

HOUSE, 105 WALCOTT ST, MOUNT LAWLEY



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 105 Walcott St
Other names	Kenny Residence (fmr)
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18068
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	105 Walcott St
Locality	Mount Lawley
Survey	LOT: 1 STR: 50538
Vol/folio	2639/733
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>The place is a good example of the Inter War Mediterranean style executed in brick and demonstrates details of the style.</p> <p>The place reflects the development of Mount Lawley in the Inter War period and the impact of public transport on the expansion of the suburb.</p> <p>The place has historic value as a demonstration of a family home built for professionals and skilled workers and their families in the Inter War period.</p> <p>The 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	1935
Walls	Rendered Brick
Roof	Concrete Tile
Architectural Style	Inter War Mediterranean
Physical description	<p>The residence was constructed in the Interwar period as a symmetrical building with a triple arch portico and central front entry. The roof is hipped over the original part of the house with a protruding front gable. Large side gables formed by the original hipped roof are infilled with timber battens. The portico has a gabled roof with a battened gable end supported by Tuscan columns.</p> <p>There are two sets of three-paned casement windows on the front elevation. The front entry is recessed under the portico and comprises a pair of timber framed glazed doors. The lot on which the building is situated is spacious, however, its triangular shape means that most of the open space is situated to the north-west of the dwelling.</p> <p>To the rear there is a small courtyard area and a small rear yard. The rear yard areas are mostly paved. A red brick garage at the back of the lot is accessed from Alma Road. A low limestone fence to Walcott Street enclosing a mostly grassed front yard. A vehicular access from Alma Road serving a rear garage.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The place is situated on Lot 1, with a street frontage to Walcott Street. The site is one half of a larger triangular lot (289) formed by the intersection of Walcott Street with Alma Road and Forrest Street. When the City of Perth was established in 1871 as a result of the Municipal Institutions Act, Walcott Street was designated as the north-eastern boundary of the municipality. Walcott Street remained the north eastern boundary of the City of Perth for a period of more than a century and in 1994, it became the north-eastern boundary of the Town of Vincent, following the splitting of the City of Perth into a series of smaller municipalities. Walcott Street has been regarded and utilised as a major thoroughfare since early in the twentieth century.

The installation of a tramline along Walcott Street in 1906 was an impetus for residential expansion. The subject dwelling replaced an earlier dwelling which was built on the subject lot in 1901. The Wise's Post Office Directories indicate that the original dwelling was occupied by Herbert Crossley between 1901 and 1910, then Mrs. Alice Sarah Crossley between 1913 and 1920. In 1917, the street number of the place changed from No. 31 to No. 105. Henry P. Ford lived at the dwelling after Mrs. A. Crossley and stayed until 1936 when R. Kenny took up the residency.

In 1935, Roderick Kenny, a railway inspector, purchased the property and it was then subdivided onto two smaller triangular parcels of land, numbered Lots 1 & 2 respectively. In 1936, R. Kenny was the owner of the subject site and was issued with a building licence for the subject dwelling. It is inferred that Roderick Kenny demolished the original dwelling and constructed the house which is extant today. Roderick Kenny and his wife Mary Agatha, and daughters Carmel who worked as a typiste, and Mary a teacher, lived at the house until 1943.

In 1943, Olive Isabel Reilly became the new owner and retained it for a period of almost twenty years. In 1962, the property was sold to Florence Mary Lethbridge, a widow and resident of the property. Upon her death in 1972, ownership was transferred to Lloyd and Allan Lethbridge and Dawn Stamford. Later that same year the property was bought by Harold Waler Scott and his wife Yvonne May Scott. In 1977 they undertook additions and adaptations including a new kitchen, laundry and two water closets to the rear of the dwelling and a brick garage that accessed Alma Road. In 2003, alterations and additions to the existing single house at Lot 1 have been approved by the City of Vincent.

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Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the aforementioned additions including the garage facing Alma Road. Since 2003 the subject site has been divided and a second residence was added on the northern side of the block. This modern building was finished by 2006 and numbered 105 with the original building having the number 103 on their letterbox, though the whole block is found on Landgate as both Nos. 105 and 103. Around this same time an extension was added to the original building. In 2012 the original residence had its roofing replaced. This appears to be the most recent alteration to the subject site.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life Economy: commerce	
Associations	Roderick Kenny and family	Owners and occupants
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	