

HOUSE, 24 DAPHNE ST, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 24 Daphne St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17997
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 19 May 2016

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	24 Daphne Street
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 20 D/P: 1823
Vol/folio	1563/470
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 for an intact example of simple weatherboard cottage in the Federation Queen Anne style.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population increase of 1890's gold boom and the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with members of the Australian Labor Party in the first half of the 20th century.</p> <p>This 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	1903
Walls	Timber weatherboard
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>A single storey weatherboard cottage located between Angove and Farmer Streets in North Perth. The dwelling is timber clad with a hipped iron roof.</p> <p>The dwelling has a double room frontage with the lounge room on the north of the dwelling protruding the width of the front verandah. The verandah is bull nosed supported by turned timber posts and is decorated with a timber valance.</p> <p>Entrance to the dwelling is through a wooden door with paned glass windows either side of the door and a fan light above.</p> <p>The dwelling is setback behind a low timber picket fence. There are a few small plantings within this front setback. There is a right of way that abuts the northern boundary of the property. Daphne Street is small in length located between Angove and Farmer Streets in North Perth.</p> <p>The streetscape represents the changing face of development that has occurred in this area of North Perth from the first subdivision in the 1890's to the present day. Some of the original weatherboard cottages dating from the late 1890's to the early twentieth century are located on both the east and west side of the street.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
<p>Daphne Street is a direct product of the Gold Rush Period experienced in Perth between 1893 and 1919. The triangle formed by Angove, Farmer and Parker Streets, was part of the Woodville Estate, a residential subdivision in North Perth developed on Swan Location 653 in 1898 by Solomon Hermann and Thomas Whitton Williams. The blocks cost from £15 upwards on a 25% deposit with a 12 month period of grace for a payment interest-free. The cost of the blocks represented approximately 8 weeks wages for a working man at the time. In these early days the subdivision offered cheap land to working class families. With the discovery of gold, resulting in a rapid rise in the population throughout the latter part of the 1890's, the blocks in Daphne Street sold quickly with 14 of the 22 blocks being sold by 1899.</p> <p>By 1903, five years after the subdivision, the essential character of the street was already established, its residents being almost entirely skilled tradesmen, their wives and children. Two early purchasers along the street were Patrick Kelly and his wife Bridget who built a weatherboard cottage at No. 13 and Mr Charles Kirkwood and his wife Margaret, who built a weatherboard cottage at No. 5 in 1898 and in 1903 built the subject property at No. 24 Daphne Street.</p>	

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This block had a laneway running along its north side in order to provide rear access to the houses which backed onto it from the south side of Farmer Street, as well as the laneway at the rear. The house at No. 24 was erected in 1903 and, as was the case with a number of the properties along the street, No. 24 was primarily occupied by tenants whose turnover was fairly consistent with few staying more than a year or 18 months. This is well illustrated by the Wise's Postal Directories which reveal that Mr Michael O'Connor resided at the place in 1905. For a short period in 1906/07, owner Charles Kirkwood (through his Labor Party affiliations) rented No. 24 to Mr Philip Collier who had then just been elected to the Legislative Assembly as the Member for Boulder. He was looking for a place to rent with his wife and four small children before acquiring their house in Mount Lawley. Collier held the position as Member of Boulder until his retirement in 1947 and served as Premier of Western Australia 1924 - 1930 and from 1933 - 1936. Following the short tenancy of the Collier family, Mr Cort and his wife, music teacher Mrs Madge Cort, resided in the house until 1913. Mrs Cort was also a notable figure in the early Labor movement, being one of the founders of the Union Orchestra, and she later moving to Kalgoorlie to stimulate music making circles there.

In 1912, Charles Kirkwood sold the subject place to Mr Hope and established himself as a farmer and post master in Dulbellington in the Quairading District. The subject property continued to be rented and was occupied by Mr Charles Letcher a mercantile clerk and his wife and children from 1913. On the death of Mr Letcher in 1916, his widow remained renting the property until moving across the road. Mr Vincent Wilson rented the place in 1920 and Mr Les Donegan in 1923. Throughout the latter part of the 1920s and during the 1930s Mr William Pascoe resided at the place. In 1939 Mr Fred Phillips and his wife Fanny became the proprietors of the place and they resided there until Mr Phillip's death in 1960. The Australian Pensioners League acquired No. 24 at the death of Mr Phillips and in 1965 the League disposed of the property to the State Housing Commission, which also acquired the old shop next door at No. 22 Daphne Street. Mrs Winifred M. Penglase ran this shop as a mixed business in the 1930s and 1940s and in 1949 it was still a mixed business but the proprietor was George Thomas.

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In 1972, the State Housing Commission, now Department of Communities, released Kirkwood's original weatherboard cottage onto the private market, where it went rapidly through several owners.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show little change in the form of the subject place until the 2000s when in 2006 the back portion of the residence was demolished and a large extension added by 2008. The street facing portion of the building remained largely unchanged and since the extension there have been no other changes visible in the photographs.

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life Governing: Governing and Politics	
Associations	Charles Kirkwood and family	Builder, owner and occupier
Sources	Inherit.dplh.wa.gov.au Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

