

HOUSE, 17 ALFONSO STREET NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 17 Alfonso Street
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17958
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	17 Alfonso St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 58 D/P: 3204
Vol/folio	1085/475
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 house at 17 Alfonso Street is a fine and representative example of local architect Ernest Hamilton, in the Federation Queen Anne style that, with its corner location, makes a notable contribution to the character of the Monastery Grounds Estate after the Redemptorist subdivision in 1903.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential 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 has historic value for its association with the development of this area of North Perth through its association with the adjacent Redemptorist Monastery.</p> <p>The place is representative as an example of a large residence built for professionals and their families dating from the early twentieth century.</p>

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

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1916; 2003
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	The single storey face brick dwelling sits on face limestone foundations and addresses two frontages with a double gable on the street frontage and a single gable feature on the side facade. The roof is predominantly hipped and clad with red corrugated iron. The front verandah returns along the side facade. It has a corrugated iron bullnose roof that is supported by square timber posts with a simple arched valance detail. Each of the three gable features have a roughcast and timber gable infill and form bays that comprise four casement windows flanked by side casements, all with fanlights above. The brick walls have rendered bands at the heights of the window sills and heads. The double chimneys are red face brick with render moulded corbel detail and twin clay pots.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In 1911, Certificate of Title details show Swan Location 816, comprising five acres, one road and thirty nine perches owned by the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Incorporated. It is understood that following the construction of the Redemptorist Monastery in 1903, the surrounding church land of which the subject place is located was subdivided to create Alfonso Street on the western side of the Monastery and Camellia Street on the eastern side. It is believed that Alfonso Street was named after Saint Alfonso Maria ci' Liguori (1696-1787), an Italian theologian and founder of the Redemptorist.

There are eleven dwellings constructed along Alfonso street, facing east. The Redemptorist Monastery and Chapel and aged persons accommodation are located along the eastern side of the street. Of the eleven houses along the street, nine of these were constructed between 1915 and 1917, with those on Nos. 1 and 21 Alfonso Street being constructed shortly after this period.

All the dwellings along this street were constructed to similar design and style, on same size lots, with the exception of that No.17 Alfonso Street, which is larger in size and constructed over two lots. Original plans for this residence are dated 1915 and match the floor plan layout and detailing of the existing property. The plans are signed 'E.H Hamilton, Architect, Harold Street, Perth'.

Ernest Hamilton was a local architect who resided as a tenant in a number of streets in the City of Vincent, including Cavendish Street, Beaufort Street and Chatsworth Road. In 1892, he was appointed as a draftsman in the Public Works Department. He is noted for his design of St Mary's Church, on the corner of Franklin and Shakespeare Streets, Leederville. His signature appears on plans of Guildford Court House. Other structures with which he was associated include St Mary's Anglican Church in Nedlands, the Subiaco Memorial Clock Tower and Warwick Park Homestead at Round Hill, Moora. Hamilton died suddenly in 1928 in the Swan River.

In 1915, the ownership of Lots 57 and 58 passed to Lawrence Joseph Dwyer, Contractor and Alice Frances Bourke. It is probable that Dwyer built the residence as an investment.

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The portion owned by L.J. Dwyer was passed to Constance Mary Bourke in 1924, of Richmond, Melbourne. In 1926, Susan Catherine Devlin took ownership, who died interstate in 1939, at which point ownership was transferred to Reginald Patrick Devlin, an accountant of Mount Lawley. A year later, Mr Devlin sold the property to Fanny Gurtrude Pattisson (married woman) and Annie Frances Harper (widow), both of No.17 Alfonso Street, North Perth.

In 1940, the property passed to Rachel Ross (married woman) and in 1942 again, the property changed ownership to Miss Adelaide Isabel Brockhoff (spinster). The Wise's Post Office Directories indicate that all owners of the property were also residents of the place up until 1945.

By 1947, there were 5 residents listed as residing at the property, indicating that at this time the house may have operated as a boarding house. Four residents are listed as associated with the place in 1949, the year in which the Post Office Directories ceased. The Certificate of Title indicates that in 1944 the property was transferred to Herbert Holmes of No. 17 Alfonso Street, several years later the property changed ownership again to Arthur Clancy, a wholesale butcher of No. 83 Bruce Street, Nedlands and in 1949 the property was owned by Rupert Conner of No. 12 Glenelg Street, Leederville.

In 1954, the property was transferred to Arthur McDonald, labourer and Amelia McDonald, married women of No. 21 Kings Road, Subiaco and shortly after to Carl Roxley, wool buyer and Celia Roxley, his wife both of No. 17 Alfonso Street. In 1968 the property was transferred to George Skarlatos, storekeeper and Assimena Skarlatos, married women both of No. 17 Moulden Avenue, Yokine.

In 2001, a planning application was submitted for the proposed demolition of the subject place. At this time the property had been tenanted for many years and remained in the ownership of the Skarlotos's. The property was in a very poor condition. At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 12 December 2001 the proposed demolition of the subject place was refused, as it was determined that the place had cultural heritage value.

In 2002, the property was sold and extensive conservation and restoration works were undertaken on the property throughout 2003. Since that time the form and extent of the place has not changed significantly.

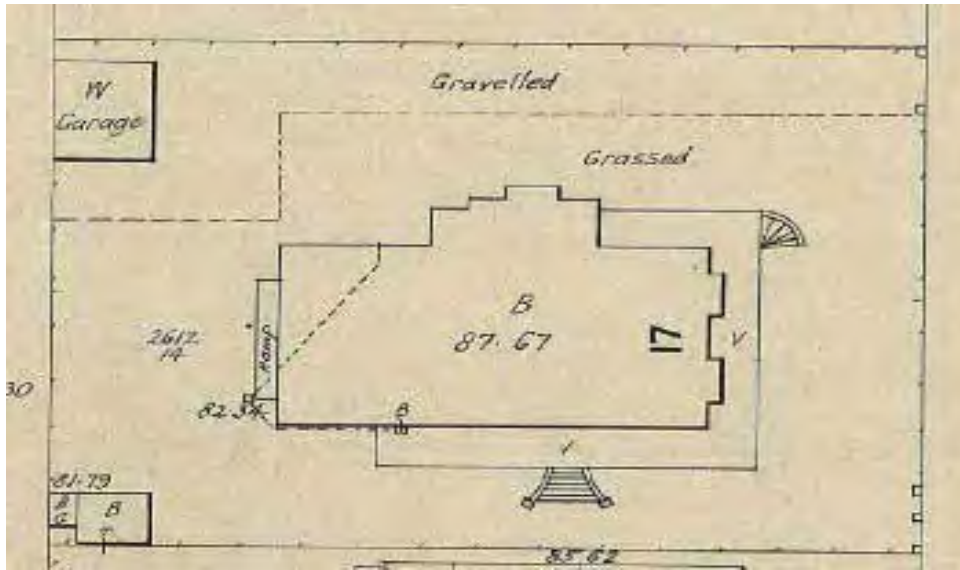
HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Ernest Hamilton	Architect
Sources	Wises Post Office Directory Australian Electoral Rolls Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Maps City of Perth Rates Books.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



Sewerage Plan 1922. Courtesy SROWA Sheet 136