

MEADE HOUSE, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Meade House
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	8589
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	290 Beaufort St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 10 D/P: 59211
Vol/folio	1580/5
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p>Considerable</p> <p>Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.</p>
Management category	<p>Category 2</p> <p>Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>Despite some later changes the place has aesthetic value as a good example of a Federation Free Classical style of commercial building executed in rendered brick.</p> <p>The place is a local landmark because of its location on a prominent corner and contributes to the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential and commercial 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 represents the changing nature or retail offerings throughout the 20th century, from simple services to more specialist goods and services.</p> <p>This place has been part of the retail shopping precinct in Perth since the early 20th century and therefore contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Commerce: Shop / Retail
Current use	Commerce: Shop / Retail
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1915
Walls	Rendered Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Free Classical
Physical description	<p>The single storey rendered building is in a prominent corner location and its design reflects the narrowness of its site. The central pediment is stepped on the Brisbane St frontage and the remaining pediments area divided into sections containing stucco design elements including a balustrade and scrolls.</p> <p>The original shop front on the truncated corner has been remodelled. The date 1915 is moulded into the pediment.</p> <p>A convex verandah is in place on part of the Brisbane Street frontage and truncation. Situated opposite Brisbane Hotel, it occupies a triangular site.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The shop and residence known as Meade House is situated on part of Lot W109, opposite the Brisbane Hotel. The earliest Title Deed dated 1870 reveals that Perth Town Sub Lot W109 bounded by Stirling, Brisbane and Beaufort Street was granted to carpenter William Sloan.

The property changed hands and was subdivided several times as the city grew, particularly following the mid 1890s when gold discoveries led to significant development north of the City.

The subject building is shaped to fit into the triangular shaped corner created between a drainage reserve and Brisbane Street, where it angles north-eastward past the corner of Stone's Lake to link with Bulwer Street. A Building Licence Plan dated 1915 shows that architect E.H. Hamilton, who resided at No. 5 Lane Street, Perth, submitted a plan to construct a Shop, Billiard Room and Hall at the subject lot for A. Blain Esq. a businessman who operated a Picture Framers (A Blain and Co) along Chatsworth Road and later Beaufort Street. It is probable that Blain was an absentee landlord.

The Wises Post Office Directories show that the first entry for the subject property is 1916 with a Mr Frank Sparrow operating as a hairdresser and a tobacconist. From this time until at least 1949 a hairdressers and tobacconist continues to operate from the property, at times also including a Billiard Saloon in the listings.

Those operating the business turn over rapidly with a Mr Bert Keast in 1925, Mr Johnston in 1932, Mr Hicks in 1935, Mr Arthur Batten in 1940 and from 1944 to at least 1949 Mr William Docherty.

The property continues to be used for commercial purposes and has not changed significantly in form since the mid 20th century.

The origin of the name is not known.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Economy: Commerce	
Associations	Ernest Hugh Hamilton A. Blain	Architect Original Owner
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

