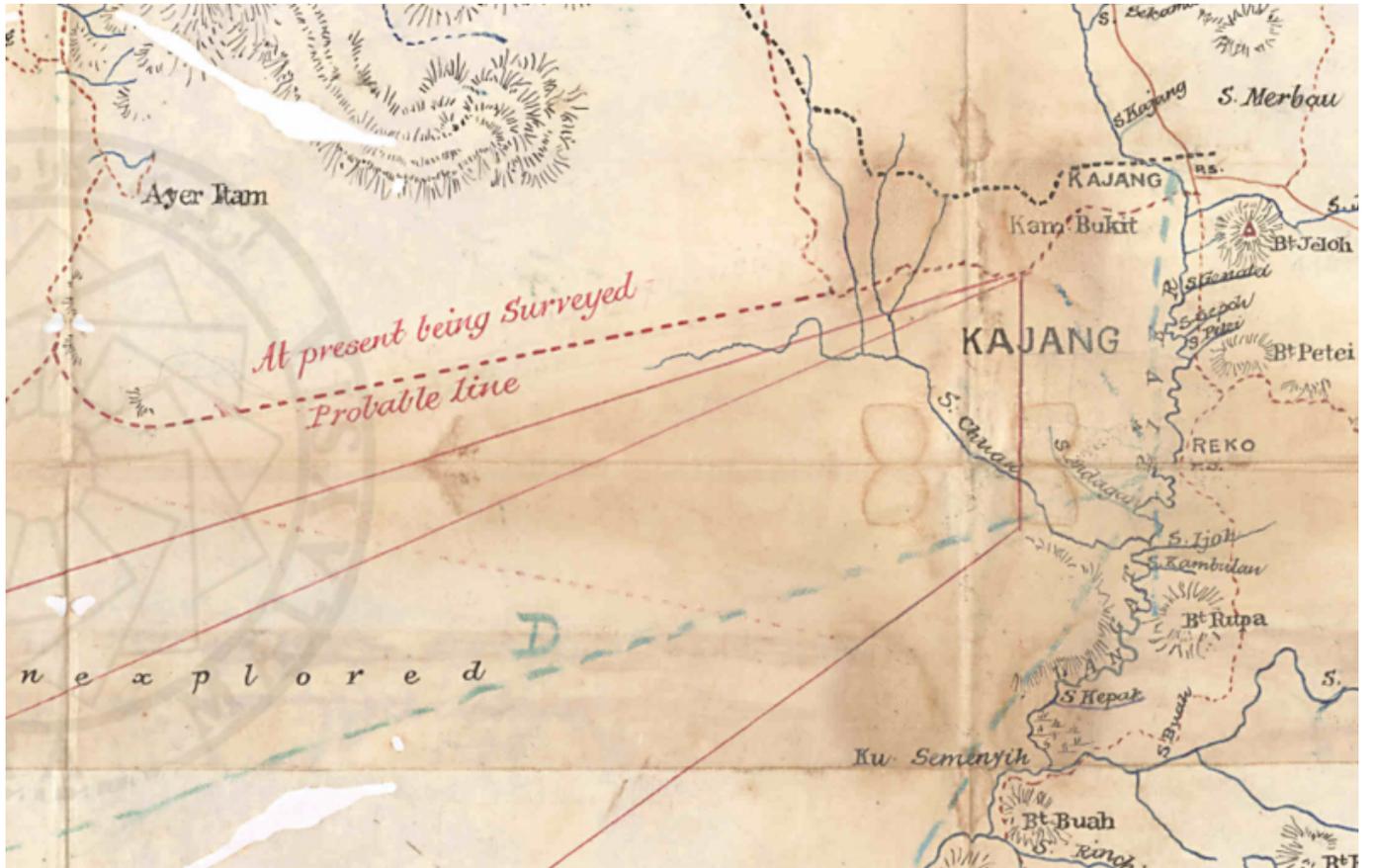


"... the undersigned beg to tender for the survey of proposed road from a point 2 miles south of Ayer Itam point in the Sungei Chioh Road ... he will take up the survey @ \$175 per mile ... The Distance is approximately 8 miles and would amount to \$1400."

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 29/01/1896:

"AYER ITAM - KAJANG ROAD - NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SURVEY OF - FORWARDS").

## Peta Jalan: 1896



Lakaran cadangan Jalan Sg Chuau (Kajang) - Ayer Itam, 1896 (PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 14/04/1896:

"KAJANG - REKO BRIDLE ROAD-AS TO COST OF CONVERTING IT INTO A CARTROAD -").

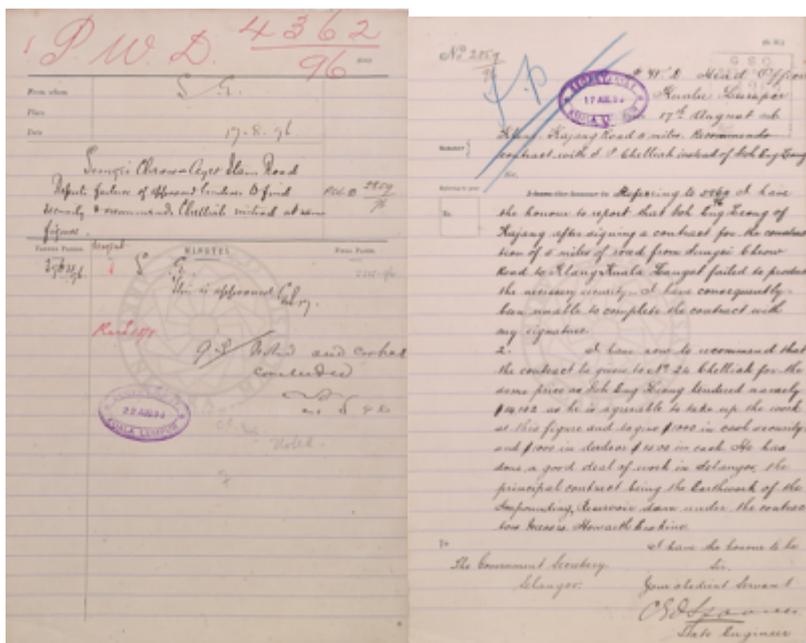


GROUP AT SUNGRI CHEOW, ON THE LANGAT (ULU LANGAT DISTRICT).

Ahli masyarakat Temuan di sekitar Sungai Chuau, 1900-an (Walter William Skeat, Charles Otto Blagden, 1906: "Pagan races of the Malay Peninsula", m.s.804-805).

### 1896-08-17: Pembinaan Jalan

Pembinaan jalan bermula sekitar Ogos 1896. Peringkat awal berjarak 5 batu mulai Sungai Chuah menuju Ayer Itam, dibina oleh kontraktor berpengalaman S.P. Chelliah (pernah bertugas di bawah seliaan Messrs. Howarth Erskine), menggantikan Goh Eng Leong dari Kajang.



"Klang-Kajang Road 5 miles. Recommends contract with S.P. Chelliah instead of Goh Eng Leong.

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Referring to 3964/96 I have the honour to report that Goh Eng Leong of Kajang after signing a contract for the construction of 5 miles of road from Sungei Cheow Road to Klang Kuala Langat failed to produce the necessary security. I have consequently been unable to complete the contract with my signature.

2. I have now to recommend that the contract be given to No. 24 Chelliah for the same price as Goh Eng Leong tendered namely \$14,132 as he is agreeable to take up the work at this figure and to give \$1000 in cash security and \$1000 in deeds or \$1500 in cash. He has done a good deal of work in Selangor, the principal contract being the Earthwork of the Impounding Reservoir dam under the contractors Messrs. Howarth Erskine."

