



Dirk Teeuwen, Holland

5. Kali Besar Timur I north side Dirk Teeuwen, Holland

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Kali Besar circa 1925, Left from Middelpuntbrug (Jalan Kopi Bridge) Chicken Market Drawbridge (not visible)

Introduction

We leave the Dutch Chicken Market Drawbridge for a stroll along Kali Besar Timur. We are walking to the south. Between the Dutch drawbridge and the Jalan Kopi Bridge there are not so many remains of old Dutch merchant's offices. Regrettably these scarce remains are mostly in a terrible condition. So, this part of the quay is a mixture of old remains and awfully modern architectural monsters. However: go on, don't despair, try to discover colonial architecture.

Some useful information! Kali Besar Timur/East has some side streets, these streets could be of importance to you as a visitor: Jalan Kali Besar Timur 1, Jalan Kali Besar Timur 2, Jalan Kali Besar Timur 3, etc.

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1. Kali Besar, 1914

Chicken Market Bridge, Kali Besar Timur/East, a view to the south

2. Dilapidation east from Chicken Market Drawbridge, 2006

This terribly dilapidated 19th century monument is situated close to the "dispens", once the (also public) food shop and food storehouse of the former Batavia Castle.

3. A window of a 19th century office, dating from about 1890

The office of the Harrison & Crossfield Company, Kali Besar Timur nr. 19, shows a sort of Art Deco style, because of geometric structures.

4. Office of the OLVEH Insurance Company, 1926

Maybe (I am not sure) this was the OLVEH office at the corner Jalan Timur III, east from Jalan Kopi Bridge.

5. Dutch-Chinese architecture, photo 1922

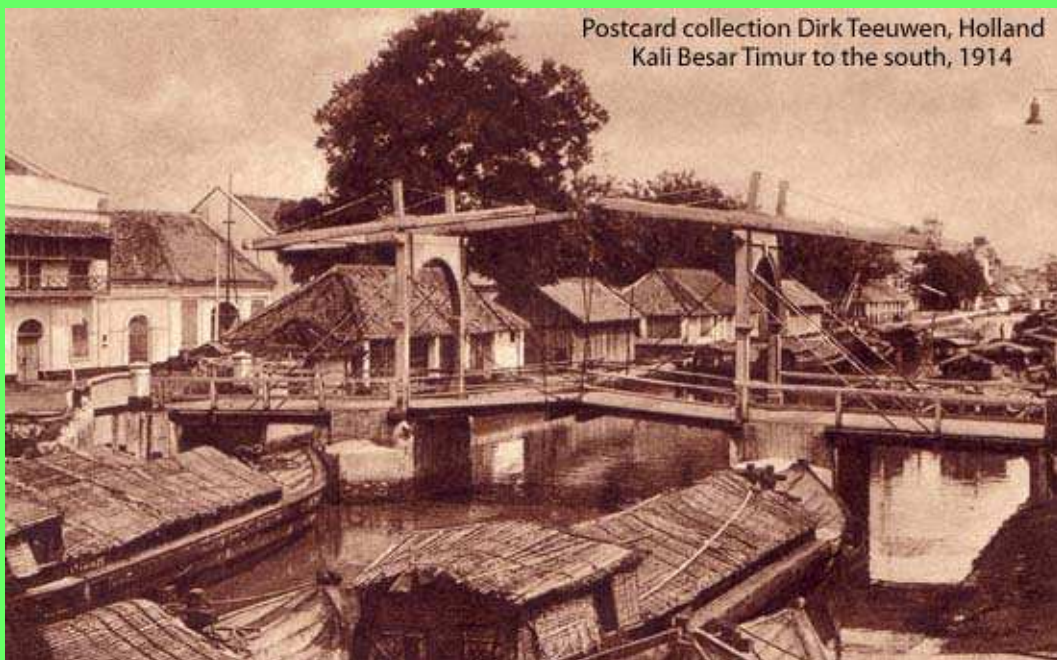
Dwellings near Thee Straat (now Jalan Teh, Tea Street in English) along Leeuwinnegracht (Jalan Kali Besar Timur 3 now, Lioness Canal in English) from the 17th and 19th century

6. See 5, some remains of old colonial architecture in 1922

7. See 5, interior in 1922

8. See 5, backyard in 1922

Pictures



1 Kali Besar, 1914



Photo Dirk Teeuwen, Holland
Kali Besar Timur, near drawbridge

2 East from Chicken Market Bridge



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nr. 19 Harrison & Crossfield Kali Besar Timur PvD

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Olveh Insurance Company 1925
Corner Kali Besar Timur III
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De Vries, p. 390, 1926



