

HOUSE 27 FORREST ST, MOUNT LAWLEY



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 27 Forrest St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18004
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	27 Forrest St
Locality	Mount Lawley
Survey	LOT: 4 D/P: 24400
Vol/folio	1774/195
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. 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 fine and intact example of the Inter War Old English style which is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings in West Perth during the Inter War period.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the Halliday family who built the house and had a long association with the house.</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	1936
Walls	Rendered Brick
Roof	Terracotta Tile
Architectural Style	Inter War Old English
Physical description	The two-storey dwelling is unusual with a high-pitched tile roof, which is gabled, hipped and truncate gabled. The upper floor rooms revealed by a dormer window and a half-gabled detail. The exterior is rendered with vertical contrasting detail on the chimney that rises flush from a gable wall. Limestone foundations are revealed by the slope of the site. The windows on the ground floor level are in sets of three casements and the windows throughout are detailed in geometric leadlights. The front verandah has a flat roof. A flat roof double carport has been added on the front boundary. The property has a garden setting with medium shrubs behind a low curved rendered wall and iron fencing.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION
<p>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.</p> <p>The subject dwelling originally formed part of the Lot 273 of Swan Location 671 occupied by No. 577 William Street. The lot extended from Forrest Street to Alma Road and addressed William Street. A historical certificate of title indicates that the land was transferred to Emily Grace Halliday in 1909. On her death in 1916 the land was transferred to her husband George Virtue Halliday. The 1916 PWD Sewerage Plans show only No. 577 occupying the southern portion of the lot addressing both William Street and Alma Road. A survey of the Wises Post Office Directories indicates that the lot and property at No. 577 William Street was owned and occupied by Mr George Halliday from 1916 to 1936. In 1936 a Building Licence was issued to George Halliday to presumably construct the subject property on the northern portion of the lot addressing both William and Forrest Street. The architect and builder of the residence have not been determined.</p>

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The Wises Post Office Directories indicate that the property was originally known as No. 579 William Street and is first listed in the Wises Post Office Directories in 1937, with both the subject dwelling at No. 579 and the dwelling at No. 577 occupying the eastern portion of William Street between Forrest Street and Alma Road. The property remains known as No. 579 until at least 1949 when the Wises Post Office Directories cease publication. From the time of construction until 1949 Mr Geoff Halliday is listed as the occupant of the subject dwelling. Following the construction of the subject property in 1936 the Wises Post Office Directories show that the property adjacent at No. 577 William Street is listed with various occupants suggesting that Mr Halliday once finished constructing the subject property moved to reside in the new dwelling.

A historical certificate of title indicates that George Halliday remained the owner of No. 579 (Lot 4) William Street, now known as No. 27 Forrest Street, until his death in 1965 when it was transferred to Mr Halliday's second wife, Florence May Halliday of No. 579 William Street. In March 1970 the property was transferred to Robert Watts and in December of that year transferred to Nancy Hall of No. 86 Grosvenor Road, Mount Lawley. Throughout the 1970s - 1990s the property transferred ownership several times, with the current owners purchasing the property in 2003.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that the form and extent of the residence have changed little since that time.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