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 17/08/1896:

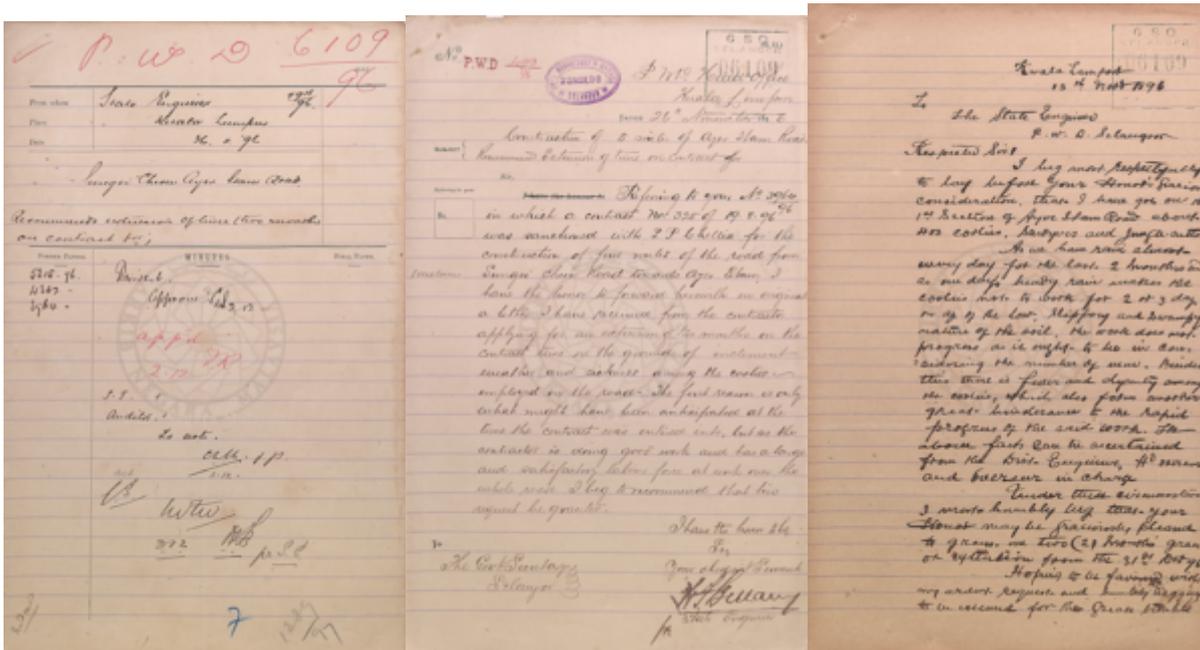
"SUNGEI CHEOW - AYER ITAM ROAD:- REPORTS FAILURE OF APPROVED TENDERER TO FIND SECURITY & RECOMMENDS CHELLIAH INSTEAD AT SAME FIGURE").

Di peringkat awal, pembinaan jalan berlangsung dengan agak baik, sehingga jurutera negeri H.F.Bellamy memohon pengurangan kadar tahanan bayaran daripada 25% kepada 10% bagi meringankan beban pihak kontraktor: "Referring to your No.4362/96, in which a contract No.325/96 of 19th August 1896 with S.P. Chelliah was authorised for the construction of the first five miles of the Road from Sungei Cheow Road towards Ayer Hitam, I have the honour to request the authority of

Government to reduce the retention from 25% to 10%. The amount of the retention at present is too heavy and has a tendency to handicap the contractor who is reported to be doing good work and progressing well." (PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 09/10/1896:

"SUNGEI CHEOW - AYER ITAM ROAD. ASKS AUTHORITY TO REDUCE THE RETENTION FROM 25% TO 10% ON CONTRACT WITH S.P. CHELLEDIH").

Beberapa bulan kemudian, proses pembinaan ini mula mengalami kelewatan. Cuaca hujan lebat menyebabkan henti tugas selama beberapa hari akibat tanah berpayau di kawasan tersebut yang seringkali digenangi air. Selain itu, terdapat sebilangan pekerja yang menghidap sakit demam dan disenteri. Kontrak projek dilanjutkan sehingga 2 bulan selepas tarikh tamat kontrak (31 Disember 1896):-



"I beg most respectfully to lay before your Honor's gracious consideration, that I have got on the 1st Section of Ayer Itam Road about 400 coolies, sawyers and jungle-cutters. As we have rain almost every day for the last 2 months and as one day's heavy rain makes the coolies not to work for 2 or 3 days on as of the low, slippery and swampy nature of the soil, the work does not progress as it ought to be in considering the number of men. Besides this three is fever and dysentery among the coolies, which also form another great hinderance to the rapid progress of the said work. The above fact can be ascertained from the Dist. Engineer, H.I ? and overseer in charge. Under these circumstances I most humbly beg that your Honor may be graciously pleased to grant me two(2) months' grace of extension from the 31st December 96. Hoping to be favoured with my ardent request and humbly begging to be excused for the great trouble... - S.P. Chelliah"

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 26/11/1896:

"SUNGEI CHEOW - AYER ITAM ROAD - RECOMMENDS EXTENSION OF TIME (TWO MONTHS) ON CONTRACT FOR;").

Namun menurut laporan jurutera negeri Selangor, H.F. Bellamy, pada tarikh yang sama, beliau terpaksa mengambil alih sebahagian tugas pembinaan. Kadar pembayaran pekerja terpaksa dinaikkan daripada 30 sen kepada 35 sen sehari, akibat kesukaran mencari pekerja yang sanggup

bekerja di lokasi yang terpencil itu: *"I have the honour to recommend that the daily wage of coolies departmentally employed in lockspitting the trace of the 2nd section of the Ayer Hitam Road be 35 cents per diem, the sanctioned rates being only 30 cts per diem. 2. Owing to the inaccessible nature of this section of road which commences 10 miles from Kajang coolies cannot be procured at the sanctioned rates. The country is all virgin forest and there is no approach from the base of supplies at Kajang, but over the road now in all conditions of construction. - H.F. Bellamy, State Engineer"* (PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 26/11/1896:

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"RECOMMENDS THAT THE DAILY WAGE OF COOLIES EMPLOYED IN LOCKSPITTING THE TRACE OF THE 2ND SECTION OF THE AYER ITAM ROAD BE 35 CENTS PER DIEN").

