

HOUSE AND SHOP (FMR), 69 BOURKE ST, LEEDERVILLE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House and Shop (fmr), 69 Bourke St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17970
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	69 Bourke St
Locality	Leederville
Survey	LOT: 1 D/P: 2322
Vol/folio	1521/645
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	Considerable Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.
Management category	Category 2 Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.
Statement of significance	<p>This place has aesthetic value as a demonstration of a former shop and premises which were common in suburban Perth and demonstrates a simple expression of the Federation Free Style executed in timber.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the development of this portion of Leederville in the early 20th century and the provision of goods to the members of the community until the mid 20th century.</p> <p>The place has historic value as it demonstrates the once common corner store that were a key element in any community.</p> <p>The place has social value for the members of the community who recall this place as a corner store, and its presence in the street scape since 1912 contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Current use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other use	Commercial: Shop/Retail Store

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1912; 1980; 2006
Walls	Timber Framed, weatherboard Brick
Roof	Corrugated sheet metal
Architectural Style	Federation Free Style
Physical description	<p>The single storey former shop has an attached dwelling. The external walls of the building are painted weatherboard. The truncated corner which is likely to have been the shop entrance, has been infilled and is flanked on each wall by identical multipaned shopfront windows.</p> <p>The former shop portion has a gable roof and gable frontage that oversails the truncation and the corner of the roof is bracketed with decorative fretwork brackets. The gable infill is detailed with layered scalloped timbers and has flying gable with a finial. The dwelling is setback, although the edge of the verandah aligns with the shopfront. The verandah posts are simple square timber posts (possibly replacements) with a central stepped entrance within the verandah space. The verandah roof is a separate skillion roof.</p> <p>The windows are timber framed double hung sashes. Zero setback to both streets, corner truncation. Painted finish, probable removal of shop verandah.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The south side of Bourke Street between Oxford and Loftus Streets was part of the Fitzroy Park estate, a subdivision of the Leeder Estate bounded by Richmond, Oxford, Bourke and Loftus streets. The former shop and residence at No. 69 Bourke Street was first listed in the Wise Post Office Directories in 1912 as No. 45 Bourke Street with the residents listed as Davies and Sons, grocers; Davies, Harry (D & Son) and Davies, Alberts (D & Son). It was run by Harry and his son Albert and the family lived in the attached house.

In 1915, the house and shop were renumbered as 69, and by 1930, the business was operating as Mrs Mary Davies & Son. In 1935, Mrs E. Taylor operated a mixed business and then in 1938 Amy Nelson was running a mixed business in the premises, in 1940 Mrs D. Treacy and in 1949 it was John Sheridan, still as a mixed business.

There were many such corner shops in the Vincent area and the wider Perth metropolitan area. Prior to refrigeration housewives shopped on a daily or near-daily basis. The shop would have stocked milk, bread, cold meats, groceries could not be sold after 6pm. As local resident Jenny Marshall recalled, 'At night wire screens were put over the shelves as only certain products could be sold after hours'. Government inspectors were employed to enforce this rule and often employed subterfuge to talk the unsuspecting shopkeepers into supplying some forbidden item. A hefty fine then followed.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that the building remained unchanged until the late 1980s when a new roof was installed.

There were then renovations done on the house in the 1990s and by the new century there was another roof replacement. A Development Application for the subject place was submitted in November 2005 for proposed alterations, additions to accommodate a new kitchen, living, dining and laundry area attached to the rear of the existing building and a garage to the rear of the property. These works were completed before 2010.

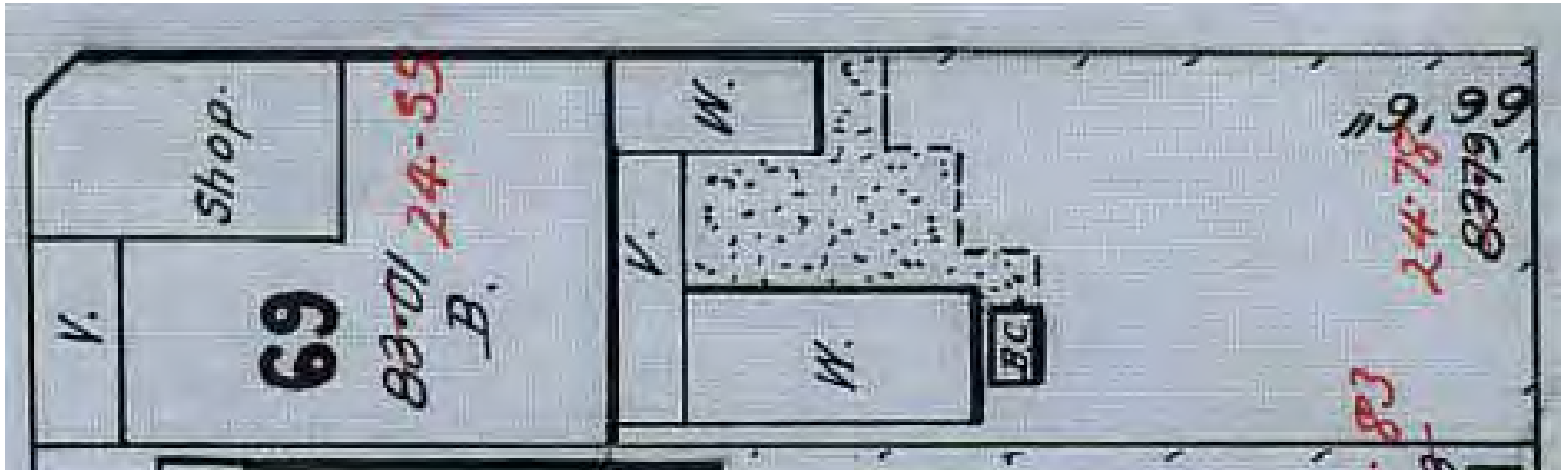
In 2013 a smaller structure was added to the very back of the block. The residence has maintained its form since then.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Cultural Life: Domestic Life Peopling WA: Demographic Development Economy: Commerce	
Associations	Davies family	Original occupants, owners and business proprietors
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



Sewerage Plan 1953. SROWA Sheet 138