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De Haan 1922

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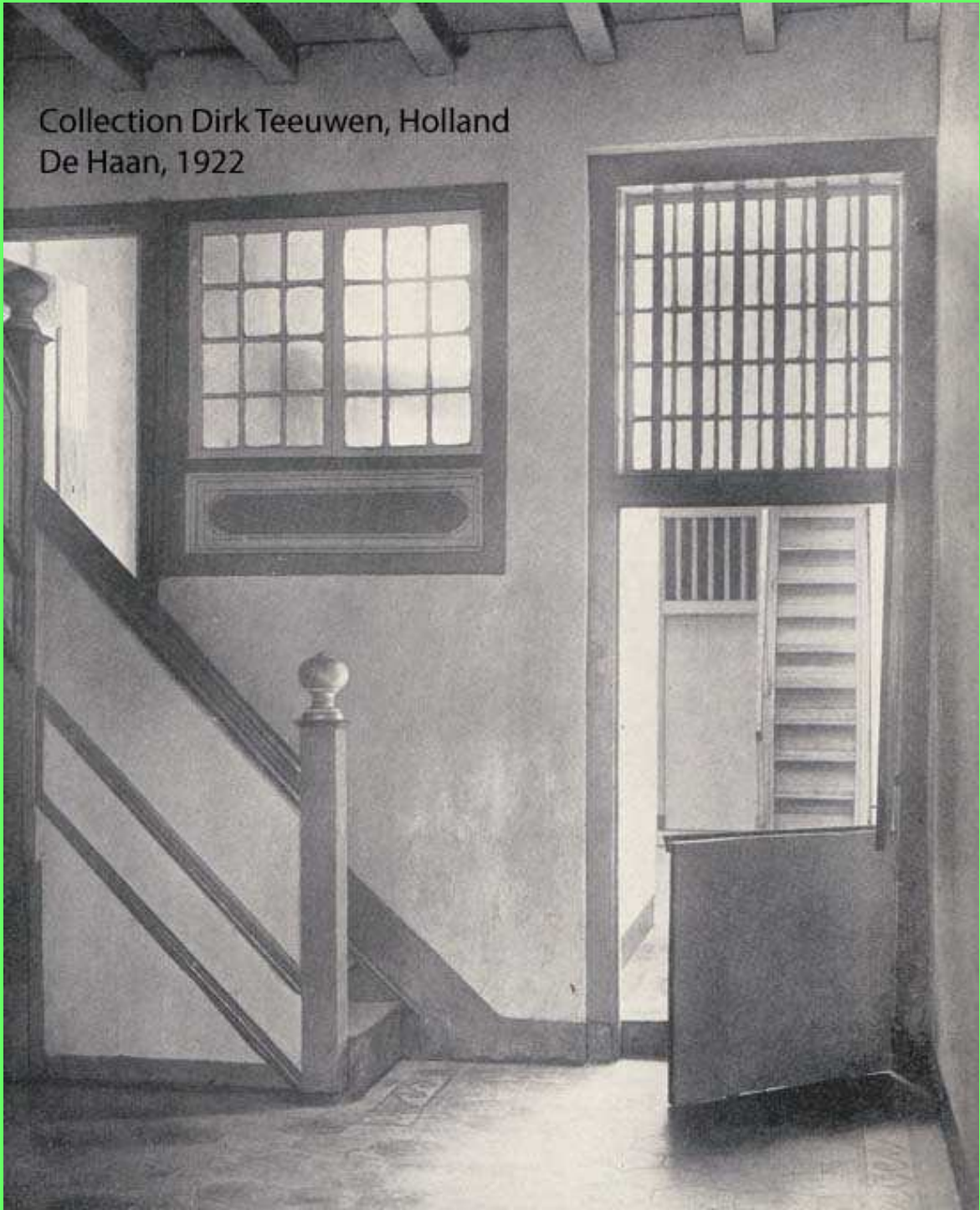


Photo Dirk Teeuwen, Holland
Dutch-Chinese dwellings from the 18th century
Saddening remains