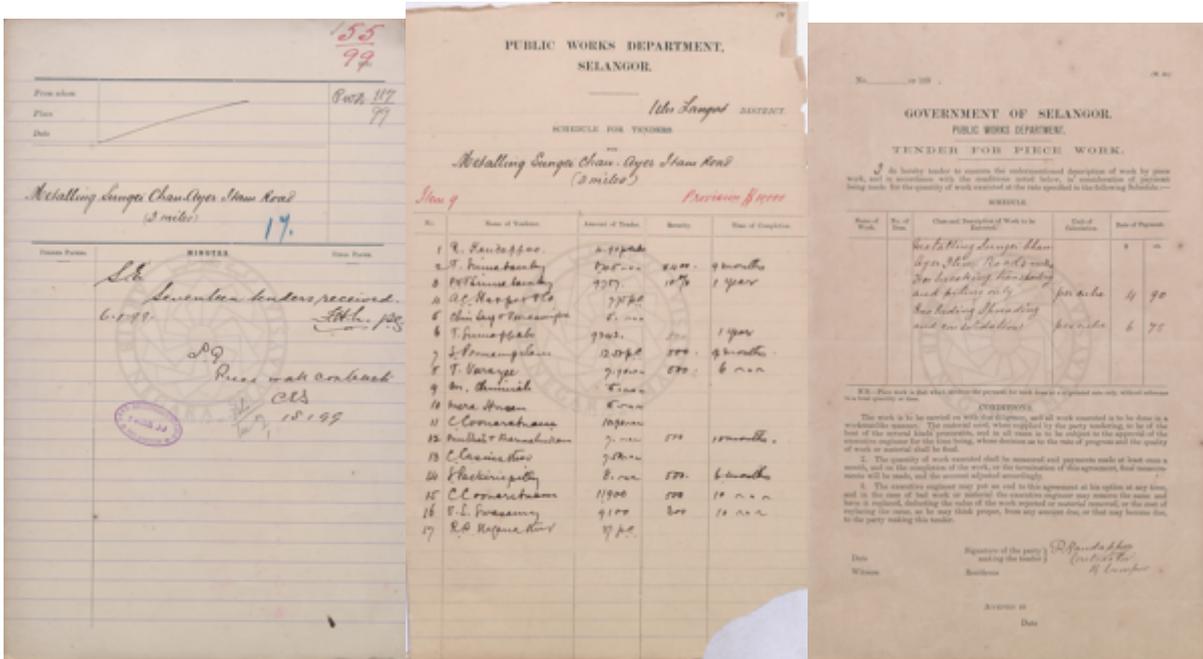
Akhirnya, kira-kira setahun selepas permulaan projek iaitu pada 17 Ogos 1897, pihak jurutera negeri melaporkan mereka terpaksa mengambil alih keseluruhan pengurusan pembinaan daripada S.P. Chelliah, oleh kerana beliau tidak dapat meneruskannya lagi: *"Referring to your 6109/96 in which under date of 4th March, 1897 breach of contract No: 325/96 with S.P. Chelliah for the construction of five miles of road from Sungei Cheow Road towards Ayer Hitam in the Ulu Langat District was reported and in which an extension with the fine in abeyance was granted, I have the honour to report now that it is necessary to take action in terms of clause 6 of the contract (attached) and to give the contractor seven days notice and to carry out the work by other means; since the end of May the contractor has done little or no work under his contract, such work done has been undertaken by the District Engineer with the contractor's concurrence the District Engineer undertaking to make payments directly to the men whom the contractor originally employed on the road, and the progress has been good but as the contractor himself seldom or ever visits the work and takes no personal interest whatever in it, and as he is in financial difficulties owing to his own extravagance, and to his having borrowed money to carry on his work."* (PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 17/08/1897:

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"CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM SUNGEI CHEOW ROAD TOWARDS AYER ITAM - ULU LANGAT RECOMMENDS THAT THE WORK HE COMPLETED DEPARMENTLY, AS THE CONTRACTOR IS UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACT").

**LATAR PERISTIWA: H.F. Bellamy.**

## **1898-12-30: Penurapan Jalan**

Proses tender penurapan jalan:-

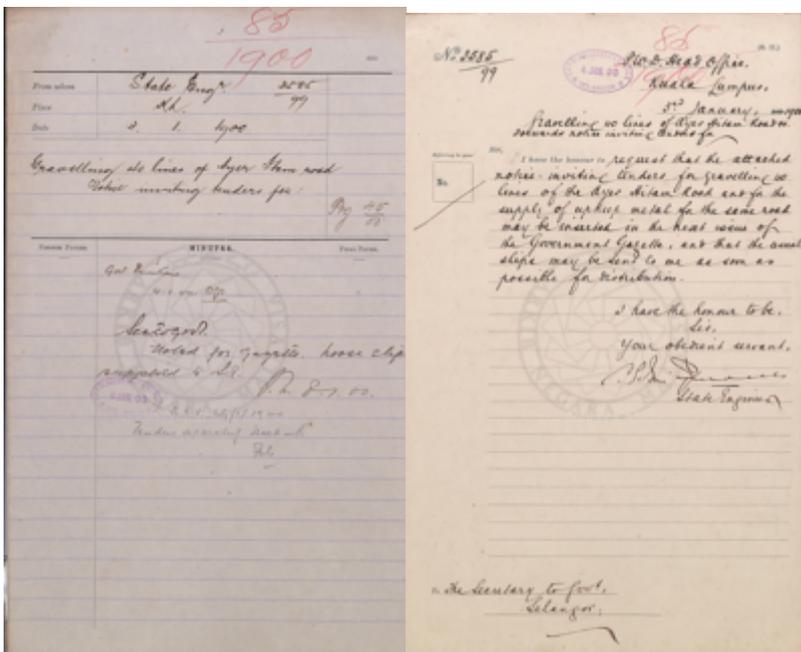


(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 30/12/1898:

"METALLING SUNGEI CHAU-AYER ITAM ROAD - (3 MILES)).

### 1900-01-03: Gravelling Jalan

Proses tender perkerasan badan jalan (gravelling):-



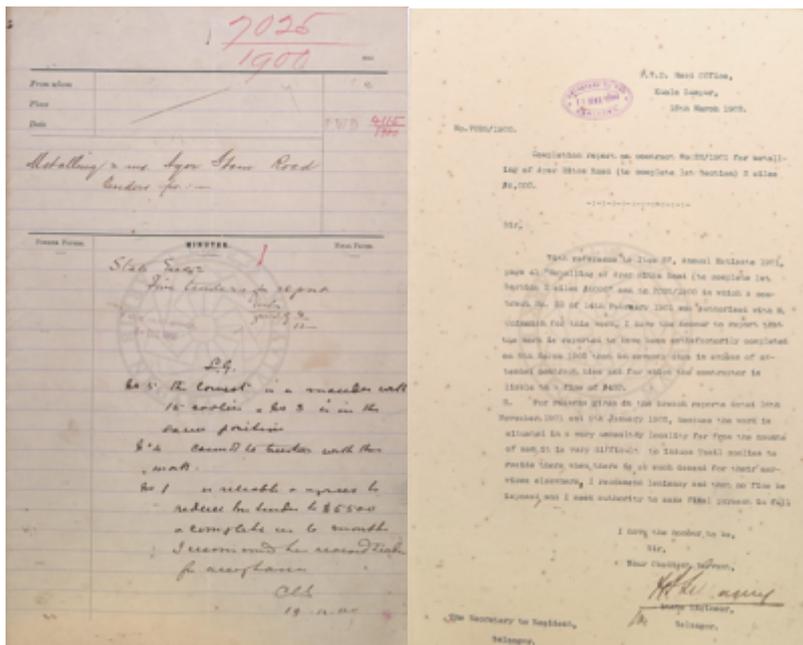
"I have the honour to request that the attached notice inviting tenders for gravelling 40 lines of the Ayer Hitam Road and for the supply of upkeep metal for the same road may be inserted in the next issue of the Government Gazette, and that the usual slips may be sent to me as soon as possible for distribution. - State Engineer"

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 03/01/1900:

"GRAVELLING 40 LINES OF AYER ITAM ROAD NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR:").

### 1901-02-14: Kelewatan Penurapan Jalan

Salah satu projek penurapan jalan mengalami kelewatan selama lebih 2 bulan, melibatkan pemanjangan tempoh kontrak sebanyak 2 kali. Sebagaimana sebelum ini, puncanya adalah kerana cuaca hujan lebat serta serangan penyakit, akibat lokasinya yang terpencil. Hal ini juga turut menyukarkan pencarian tenaga pekerja. Setelah rayuan dibuat, kontraktor projek ini, M. Chinniah, dikenakan denda sebanyak \$24, 1/10 daripada jumlah denda yang asal (\$240):-



"With reference to Item 27, Annual Estimate 1901, page 41 "Metalling of Ayer Hitam Road (to complete 1st Section 2 miles \$6000" and to 7025/1900 in which a contract No.22 of 14th February 1901 was authorised with M. Chinniah for this work, I have the honour to report that the work is reported to have been satisfactorily completed on 5th March 1902 that is seventy days in excess of extended contract time and for which the contractor is liable to a fine of \$420.

