

COTTAGES, 14 AND 16 FORREST ST, MOUNT LAWLEY



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Cottages, 14 and 16 Forrest St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18003
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	14 and 16 Forrest St
Locality	Mount Lawley
Survey	LOT: 2 D/P: 3428 LOT: 2 STR: 22425
Vol/folio	615/A/152 1927/633
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 place.</p>
Management category	<p>Category 3</p> <p>Conservation of the place is desirable.</p> <p>Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>This pair of cottages have aesthetic value as fine and intact examples of the Federation Bungalow style which are landmarks in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population increase of 1890's gold boom and the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the small scale property development undertaken by individuals in the gold boom period.</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	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other use	
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1906
Walls	Rendered Brick Painted Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Bungalow
Physical description	<p>The two single storey brick and tile Federation cottages at Nos. 14 and 16 Forrest Street are symmetrically planned with a two room frontage.</p> <p>The dwellings are similar in style and feature a hipped iron roof and a front facing gable, with two chimneys symmetrically positioned on the east and west portion of the roof visible from Forrest Street.</p> <p>The dwellings feature a skillion verandah supported by turned timber posts of which No. 16 has recently been replaced now featuring a gable addition to the verandah.</p> <p>Set back from the street behind a timber picket fence. No. 16 rear extensions and a new skillion verandah with gable addition, replacing the original bullnose verandah.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Forrest Street was part of the Forrest Hill Estate developed in the mid 1890s. The development was given streets named after Sir John Forrest, Western Australian's Premier from 1890 to 1891, and his first five cabinet ministers, Shenton (now Wasley Street), Burt, Marmion, Venn, and Robinson (now Monmouth Street). Shenton Street was named after Sir George Shenton, the first Mayor of Perth (elected in 1880) and the Legislative Council Member for Greenough. The name of the street was changed to Monmouth in 1917. Burt Street was named after Septimus Burt, at that time the MLA for Ashburton and the State's Attorney General, and Marmion was named in honour of William Edward Marmion, the MLA for Fremantle. Venn was named after Henry Whittal Venn, then Member for Wellington, and Robinson in honour of Robert Thompson Robinson MLA for Canning. Robert Robinson inherited 700 acres of land in 1906 from his father and, together with partner Samuel Copley, developed the suburb of Mount Lawley.

The subject dwellings appear to have been identical and constructed c1906, although no numbers were given, the 1907 Wise's Post Office Directory listed Mrs M. A. Plummer, a storekeeper, William Jowett, A. N. De Banks, Charles W. E. Letch, and Herbert Parker as residing on the even numbered side of the street between Robinson and Clifton Streets. The situation was the same in 1908 regarding numbers but the residents were Edgar Lording a store keeper, Edward J. Dixon, Charles W. E. Letch and John W. Darker.

In 1909 the number appeared for the first time with Edward Collett at No. 14 and the previously mentioned Edward J. Dixon at No. 16. The 1910 entry showed Edward Dixon operating as Dixon Bros tea merchants. The occupants of Nos. 14 and 16 had changed again by 1920 with Arthur G. Thompson at No. 14 and Francis S. Tippet and Mrs E. Schlam at No. 16. Thompson was still there in 1930 but No. 16 was occupied by Lionel J. Walker. In 1949, the last year of Wise's Post Office Directories, the occupant of No. 14 was Mrs Christine Thompson (possibly the widow of Arthur) and Frederick N Paterson in No. 16.

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While it is believed that the dwellings were identical, the blocks they were built on were not. Both faced onto Monmouth at the rear and both were irregular shapes because of the angle caused by the street. However No. 16's block was somewhat larger and appeared to have an extra portion of its neighbour's, thus reducing the length of No. 14's rear access to Monmouth Street.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that No. 14 had its roof replaced in the early 1980s and in the late 1980s a second residence was added to the back portion of No. 16's block with its driveway on Monmouth St. This back residence is numbered at 13 Monmouth St. There have been few changes to the subject residences since 1953 when the aerial photographs began.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations		
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

