

HOUSE, 547 WILLIAM ST, MOUNT LAWLEY



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 547 William St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18074
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	547 William St
Locality	Mount Lawley
Survey	LOT: 3 D/P: 2359
Vol/folio	1593/147
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. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has aesthetic value as a large and intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style executed in brick with the majority of the external detail still in evidence and in good condition.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the development of Mount Lawley in the early 20th century by private developers who were active in the creation of a suburb for affluent members of the community by creating large lots on elevated sites.</p> <p>The place is valued by the community for the continuity of its prominent 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	c1905
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated Metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>The single storey dwelling has a hipped roof with gablets and a feature gable over the protruding front room. A verandah wraps the corner of the house from the front room across the front and down the side.</p> <p>The verandah has a separate roof. The verandah is supported by a rendered balustrade with half height Doric piers. The main building is face brick with two horizontal rendered bands.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION				
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life			
Associations	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Frederick Clark</td> <td rowspan="2">Owner and occupant Occupant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James L. Walker</td> </tr> </table>	Frederick Clark	Owner and occupant Occupant	James L. Walker
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Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.			

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The site of this residence was part of a residential subdivision formally approved in 1901 by the Lands and Surveys Department. At this time William Street was known as Clifton Street, and after 1916 changed to William Street.

The Public Works Department (PWD) Sewerage Plan dated 1897 indicates that whilst the section of William Street between Chelmsford and Grosvenor Roads, in which the place is located, had been subdivided, the place was not developed at the time. Wise's Post Office Directories first list the subject place in 1911 as No. 11 Clifton Street, North Perth, with the earliest resident Frederick Clark. Frederick Edward Clarke (c1887-1949) married Leah Mildred Mitchell in 1910. This residence was therefore their first family home and they had one daughter born in 1911. Sadly Leah Clarke died in 1915, aged 29. Frederick Clarke stayed at residence until 1917 when James L. Walker is listed as the occupant. James L. Walker was a solicitor who had an association with Hudson & Walker Barristers and Solicitors located at No. 67 St. Georges Terrace at the time.

James L. Walker stayed at the subject dwelling until 1919. The residents of the subject place then changed regularly over the years and included the return of Frederick Edward Clarke and other members of the Clarke family; Miss Dora Clarke (music teacher, 1920), Mrs. E. B. Clarke and Miss Dora Clarke (music teacher, 1925). By 1935 the house was occupied by John C. R. Dixon, and subsequently Herbert Hodder and Mark Morris (1940), Joseph Scally (1945) and Mrs. Margaret Ellis and Stan Smith (1949).

A Metropolitan Water Supply Sewerage & Drainage Department (MWSSD) Plan dated 1914 illustrates that the footprint of the original subject dwelling corresponds to its current configuration. There was a continuous verandah wrapped around the eastern and southern frontage of the dwelling, with a cement footpath linked the front verandah to William Street. In 1971, a building application to erect an addition to the existing residence was approved by the City of Perth. The addition was then constructed which included a bathroom, kitchen and laundry.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the aforementioned addition in the 1970s, as well as the roofing replacement in the mid 1980s which was completed in 2005. There have been no visible changes to the subject residence since that time.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