2. For reasons given in the breach reports dated 16th November 1901 and 6th January 1902, because the work is situated in a very unhealthy locality far from the haunts of men, it is very difficult to induce Tamil coolies to reside there when there is so much demand for their services elsewhere. I recommend leniency and that no fine be imposed, and I seek authority to make final payment in full. - H.F.Bellamy, State Engineer, Selangor.

Let him be fined \$42 , 1/10 of the fine he is liable to. (17/3)"

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 14/02/1901:

"METALLING 2 MILES AYER ITAM ROAD TENDERS FOR :-").

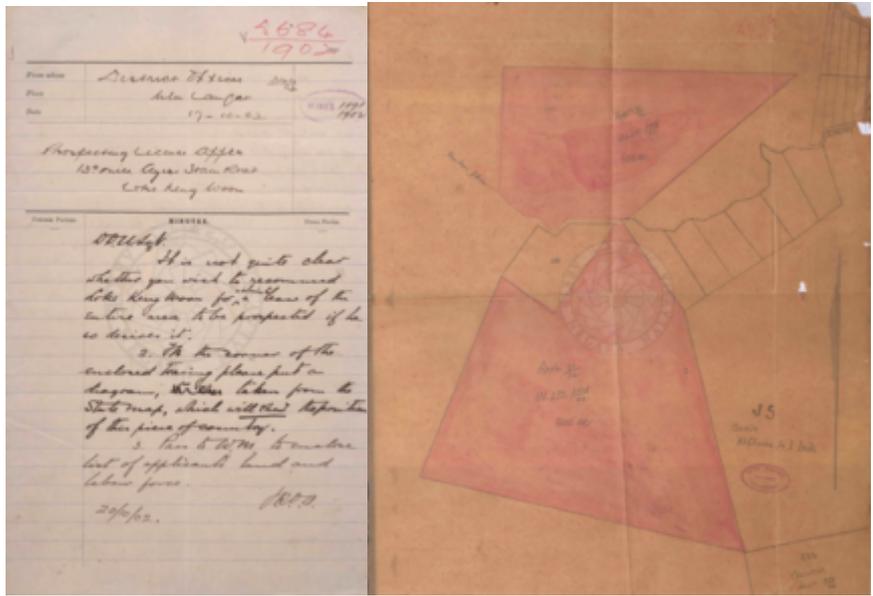
### 1902-10-17: Lombong Sungai Ramal

Permohonan pajakan sebidang tanah yang agak besar (seluas 500 ekar) di suatu selekoh di Batu 13, Jalan Ayer Itam, untuk perlombongan bijih timah oleh Loke Keng Woon. Menurut Pegawai Daerah Ulu

Langat, walaupun tiada rekod kegiatan perlombongan beliaui di Selangor, beliau berpengalaman melombong di Negeri Sembilan dan Broga, dengan hasil jualan kepada

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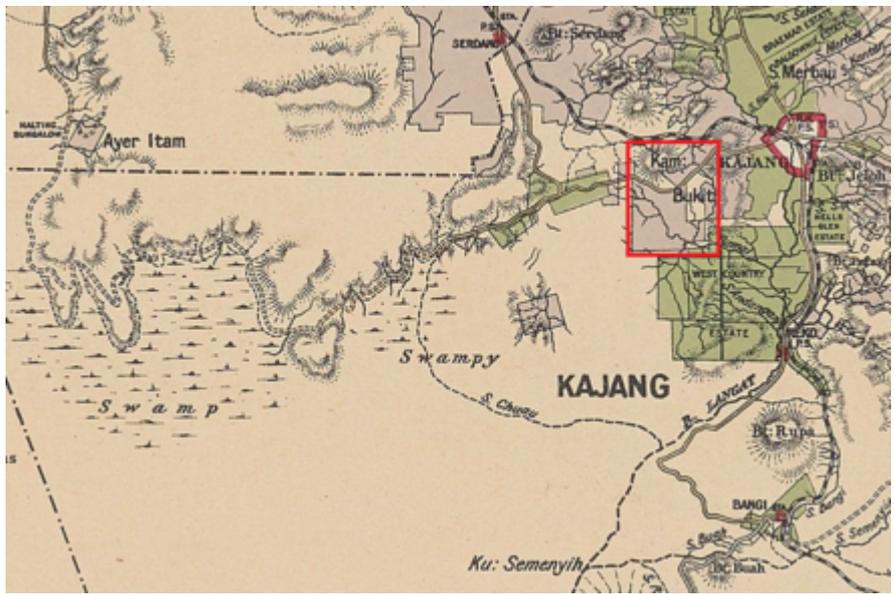
Straits Trading Company untuk bulan sebelumnya sejumlah \$40,000. Permohonan telah diluluskan pada 14 November 1902.



(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 17/10/1902:

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"PROSPECTING LICENSE APPLICATION, 13TH MILE, AYER ITAM ROAD, LOKE KENG WOON").

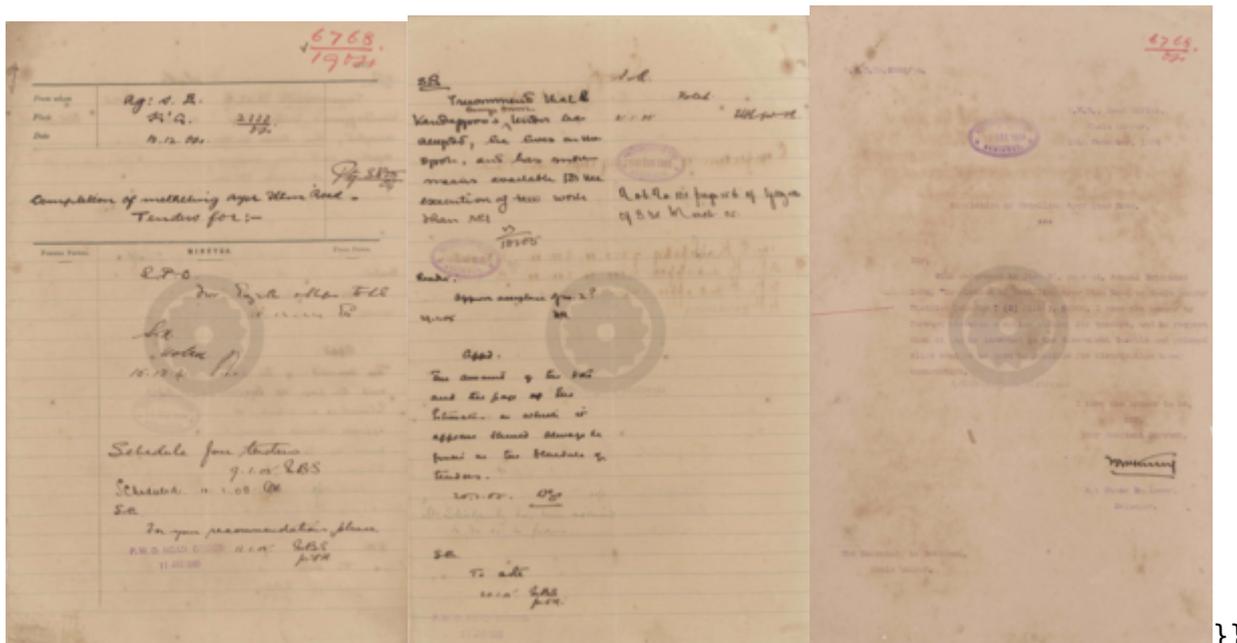




6675/1903, I have the honour to recommend that Kandappoo's tender for metalling 2 miles Ayer Itam Road be accepted in the form of a piece work contract. 2. Nos. 1 and 2 are above the provision, and No: 3 has not the means to carry out a contract of this nature. 3. Piece work contracts are as a rule objectionable, but as this part of Ulu Langat is remote and unhealthy that form of contract may be adopted." (PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 02/02/1904:

"METALLING OF 2 MILES AYER ITAM ROAD").

