

COLLINS RESIDENCE (FMR), HIGHGATE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Collins Residence (fmr)
Other names	House, 77 Chatsworth Rd
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	8701
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Heritage List Adopted 9 Dec 2025 Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	77 Chatsworth Rd
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 21 D/P: 1106
Vol/folio	627/156A
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	Moderate Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the place.
Management category	Category 3 Conservation of the place is desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.
Statement of significance	The place has aesthetic value as a fine and intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style which is a landmark in the streetscape. The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the early years of the twentieth century. The place is valued by the community for the continuity of its presence in the streetscape which contributes to the community sense of place

PLACE USE

Original use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Current use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Construction date	1902
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated Metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>A double fronted red-brick building with a crippled return verandah supported on timber posts and fretwork valance.</p> <p>The house features a gabled porch with an arched gabled entry. The front room features a three sided bay, each with a double hung window with curved top and a feature label mould with keystone detail. The bay is surmounted by a flying gable, supported on turned spindles, with decorative timber and plaster cast infill.</p> <p>Garden setting behind the open picket Gothic fence along the street boundaries.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Chatsworth Road is part of the Highgate Hill subdivision developed by surveyor Charles Crossland in 1874, and named for his birthplace in London. The street was named about 1833 by Samuel Copley who further subdivided the land there. Chatsworth in Yorkshire, England was his birthplace. This northern portion of William Street of which Chatsworth Road extends was originally known as Clifton Street (gazetted 12 October 1900) and later changed to King William Street, having been named after William IV, King of England, 1830 - 37. It was later changed to William Street.

Chatsworth Road is an intact streetscape characterised by consistent small front and side setbacks and predominantly single-storey cottages of modest scale. Most of the houses were constructed prior to 1910.

The value of this land would have increased commensurate with the changes that were made from 1898 onwards to Hyde Park, which was originally an Aboriginal hunting and camping known as Third Swamp.

No. 77 Chatsworth Road was built c1902 for Perth accountant Joseph Collins for a cost of £650. The architect is thought to have been Henry Prockter.

In the 1904 Post Office Directory, the residence was numbered 61 Chatsworth Road. Collins remained in residence until 1913 when he was recorded as being associated with Donaldson & Company Ltd. Following that it was occupied by William Edward and in 1916 No. 77 Chatsworth Road was purchased and occupied by Baptist minister, Reverend Frederick. E. Harry. The place then valued at £1,100, more than twice the value of other homes in the street, which also reflected its position opposite Hyde Park. In 1949 the Wise Post Office Directory lists the occupier as Mrs Elsie E. Mckay.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century indicate that there has been no change in the form or extent of the residence since then.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Henry Prockter	Architect
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

