

HOUSE, 136 VINCENT ST, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 136 Vincent St
Other names	Withnell Residence (fmr) McDaniel Residence (fmr)
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	8759
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	136 Vincent St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 113 D/P: 2861
Vol/folio	1799/34
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p>Considerable Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.</p>
Management category	<p>Category 2 Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The original residence has aesthetic value as a fine substantial and intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style with the majority of the original external detail intact.</p> <p>The place is an important element in the Vincent Street streetscape which overlooks Hyde Park from an elevated location and contributes to the character of the vicinity.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential and commercial 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 residence has historic value as a demonstration of a family home built for affluent members of the community and their families in the early 20th century.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with prominent architect Jack Ochiltree and the Withnell family who were significant to the development of the agricultural industry in the state.</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> <p>The place has social value as it demonstrates the scale and form of a home for professional men and their families in the early 20th century.</p>

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

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1912
Walls	Brick
Roof	Terracotta tile
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>This is a large and impressive single storey residence on a prominent corner location. The building has a large hipped tiled roof with tall face-brick chimneys. The flying gables over the bay windows to the main front rooms have two layers of half timbered decoration and are amongst the finest examples in the district.</p> <p>The verandah is handsomely proportioned with narrow bays given a skipping rhythm through the simple corner details. Verandah balustrades are intact.</p> <p>Face brickwork is tuck pointed with a stucco bands at dado height. Windows and door joinery is original. A substantial garden with plantings that obscured views behind the brick pillar and wrought iron front fence.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Vincent Street was named after George Vincent, chief draftsman at the Land's Department and original grantee of land on the north side, east from Charles Street. The Street was named by himself upon the issue of first Crown grant in Perth, circa 1876. Later, Vincent Street became part of the Hyde Park Heights Estate, with the eastern end also called the Tramways Estate.

This residence was built in 1912 for pastoralists John Gregory Withnell (1862-1929). The Withnells were landowners in the Northam and York district, then took up pastoral leases in the north of the state in the 1890s which were significant in opening up this region for settlement.

In January 1912, John Withnell married Mallina Elsie Willis who was 29 years his junior, and at the same time engaged architect Jack Learmonth Ochiltree to design a new home on this site which comprised two lots. The substantial brick residence was therefore much larger than the surrounding properties and served as the Perth home for the couple. The couple had one son Gregory in 1913 but by 1918 the marriage had ended and a divorce was granted due to the adultery of John Withnell. Accounts in the local press stated that John Withnell spent the summer months in Perth at this house and winter months in the north. Mallina Withnell stayed at this house with her son until the divorce led to the sale of this property.

By 1920, the place was owned and occupied by buyer for the Millars Timber and Trading Co, Leonard McDaniel (1874-1949) and his wife Kathleen Mary, nee O'Meara (1880-1965). The couple had three children and lived at this place until the death of Leonard McDaniel in 1949.

A MWSSDD Sewerage Plan dated 1915 shows the configuration of the original front verandah which ran the full width of the street frontage. The original front verandah and front windows were demolished and replaced in 1960 by the then owner J. Stern, as shown in a building plan dated that year. A brick garage was constructed later at the backyard in 1986.

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Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that the form and extent of the subject place has changed little since that time. A pool was added sometime before 1986. The aforementioned brick garage was later replaced around 2003 with a larger garage, and the verandah that surrounds the house has had its roofing replaced over the years, but there appear to have been no structural changes or additions to the residence.

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	George Vincent John Gregory Withnell Jack Learmonth Ochiltree	Landowner First owner and occupant Architect
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. The Daily News, 7 May 1949, p. 16. The Truth, 21 Dec 1918, p. 18. The West Australian, 17 January 1912, p. 2.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