Tender bahagian terakhir iaitu sehingga ke sempadan Petaling/Kuala Lumpur, sejauh 2 3/4 batu, dibuka pada 10 Disember 1904. Ianya diluluskan pada 20 Januari 1905. Kontraktor R. Kandappoo turut dipilih oleh kerana beliau tinggal di kawasan tersebut. Anggaran siap: 31 Disember 1905:-



"I the undersigned beg to tender for the execution of completion of metalling Ayer Itam Road from the 10th mile up to the K.L. Boundary at the rate of(5) five cubes per line. ... for the Sum of Dollars: Eight thousand only (\$8000-00) and undertake to complete the work within a period of 31-12-05 .... R. Kandappoo, Contractor, Kajang. ... I recommend that Kandappoo's ?? tender be accepted, he lives at the spot, and has more means available for the execution of the works than No.1 - S.E. (State Engineer), 18/1/05"

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 10/12/1904:

"COMPLETION OF METALLING AYER ITAM ROAD - TENDERS FOR :-").

Serentak dengan itu, penurapan semula dijalankan dari simpang Jalan Sungai Chua sepanjang 2 batu: "Tenders will be received at the Office of the Secretary to Resident, Kuala Lumpur up to noon of the 9th January, 1905 for the Remetalling of Ayer Itam Road from Junction with Sungai Chua Road to 2nd mile (2 miles)." (PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 10/12/1904:

"REMETALLING AYER ITAM ROAD - TENDERS FOR :-").

## 1905: Jalan Sungai Chua

Kemungkinan besar, asal-usul nama “Jalan Sungai Chua” (malah “Kampung Sungai Chua” di Kajang), bermula setelah siapnya fasa jalan Kajang-Sungai Chua ini (iaitu “jalan ke Sungai Chua, dari Kajang”), sekitar tahun 1905. Beberapa ulasan mengenainya:-

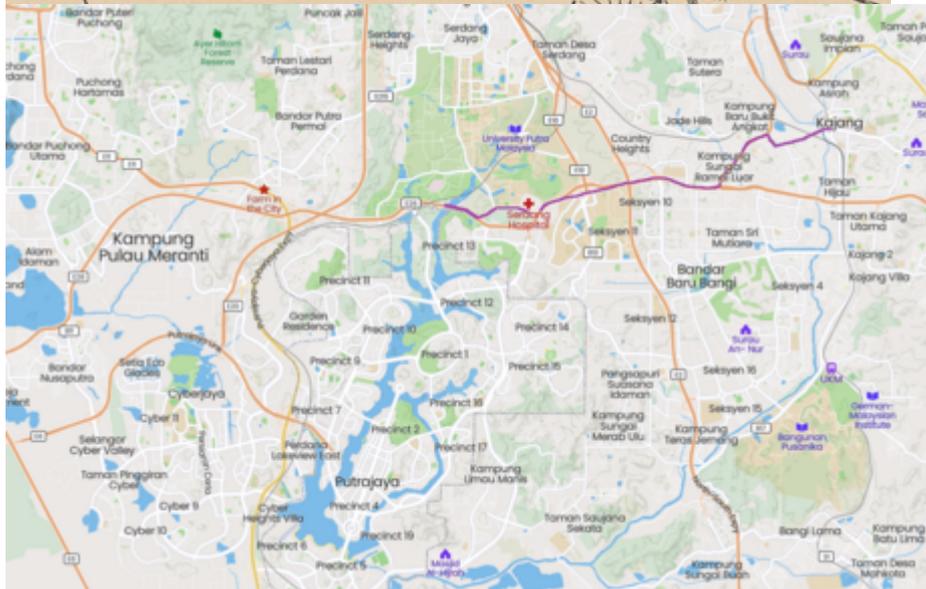
“(一) Sungai Chua ; “Sungai Chua”为锡米山的官方马来文名称。按本地对地名的一般 写和读的习 惯“Sungai Chua应被称为”双溪朱雅“、“朱雅河“、“双溪蔡“2或”蔡河“等等。无论如何“Sungai Chua这样的地名，至少可理 解为是取自该地区的某条河流名称。但是，在锡米山的地图内并没发现有 锡米山里有河流或小溪，仅在锡米山外围，和加影主要通道间有一条冷岳 河(Sungai Langat)的支流。由于该支流最后又汇入冷岳河，因此，加影一锡米山这一段的冷岳河依然被称作”冷岳河“（亦称作”呀吃 河“）。根据部分采访资料显示，受访者都不知道和Sungai Chua相关的这条 河流。居住在锡米山 逾60年的冯先生表示，他没有听说过哪一条河是被称 为Sungai Chua“虽然他记得锡米山新村附近有一条 大水沟，但他认为送和 Sungai Chua之名无关。冯先生认为，所谓的Sungai Chua河，应该就是冷 岳河在 加影一锡米山这一段的叫法。（冯先生，访谈，锡米山，2011年2月18日）另一位受访者曾先生表示，他 只记得锡米山内只有一条大水沟，并没发现有哪条河是被叫做Sungai Chua“曾先生，访谈，锡米 山，2011年2月24日）因此，有理由相信所谓的Sungai Chua,应该就是冷岳河在加 影一锡米山河段的一 个别称。至于Sungai Chua的”Chua“是否为”蔡“姓华人（福建籍或潮州籍）的马来文姓氏拼写尚不得 而知。不过，综合现有资料和调研的结果，皆未 发现早期的锡米山曾经出现过任何显赫或极具影响力的 蔡氏族裔，足W让 后人W其性命地名。因此，认为Sungai Chua源自于”蔡姓“的说法湿得有些牵 强。” Terjemahan Google Translate: “(i) Sungai Chua; “Sungai Chua” is the official Malay name of Mount Simi. According to the local custom of writing and reading place names, Sungai Chua should be called “Sungai Chuya”, “Chuya River”, “Sungai Chua” 2 or “Cai River” and so on. In any case, a place name like Sungai Chua can at least be understood as being taken from the name of a river in the area. However, there is no river or stream in Mount Simi on the map. There is only a branch of the Langat River (Sungai Langat) between the outer perimeter of Mount Simi and the main access road of Kajang. Since this branch finally merges into the Langat River, the Langat River in the Kajang-Simi section is still called “Langat River” (also known as “Ya Chi River”). According to some interview data, the interviewees did not know the river related to Sungai Chua. Mr. Feng, who has lived in Simi Hill for more than 60 years, said that he had never heard of a river called Sungai Chua. Although he remembered that there was a big ditch near Simi Hill New Village, he thought that it had nothing to do with the name Sungai Chua. Mr. Feng believed that the so-called Sungai Chua River should be the name of the section of the Lenggeng River from Kajang to Simi Hill. (Mr. Feng, interview, Simi Hill, February 18, 2011) Another interviewee, Mr. Zeng, said that he only remembered that there was only a big ditch in Simi Hill, and did not find any river called Sungai Chua. (Mr. Zeng, interview, Simi Hill, February 24, 2011) Therefore, there is reason to believe that the so-called Sungai Chua should be another name for the section of the Lenggeng River from Kajang to Simi Hill. As for whether the “Chua” in Sungai Chua is the Malay spelling of the surname “Cai” of the Chinese (from Fujian or Teochew) is still unknown. However, after summarizing the existing data and research results, it is found that there was no prominent or influential Chua clan in the early days of Simi Mountain, which was enough for later generations to name the place after their surname. Therefore, the view that Sungai Chua originated from the “Cai surname” is a bit far-fetched.” (何启才 / Ho Kee Chye, 2016:

“锡米山华人社区的形成 与变迹初探 / A Preliminary Study of the Formation and Development of Chinese Community in Sungai Chua”).

