

THREE HOUSES, 105-109 ALMA RD, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Three houses, 105-109 Alma Rd
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17960
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	105, 107, 109 Alma Rd
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 279 D/P: 1237 LOT: 280 D/P: 1237 LOT: 1 STR: 51676
Vol/folio	1353/784 1620/450 2655/545
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 properties at Nos. 105, 107, 109 Alma Road are a cohesive and intact example of three brick Federation bungalow dwellings on neighbouring sites which make a significant contribution to the streetscape.</p> <p>The group represents part of the new subdivision of the North Perth Estate close to the city in the early 1900s settled by professional men and their families.</p> <p>The scale, form and detail of this group of residences are indicative of the type of residence available to the professional members of the community and their families.</p>

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

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1910s
Walls	Face Brick Painted Brick
Roof	Terracotta tile Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne

Physical description	<p>The group consists of three large single storey Federation Queen Anne style dwellings with many of their original features intact. Each is asymmetrically designed.</p> <p>No. 105 has a truncated gable marking its entry, a bullnose return verandah to front and side facades, rendered bands, bachelor windows and concrete floored verandah. The house, including the galvanised iron roof, has been painted.</p> <p>No. 107 is a brick and tile bungalow with a projecting timber and pebbledash Arts and Crafts gable, truncated gable at the corner of the two main facades, a return verandah to front and side verandahs, rendered bands and face brickwork, double hung sash windows and fanlight above the front entry door.</p> <p>No. 109 has a dominant timber and pebbledash gable facing the street and a return gable wing to the side façade. Unlike Nos. 105 and 107 which present two major rooms and front entry to the street, No. 109 presents one major room to the street and the main entry is located on the side façade at the back end of the handsome return verandah with its graceful scalloped bressummer.</p>
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CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Physical description	Facades are facing brick with rendered bands and double hung sash windows. The roof is galvanised iron which, with the gables, has been painted. Small setback behind high painted brick walls & considerable plantings obscure view.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This portion of Alma Road was part of the North Perth Estate developed by the Perth Land Agency Co. from about 1895. By 1902, the estate was known as the Highgate Hill North Perth Estate, and a tram service ran along Beaufort Street. In 1906, the tram service on Fitzgerald Street reached Forrest Street, providing public transport on the western side of the estate. The western end of Alma road between Leake and Charles Streets was named Hanover Street until around 1924.

Nos. 105, 107 and 109 Alma Road are three large Federation style dwellings situated in the street block immediately west of Fitzgerald Street and all three appear on the PWD Sewerage Plans dated 1914. Following the West Australian Gold Boom of the 1890s, much of this area of North Perth underwent considerable development. It was during this period that the Rosemount Hotel (1902), shops in Angove and Fitzgerald Streets, and civic buildings such as the North Perth Town Hall (1902), Post Office (1903) and Police Station (1908) were erected. However, there was no construction in Alma Road west of Fitzgerald Street at this time.

Wise's Post Office Directories indicate that the first of the three properties constructed was No. 109 (which until 1920 was known as No. 105 and No. 107). The Directories and electoral rolls indicate that the occupier of the dwelling in 1912 was civil servant Leicester St John Jones and his wife Lilian Marion, nee Cassell who had married in 1906.

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By 1914, all three properties are listed in the Post Office Directories, with builder William and Harriett Wallis occupying No. 101 (now No. 105), dentist Edward William Mayhew and his wife Agnes Maria, nee Jewell and their two daughters occupying No. 105 (now No. 107) and Leicester Jones at No. 107 (now No. 109).

In 1920, Mr. Norman Beaver occupied No. 105, Mrs. M Kelly at No. 107 and Mr Leicester at No. 109.

In 1929, Mr. H Doyle (owner occupier) was listed at No. 105, Solomon Cohen (owner occupier) at No. 107 and Mr. Woodthorpe at No. 109.

Throughout the 1930s, the residents remained the same, with No. 105 listed as vacant in 1939. A Building Licence was issued to Mr. C Faigen in 1939 for No. 105, indicating that works were being undertaken to the property in that year, which explaining why the property was vacant.

Other Building Licences issued were for Mrs. Cohen at No. 107 in 1928, to N. Paikos to construct a laundry in 1967 and to Willcox for alterations and additions to No. 107.

Between 1940 and the last Post Office Directories entry in 1949, the residents were Bernard Fagan/Vigar and Wolf Hillman (two separate entries for No. 105 in 1949), Solomon Cohen (No. 107) and Charles A. Woodthorpe at No. 109. Woodthorpe & Sons ran a butcher's shop at No. 2 Angove Street (listed there from 1929) until at least the late 1950s.

Aerial photographs since the mid 20th century indicate that all three places have had additions to the rear and changes in roof cladding over time. In 2008, a new residence was constructed in the rear of No. 109.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations		
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006. Australian Electoral Rolls, 1903-1983. Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

