

# GLOUCESTER COURT FLATS, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Gloucester Court Flats
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18061
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	148 Vincent St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 802 D/P: 400309
Vol/folio	
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p><b>Considerable</b> Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.</p>
Management category	<p><b>Category 2</b> Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The double storey block of flats is a fine example of the Interwar Functional style executed in rendered brick and tile and is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>Gloucester Court Flats is a good intact example of Interwar flat building at a time when there was considerable interest in new forms of urban life as represented by residential flats.</p> <p>The place demonstrates the growing popularity of apartment living as a new form of urban living during the Interwar period, as it emerged from the Depression.</p> <p>The 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	
<b>Original use</b>	Residential: Flats/Apartment Block
<b>Current use</b>	Residential: Flats/Apartment Block
<b>Other use</b>	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Construction date</b>	1935
<b>Walls</b>	Brick Rendered Brick
<b>Roof</b>	Terracotta tiles
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Inter-War Functionalist
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>The double storey building extends to three stories where the garage is located on the front facade. The face brick building comprises 4 flats, with only two of those having road frontages. The roof is hipped and clad with clay tiles. The three storey vertical element is a curious combination of various architectural influences.</p> <p>The lower floor is the original garage with timber double swing doors with 10 glazed panels across the top of each door. Above the garage is a face brick dado with twin classical columns supporting a hipped tiled roof. Originally an open verandah, the space has been enclosed.</p> <p>Set back, at the second floor level, is a square face brick parapeted room with aluminium framed windows. The lower level of the two storey section has a faceted back that extends into a dado wall balustrade for a verandah above. The face brick chimney is tall and rectangular. A medium height face brick wall disguises the difference in levels.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	High
<b>Authenticity</b>	High

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>Some of the original timber windows have been replaced with aluminium framed windows.</p> <p>A garden is recessed behind the wall and a lawn area extends to the building. A concrete driveway accesses the garage.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	High
<b>Authenticity</b>	High

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Vincent Street was named after George Vincent, chief draftsman in the Lands Department, the original grantee of the land on the north side of this street, to the east of Charles Street, who named the street for himself on the issue of the grant circa 1876. The street once formed part of the Hyde Park Heights Estate, with the eastern end also called the Tramways Estate. About 1907, a single storey residency was built along Vincent Street with the street number 148 to a design by architects Cavanagh and Cavanagh. This residence was built for Frederick George Ashborne Treadgold (c1868-1924) and his wife May Harriet, nee Cavanagh (c1867-1942) who had married in 1902. May Treadgold was highly likely to be related to the architects who designed this family home for the couple and their four children.

The Wise's Post Office Directories indicate that the property was occupied by Frederick G. A. Treadgold (1907-1913), M. McDowell (1914), John Clark (1915-1917), Frederick G. A. Treadgold (1918-1925) and May Harriet Treadgold (1926-1934). This information shows that Fred and May Treadgold lived at this place for the majority of the period until Frederick's death in 1924. Afterwards May lived on in the house until 1934.

In the 1930s, it was reported that 'flat life' was becoming more popular in Perth and suburbs, as evidenced by the construction of several blocks in and around the city. Flat conversion was also seen as a way of dealing with old-fashioned residences at this time, with a number undergoing extensive refurbishment and renovation, which often included a new façade. Other of the older homes were removed to make way for the new flat developments.

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The dwelling at No. 148 [currently HN150] Vincent Street was converted into two flats in 1930 however the exterior remained unchanged as a single dwelling. The flats were designed by architects Oldham Boas and Ednie Brown for Mrs. Treadgold. The original building plan for the flats illustrates that it was reconstructed by re-using the old material of the single residential dwelling. Each of the flats had its own bedroom and living area.

In 1935, a new block of three flats was constructed on the vacant portion of the land to the east of the existing single dwelling. At this time, these two adjacent dwellings were renumbered. The original single dwelling was renumbered as No. 150 Vincent Street whilst the new flats to the east were renumbered No. 148 Vincent Street and named Gloucester Court Flats. Mrs Treadgold continued to own both properties. No details of the architect or builder of the flats have been determined although it is possible that architects Oldham Boas and Ednie Brown continued the association with May Treadgold and designed the flats. The name of the flats is likely to have been taken from the project in Kew, Surrey England built in the 1930s that features style and detail that can be seen in the design of these flats.

In 1938, L. G. Dodd, the owner of Gloucester Court Flats submitted a plan to make further refurbishment and renovation, including the construction of new steps and sliding sash windows behind the twin classical columns above the garage, and the renovation of two rooms into a surgery and waiting room, indicating that a portion of the property had also been used as a surgery.

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The Wise's Post Office Directories indicate that Lindsay G. Dodd lived at Flat 1 at Gloucester Court Flats as the first sole occupant between 1935 and 1937. In 1938 Edith Jackson was recorded as a resident at Flat 3 of the block. It was not until 1939 that three of the flats were all occupied, including Lindsay G. Dodd at Flat 1, John J. Prednergast at Flat 2 and Edith Jackson at Flat 3.

In 1946, Gloucester Court Flats was owned by Ethel Margaret Dodd. In the City of Perth Rate Books, the tenants for that year are entered as: Flat 1- Alice Conroy, Flat 2- Otto Eisenstein and Flat 3 - George Fellows. Similar names are entered in the Wise's Post Office Directories in 1949.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onward indicate that the form and extent of the subject place have changed little since that time.

<b>Historic theme</b>	Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
	Peopling WA: Demographic Development	
	Economy: Commerce	
<b>Associations</b>	May Treadgold	Original Owner
	<b>Sources</b>	
Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006		
Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.		
The West Australian, 17 April 1907, p. 9.		

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