“既然无关蔡氏“Sungai Chua究竟出自何处？首先必须说明，锡米山虽是1950年紧急状态时组建的新村，但早在此前至少半个世纪锡米山已然存在，新加坡报业新闻库1917年已有Sungei Chua Estate“锡米山园”之报道。如此说来“Sungai Chua之得名确实因为一条河？仔细翻查手上各个年代的英殖民地图，终在1950

年地图中发现这条河道的踪迹。根据这张地图，原来这条Sungai Chua压根没有流经锡米山，更无流经加影，而是发源自沙登园[Serdang Estate]南部，从新街场路旧路南下至14英里丁字岔路口，也即“双邦”[Sempang Serdang]今国能大学Uniten交通圈。双邦，又称新邦或先邦，而Sempang为洋人对Simpang(岔路口)的拼写法。锡米山园也是在沙登园南部，就在这条河旁边，故取河名为园名。” Terjemahan Google Translate: “Since it has nothing to do with the Chua family, where did Sungai Chua come from? First of all, it must be explained that although Simi Hill was a new village established during the state of emergency in 1950, Simi Hill had already existed for at least half a century before that. The Singapore Newspaper News Library had reported on Sungei Chua Estate in 1917. So, was Sungai Chua really named after a river? After carefully checking the British colonial maps of various periods, I finally found the trace of this river on the 1950 map. According to this map, it turns out that this Sungai Chua does not flow through Bukit Timah, let alone Kajang. Instead, it originates from the south of Serdang Estate, and flows south from the old road of Sungai Besi Road to the T-junction at Mile 14, which is “Sempang Serdang”, now the Uniten traffic circle of Tenaga Nasional University. Sempang is also called Sempang or Sempang, and Sempang is the foreign spelling of Simpang (fork in the road). Bukit Timah Estate is also in the south of Serdang Estate, right next to this river, so the name of the estate is taken from the river.” (雷子健 / Lei Zijian @ Oriental Daily, 7 April 2024:

“雷子健：锡米山误当朱湖 / Lei Zijian: Ximi Mountain was mistaken for Zhuhu Lake”.



**Kiri:** Peta Jalan Kajang - Ayer Itam, berdasarkan peta negeri Selangor, tahun 1900-an. Bahagian yang

telah siap diturap dikenali sebagai "Jalan Sungai Chua" (Jalan Kajang-Sungai Chuau / Chua / Chiow / Cheow, ditandakan ungu). (Edinburgh Geographical Institute, 1904 @ Yale University Library - Digital Collections:

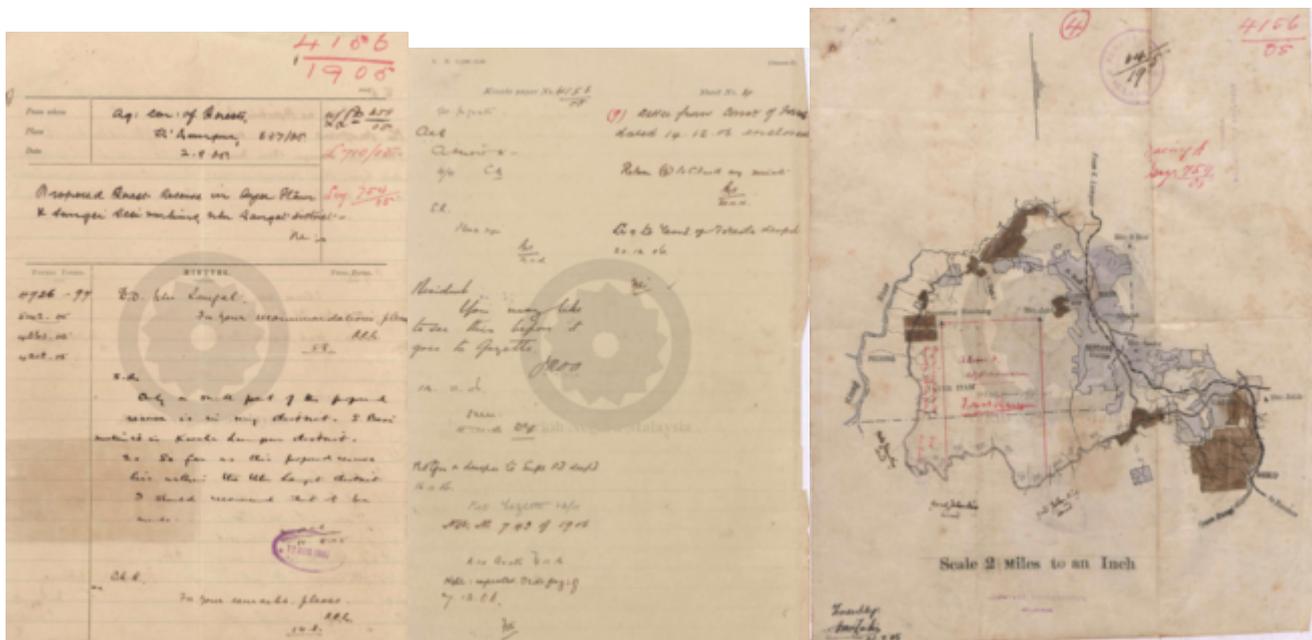
"Selangor, Federated Malay States, 1904 / John Bartholomew & Co ; W.T. Wood, chief draftman").

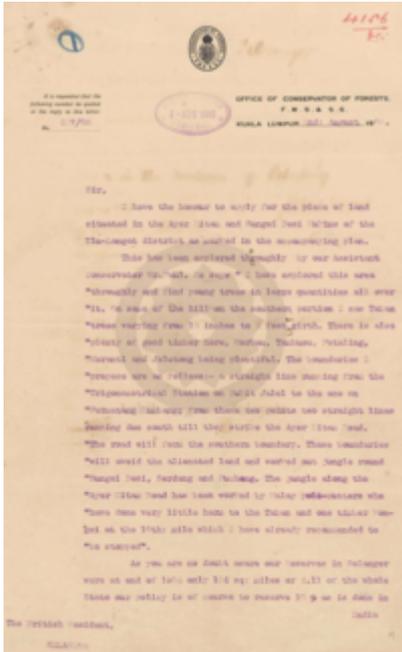
Bahagian yang telah siap diturap dikenali sebagai "Jalan Sungai Chua" (Jalan Kajang-Sungai Chuau / Chua / Chiow / Cheow, ditandakan ungu).

**Kanan:** Lakaran kasar jalan berturap yang sama, kini ([Mapcarta](#)): Dari Kajang hingga kawasan IOI Resort City, Putrajaya (ditandakan ungu).

