

PRESBYTERY, 64-66 MARY ST, HIGHGATE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Presbytery, 64-66 Mary St
Other names	Sacred Heart Presbytery Phillips Residence (fmr)
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17307
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Catholic Church Inventory Adopted 01 Jul 1998

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	64-66 Mary St
Locality	Highgate
Survey	LOT: 10 D/P: 73094
Vol/folio	2791/96
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p>Moderate</p> <p>Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the item.</p>
Management category	<p>Category 3</p> <p>Conservation of the place is desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has aesthetic value as a good and largely intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style executed in brick with the main elevation retaining original detail.</p> <p>The place is a landmark in the streetscape as a large and imposing residence in Mary Street where the residences are largely smaller scale.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential and commercial buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population increase of the 1890's gold boom and the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The place is a good demonstration of generous housing for professionals and their families in the early 20th century.</p> <p>This place is valued by the community for the continuity of its presence in the streetscape which contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Current use	Religious: Housing or Quarters
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1900
Walls	Painted Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>This single storey brick former residence has an asymmetric floor plan with a projecting wing featuring a bay with three timber sash windows. The composition and remaining detail demonstrate the Federation Queen Anne style.</p> <p>Verandahs are located either side of the projecting wing which are roofed with bullnose roof supported with chamfered posts. A balustrade of equally spaced timber uprights defines the verandah.</p> <p>The roof is hipped and gabled and clad with corrugated metal sheeting and two brick chimneys pierce the roof. The gables feature simple timber detail and rough rendered plaster.</p> <p>The doors and windows in the original portion of the building appear to be timber framed although obscured by security grilles, it is difficult to determine if any leadlight or stained glass work remains.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Physical description	<p>The building is constructed on limestone foundation and is elevated above the street level. The property boundary is defined by a metal railing fence with plantings. The remainder of the property is largely grass.</p> <p>At the rear of the building the new addition is open to the adjacent church buildings.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In 1892, land in Highgate Hill was acquired by Catholic Bishop Matthew Gibney, Catholic Bishop of Perth. It was subdivided as the Mount Heart Estate, with a two-acre site in its centre for a school and a church (Alacoque Square), surrounded 79 residential lots. Mary Street was part of this subdivision.

This parcel of land originally comprising two lots (15 and 16) was acquired by contractor William Phillips (c1854-1935). In c1900, a new residence was built across the two lots, presumably by Phillips. It is not known if an architect was engaged for the design.

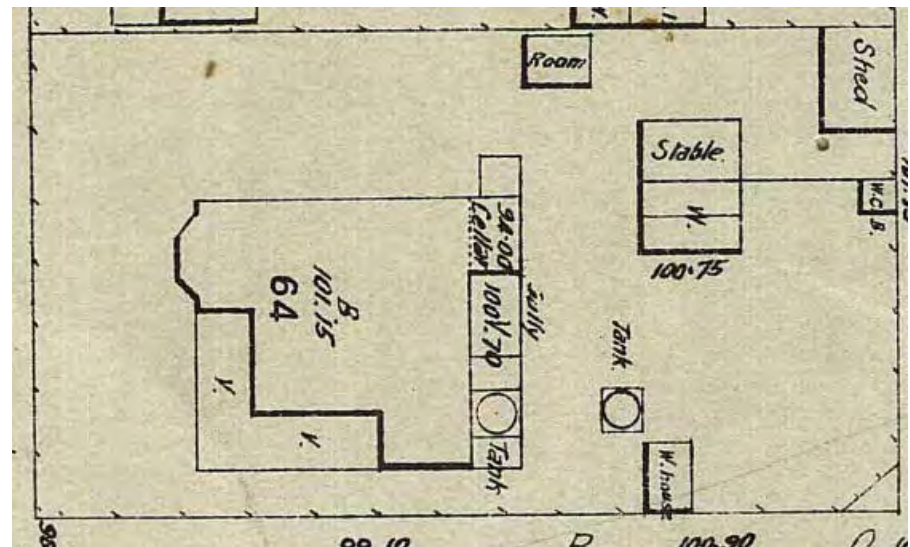
William Phillips and his wife Ellen Louisa Phillips (c1854-1942) lived at the house until their deaths, William Phillips in 1935 and Ellen in 1942. Following their deaths the house remained in the ownership of the executors and was leased to tenants. Information from the Rates Books and Post Office Directories indicate that the place was converted to accommodate two flats by 1946.

The building now serves as the Presbytery for the Sacred Heart Church on the adjacent site.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century indicate that an addition was constructed at the rear of the place c1980. This was removed in 2012 and a new larger two storey addition was constructed across the rear of the house which is a similar footprint size to the original house.

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life Cultural Life: Religion	
Associations	William Phillips	Original owner and builder
Sources	P2181 Sacred Heart Catholic Group, Highgate Assessment Documentation, DPLH, 2001. Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. City of Perth Rates Books Wise's Post Office Directories	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



Sewerage Plan 1912. Courtesy SROWA cons 4156 item 095