

HOUSE, 92 ANGOVE ST, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 92 Angove St
Other names	Melvin Residence
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17964
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 21 Nov 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	92 Angove St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 1 D/P: 2493
Vol/folio	1682/898
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 residence is a good intact example of a Federation Queen Anne style executed in brick with original detail intact.</p> <p>The residence demonstrates the development of this portion of North Perth in the early 20th century by professional men and their families.</p> <p>The scale, form and detail of this residence is 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	c1920
Walls	Face Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>The single storey house is constructed in brick with a predominately hipped gambrel corrugated iron roof that features gables and timber battens over roughcast infill. The dwelling has a asymmetrical frontage and a truncated corner with a gable where the verandah returns from the front to the west facade. The dominant front room is gabled above a rectangular bay with triple casement window. The verandah is a separate skillion roof.</p> <p>The face brick walls feature a horizontal rendered band at sill and window and head height. The front door, sidelights and fanlights are richly detailed with leadlight stained glass. An adjacent circular window is similarly detailed.</p> <p>The house is elevated and a set of seven concrete stairs and low rendered baulster leads direct to the front door. The face brick chimney is detailed with roughcast with a moulded top and double clay pots. Setback from the street with a terraced garden with face brick retaining walls and steps to the staircase. Frontage dominated by double carport on front boundary.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Angove Street and the surrounding area, were part of the residential subdivision in North Perth developed on Swan Locations 647 and 653 by Solomon Hermann and Thomas Whitton Williams in the 1890's. The releases were known variously as the Woodville, Percy, Toorak and Christmas Hill estates. The northern side of Angove Street is the high side and features larger houses, many with bay windows. There were no houses on this section of Angove Street on the 1900 PWD sewerage plans, but development accelerated after the introduction of trams. The first line from Perth in 1900 - the No. 22 tram - ran up Beaufort Street, left into Bulwer, right into Fitzgerald Street and up as far as Forrest Street. In 1906 this line was extended further along Fitzgerald to Angove Street. By 1930 the section of street between Daphne and Charles Street was all but built out but activity slowed in the area with the advent of the Great Depression and many families struggled because of the high level of unemployment.

The street numbering in the 1915 Post Office Directories is not the same as current street numbering and it is not clear if the subject place existed at this time.

From the readily available evidence this place was built c1920 and first occupied by merchant and JP William Harrold Melvin, his wife Catherine Helena Johnson and their eight children. Following Catherine's death in 1925, William stayed on in the house until 1935. Douglas Wilson, a medical practitioner, resided there in 1940 and in 1949 it was Mrs Dorothy McDonough.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A local precinct system was started by West Perth resident Marie Slyth in 1992, and in 1992 an Angove Street Precinct Group was formed.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century demonstrate that the residence was extended and re roofed with corrugated metal sheets in the early 1990s, replacing what appeared to be red corrugated iron. Since that time the form and extent of the residence has not changed significantly.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