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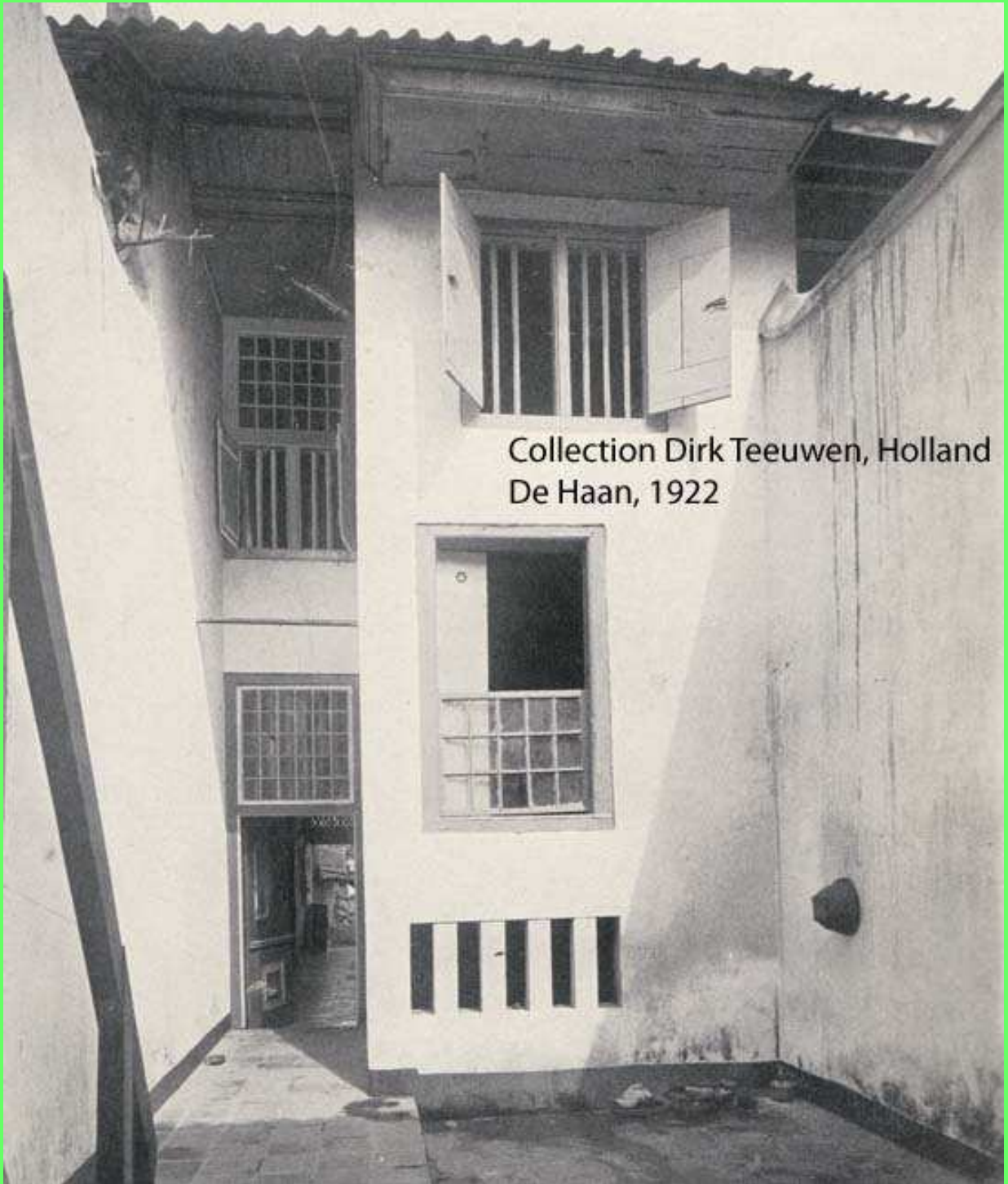
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De Haan, 1922



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De Haan, 1922

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Tour

Start your tour at the drawbridge and then proceed along Kali Besar Timur until you reach nr 19. A small shield is showed by this nr. 19, right from the miserable main door. It is a long, narrow, dark coloured, building from about 1890. It has a ground floor only and a slanted roof. The location is some 150 meters before you reach Jalan Kopi Bridge. Well, here it is: nr 19, once an office of the Harrison & Crossfield Tea & Rubber Company, founded in Liverpool in England, in 1844.

At first sight we see here the regrettable remains of a 19th century office. Nevertheless, the small building is an interesting example of an old commercial establishment and its windows show a sort of wonderful structures, showing geometric designs. That's why - in our opinion - the office is a little bit remarkable: in particular because of these (sort of) Art Deco elements visible in its window structures.

A beautiful office of the OLVEH insurance company from about 1910 stood on the corner of Kali Besar Timur and Jalan Kali Besar Timur III. Some ugly ruins, that's all there is now.

You could continue your walk like we have specified in the next stop called: Kali Besar Timur , south side. But before you do so, you could consider to walk to the left, to walk along the north side of Jalan Kali Besar Timur 3 until you reach the corner of Jalan Teh, in English Tea Street. It is a short walk.

Near the corner of Jalan Teh you could find the remains of old dwellings in Dutch-Chinese style from the 17th and 18th century. In Jakarta it is difficult to find remains like this. These old dwellings are now used as a sort of storehouses of shops.

Suggestion

In case you walked to the corner of Jalan: walk back to Kali Besar Timur to continue your ramble along the Kali. Drink some mineral water, it is hot.

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**Kali Besar circa 1915, view from Chicken Market Drawbridge/
Jembatan Kota Intan to Middelpunt Bridge (Bridge Jalan Kopi)**