

WISTERIA COTTAGE, MOUNT LAWLEY



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Wisteria Cottage
Other names	House, 12 Monmouth St
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18040
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	12 Monmouth St
Locality	Mount Lawley
Survey	Lot 60 DP 34088
Vol/folio	1495/364
Reserve	

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p>Some / 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 original fabric should be retained wherever feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has interest as a simple expression of the Federation Bungalow style of workers cottage expressed in brick and corrugated sheet metal.</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 representative as an example of a modest residential building for working families dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: Single storey residence
Current use	Residential: Single storey residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1903
Walls	Rendered brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Bungalow
Physical description	<p>The single storey brick dwelling has a hipped roof with a separate skillion verandah across the front, the frontage is slightly asymmetrical with an offset front door flanked each side by a double hung sash window.</p> <p>The verandah is supported by turned posts that have filigree angle and valence details. Low brick and palisade fence with pillars. Garden in small setback and no chimneys are visible.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Monmouth Street was originally named Robinson Street, and was part of the Forrest Hill Estate developed in the mid 1890s. The development was given streets named after Sir John Forrest and his first five cabinet ministers, Shenton (now Wasley Street), Burt, Marmion, Venn and Robinson. There were two Robinson Streets in North Perth in the early 1900s so this one was renamed Monmouth in 1916 and the other was changed to Gill Street. There were no rear laneways in the subdivisions and many of the lots in the subdivision have since been divided in half, creating narrow frontages.

The house at 12 Monmouth Street has no street setback and is positioned on a relatively narrow lot frontage of 10m. This lot configuration is identical to that adjacent at No. 10 Monmouth Street. The MWSSDD Sewerage Plans show a small weatherboard cottage at No. 10 Monmouth Street, which has since been demolished and remains vacant. The subject dwelling was built circa 1902 for labourer Charles Wheeler, and named 'Wisteria Cottage'. Wheeler was listed for the first time in 1903 and there were five other houses but there were no numbers and no cross streets were identified. The following year the cross streets were included but still no numbers. At that time there were seven other residents in the street but Wheeler's was the only house on the right-hand side of the street between Clifton Street and Government Road (later Anzac Road). No numbers were given.

By 1910 the numbers had been allocated and No 12 was occupied by Mrs Armitage and in 1915 by John Smith who was still there in 1920. The entries at this time match the houses on the 1920 MWSS & DD sewerage plan, which also indicates that there was a well at the rear of the dwelling. In 1930 the house was vacant but the following year (1931) it was occupied by Mrs Phyllis Sugg. In 1940 the resident was Mrs Binch and in 1949 it was Don Smith.

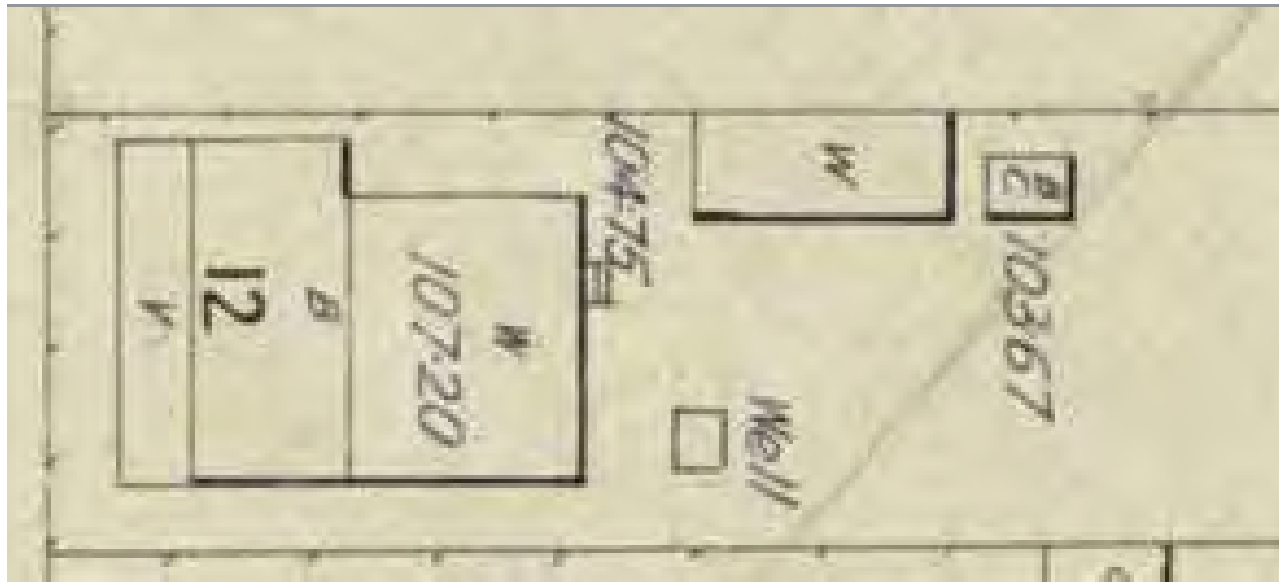
Aerial photographs of the property since the mid 20th century indicate that a large addition was taken to the rear c1978. The form and extent of the original cottage can still be determined.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Charles Wheeler	Occupant
Sources	City of Vincent Municipal Heritage Inventory 1995 Landgate aerial photographs, 1954-2024. Australian Electoral Rolls, 1903-1983.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



MWSS&DD 1917, SROWA Sewerage Plan Sheet 126.