## 1905-08-02: Hutan Simpan Ayer Itam

Pada 8 Februari 1905, Office of Conservator of Forests F.M.S. & S.S., di bawah seliaan pegawai perhutanan Arthur B. (A.B.) Stephens, memohon sebidang tanah di antara Ayer Itam dan Sungei Besi untuk tujuan pewartaan sebagai hutan simpan. Ianya diwartakan lebih setahun kemudian (sekitar Disember 1906).





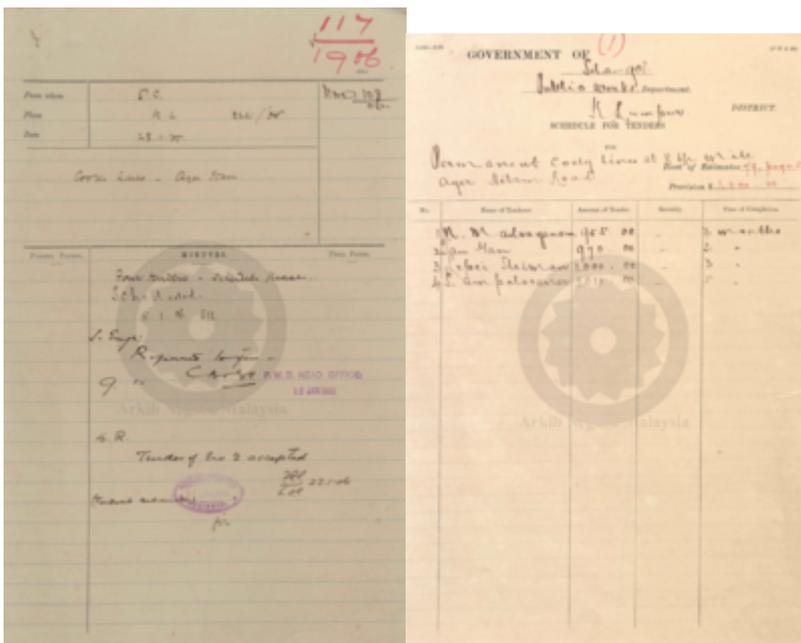
(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 02/08/1905:

"PORPOSED FOREST RESERVE IN AYER ITAM AND SUNGEI BESI MUKIMS, ULU LANGAT DISTRICT - RE :-").

**LATAR PERISTIWA: Hutan Simpan Ayer Itam.**

## 1906-01-08: Rumah Kongsi di Batu 8

Tender pembinaan rumah kongsi di Batu 8:-



(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 08/01/1906:

"COOLIES LINES - AYER ITAM").

# 1906-03-30: Getah di West Country Estate

Sekitar Mac 1906, akhbar Malay Mail meramalkan bahawa ladang getah di West Country Estate bakal meliputi 5,000 ekar, sehingga ke Jalan Ayer Hitam: "The Malay Mail believes that within two years from now, there will probably be 5,000 acres planted up with rubber in the district stretching from West Country, Kajang, to the Ayer Hitam road." (Eastern Daily Mail and Straits Morning Advertiser, 30 March 1906, Page 3:

"Untitled").

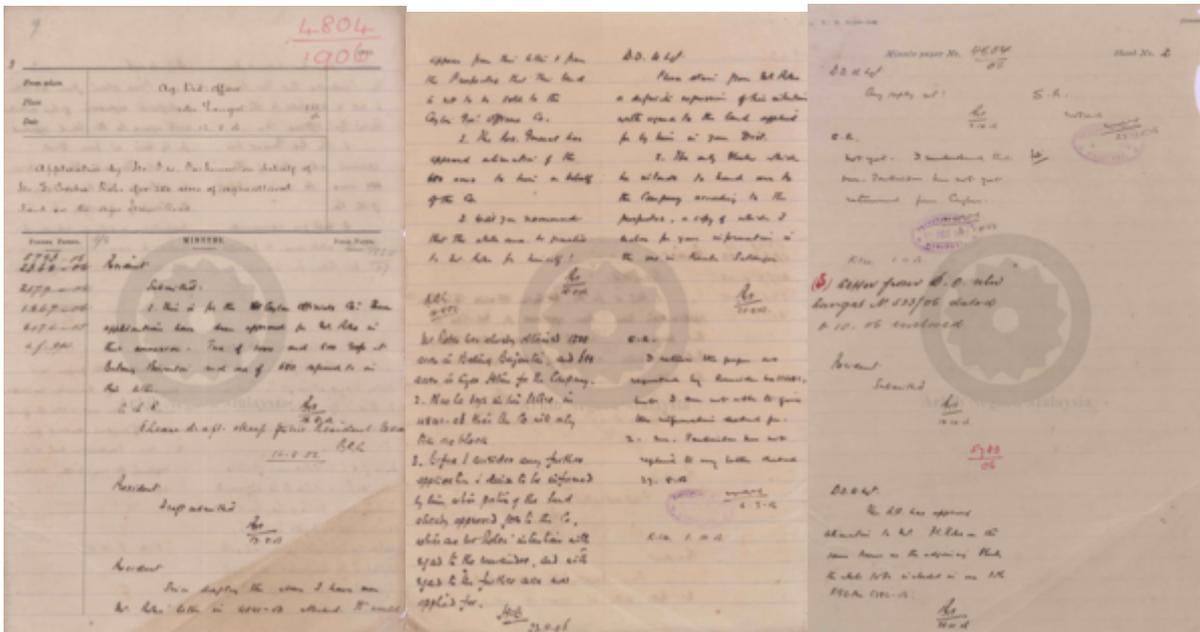
LATAR PERISTIWA: West Country Estate.

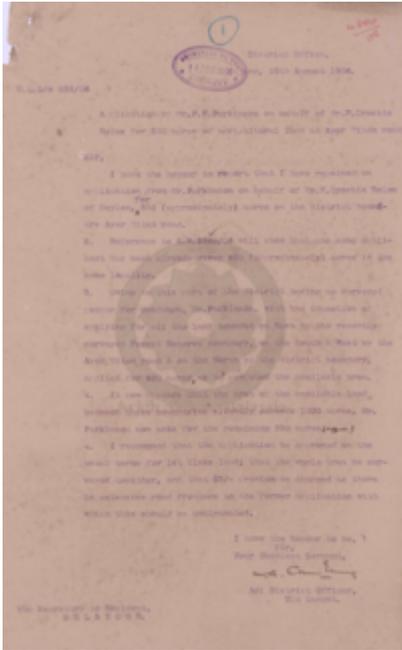
# 1906-08-13: Ladang Bukit Hitam

Tanah cadangan perladangan sedia ada di Ayer Itam seluas 680 ekar, ingin diperluaskan 350 ekar lagi, oleh pemiliknya Mr. Parkinson dan Mr. F. Crosbie Roles dari Ceylon. Lokasinya:-

- Sebelah timur bersempadan dengan cadangan Hutan Simpan Ayer Itam
- Sebelah selatan dan barat bersempadan dengan Jalan Ayer Hitam
- Sebelah utara bersempadan dengan daerah Petaling

Permohonan diluluskan pada 26/10/1906.





*"I have the honour to report that I have received an application from Mr.Parkinson on behalf of Mr.F.Crosbie Roles of Ceylon, for 350 (approximately) acres on the district boundary Ayer Hitam road. 2. Reference to S.R. 2368/06 will show that the same applicant has been already given 680 (approximately) acres in the same locality. 3. Owing to this part of the district having no surveyed points for guidance, Mr.Parkinson, with the intention of applying for all the land bounded on East by the recently surveyed Forest Reserve boundary, on the South & West by the Ayer Hitam road & on the North by the district boundary, applied for 680 acres, as he computed the available area. 4. It now appears that the area or the available land between these boundaries slightly exceeds 1000 acres. Mr. Parkinson now asks for the remaining 350 acres (approx.) 4. I recommend that the application be approved on the usual terms for 1st Class land; that the whole area be surveyed together, and that \$3/- premium be charged as there is extensive road frontage to the former application with which this should be amalgamated."*

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 13/08/1906:

**"APPLICATION BY MR. P.W. PARKINSON ON BEHALF OF MR. F. CROSBIE ROLES FOR 350 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND ON THE AYER ITAM ROAD").**

Ladang ini diusahakan dengan tanaman getah. Beberapa bulan selepas itu, pada 15 Mac 1907, syarikat Ayer Hitam Planting Syndicate Limited telah ditubuhkan bagi menguruskan ladang ini, yang dinamakan "Bukit Hitam Estate". Penama pemohon ladang ini, P.W. Parkinson, menjadi pengarah pertamanya. Syarikat ini kini dikenali sebagai AYER Holdings Berhad, dan kawasan sekitar ladang ini telah dimajukan oleh anak syarikatnya, Bukit Hitam Development Sdn Bhd: *"Our roots can be traced back to 15 March 1907 where The Ayer Hitam Planting Syndicate Limited was founded and mainly cultivated rubber at Bukit Hitam Estate, Selangor. On 28 March 1961, the Company was listed on Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange and its principal activities included rubber and oil palm plantations, and property development encompassing homes, commercial units and industrial buildings. Celebrating a century of achievements in 2007, we adopted a new name, TAHPS Group Berhad. In 2017, we rebranded and changed our name to AYER Holdings Berhad and boasted a market capitalisation of more than RM500 million. Our subsidiaries include Bukit Hitam Development Sdn Bhd, Yee Seng Plantations Sdn Bhd, The Ayer Hitam Development Sdn Bhd and Cendana Maju Construction Sdn Bhd. ... On 15 March 1907, The Ayer Hitam Planting Syndicate Limited was*

registered and incorporated under the Companies Enactment 1897. The authorised share capital was \$500,000 divided into 500,000 shares of \$1.00 each. The first directors were Messrs. R.W. Harrison, John Gibson, G.H. Day and P.W. Parkinson. The Company cultivated rubber at the Bukit Hitam Estate in Selangor." (AYER Holdings Berhad, 2021:

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"The Ayer Story: Our Journey"). "Through our subsidiary Bukit Hitam Development Sdn Bhd, our property portfolio extends across homes, commercial units and industrial buildings. We continue to launch new projects in Bukit Puchong." (AYER Holdings Berhad, 2021:

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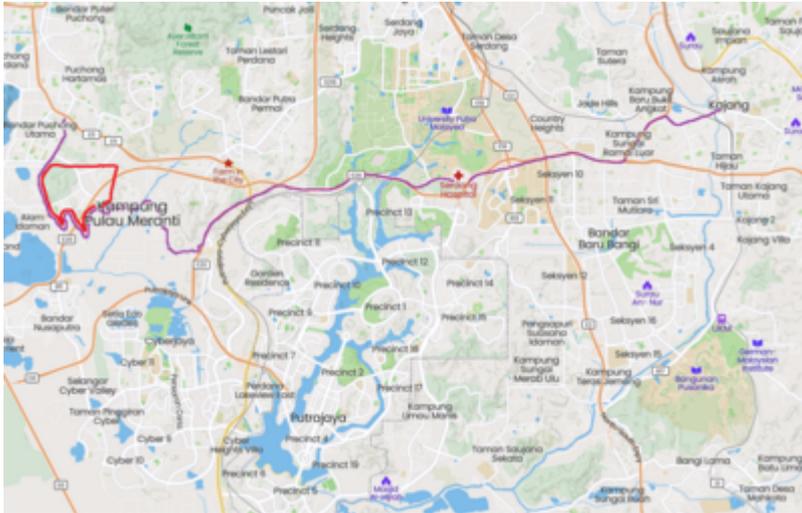
"AYER PROPERTIES").



Kemungkinan lokasi ladang ini ditandakan merah, berdasarkan butiran lokasi di atas, serta peta tahun 1929 di sebelah kanan (Edward Stanford @ F.M.S. Survey Department, 1929:

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"1929 F.M.S. Wall Map of Selangor (Kuala Lumpur)").



Kemungkinan lokasi ladang tersebut, kini Bandar Bukit Puchong 2, di pinggir Kampung Pulau Meranti (Mapcarta).

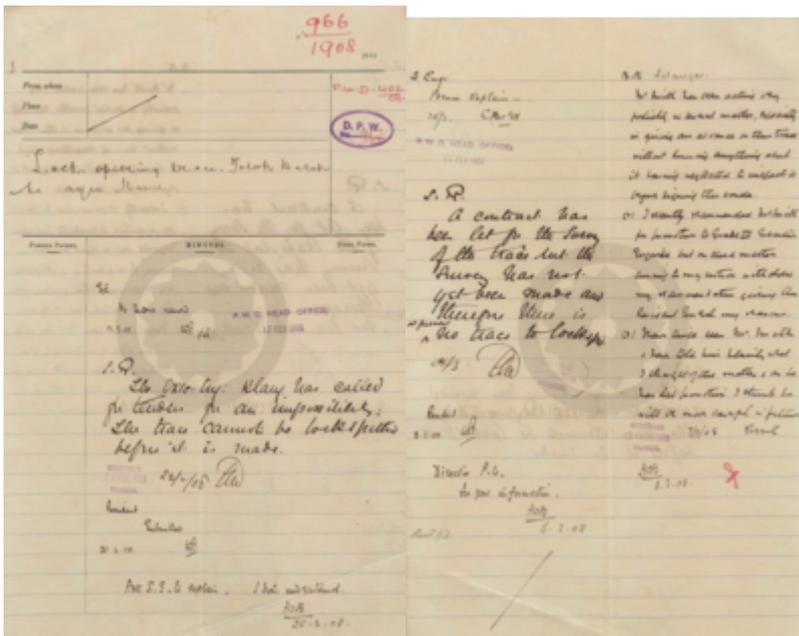
**LATAR PERISTIWA: P.W. Parkinson.**

**LATAR PERISTIWA: Francis Crosbie Roles.**

# 1908: Sungai Chuau - Bangi

## 1908-02-13: Tinjauan Awal

Tinjauan awal pembinaan Jalan Telok Datok - Ayer Itam tertunda oleh kerana tiada kesan penerokaan ditemui di lapangan:-



*"A contract has been let for the survey of the trace but the survey has not yet been made and therefore ? is at present no trace to lockspit."*

(Sumber: PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 13/02/1908:

"LUCK SPILTING TRACE, TELOK DATOH TO AYER ITAM").

## 1914-02-27: Permohonan Kontrak Pembinaan

PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 27/02/1914: "ASKS THAT THE CONTRACT FOR AYER ITAM BANGI ROAD WORK BE GIVEN TO HIM".

## 1918-01-15: Tinjauan

PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 15/01/1918: "COVERING AUTHORITY FOR INCURRING CHARGE AGAINST VOTE TRACE FOR ROAD, AYER ITAM TO TELOK DATOH-BANGI ROAD IN 1917. ESTIMATES".

## 1932-07-11: Petisyen Penyelenggaraan

PEJABAT SETIAUSAHA KERAJAAN NEGERI SELANGOR, 11/07/1932: "PETITION REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE AYER ITAM AND BANGI ROAD".

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