

HOUSE, 286 BULWER ST, PERTH



| PLACE INFORMATION | |
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| Place name | House, 286 Bulwer St |
| Other names | Hiawatha |
| Place type | Individual building or group |

| HERITAGE LISTING | |
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| State Heritage Office ID: | 8598 |
| State Heritage Register: | |
| Other Listing: | Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995 |

| SITE LOCATION | |
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| Street address | 286 Bulwer St |
| Locality | Perth |
| Survey | LOT: 31 D/P: 1417 |
| Vol/folio | 2076/65 |
| Reserve | — |

| SIGNIFICANCE | |
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| 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.</p> <p>Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place, and original fabric should be retained wherever feasible.</p> |
| Statement of significance | <p>This place has aesthetic value as a fine and intact example of a residence that demonstrates the Federation Queen Anne style in brick.</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 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

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| Original use | Residential: Single Storey Residence |
| Current use | Residential: Single Storey Residence |
| Other use | |

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

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| Construction date | c1899 |
| Walls | Painted Brick |
| Roof | Corrugated metal sheeting |
| Architectural Style | Federation Queen Anne |
| Physical description | <p>The single storey brick house features a large faceted bay surrounded by a three sided verandah. The peak of the roof is capped with a columned and domed belvedere, which is an unusual detail to find on residences in Perth. The drop pitch verandah is supported by turned timber posts and a fret-work valance.</p> <p>The double hung windows are full height. A bracketed cornice/ frieze decorates the area under the eaves of the main roof. Brick work including the chimneys has been painted.</p> <p>Garden setting behind a spaced horizontal timber fence.</p> |
| Condition | Good |
| Integrity | High |
| Authenticity | High |

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In 1890, Sheriff J. B. Roe owned the land in which the subject property at No. 286 Bulwer Street is located, which formed part of Perth Lot Y283.

In 1898, a Building Licence was issued to Mrs J Edgcumbe for the construction of the dwelling on Lot 31 Y283. She is presumed to be Florence Edgcumbe (1858-1932), the wife of agent Edward Francis (Frank) Edgcumbe (1857-1930). The dwelling is first listed in the Wise's Post Office Directories in 1900 with the occupant being Frank Edgcumbe and the house named 'Hiawatha'. This name has its origins in American Indigenous culture.

The development of nearby Hyde Park took place during this period and this attracted new people to the area as did the introduction of electric trams along Bulwer Street, while those residents who worked in Perth could walk to work, transport in the area was much improved with the introduction of the trams. This was the No. 22 tram which followed Barrack Street north from the Swan River and turned westwards at the Bulwer Street intersection. It then ran along Bulwer Street to the Fitzgerald Street corner where it then turned up towards North Perth.

The dwelling remained occupied by Frank Edgcumbe from first construction until 1909. During this first decade of the twentieth century the dwelling was known as No. 378 Bulwer Street.

In 1909, the dwelling became known as No. 286 Bulwer Street and was occupied by William Scott. Throughout the 1920s H J Teague was in residence and then into the 1930s it was occupied by Mrs Bothroyd. In the latter part of the 1930s Mrs Ethel Fenton resided at the property. From 1940 until at least 1949 when the Wises Post Office Directories cease Mr James Pinkus owned and occupied the property.

In 1951, a Building Licence was issued to Mr Pinkus for the construction of a sleep out, indicating that he was still the owner of the property at this time.

In 2008, a Building Licence was issued to undertake alterations and additions to the rear of the property including modifications to the kitchen, the installation of a new laundry and a new timber decking.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Since that time aerial photographs indicate there have been no changes in the form or extent of the residence and the original residence can still be determined.

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| Historic theme | Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life |
| Associations | Reverend Thomas Bird Original owner |
| Sources | Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. The Albany Advertiser, 5 Feb 1908, p. 3. The Geraldton Express, 5 Feb 1908, p. 3. |

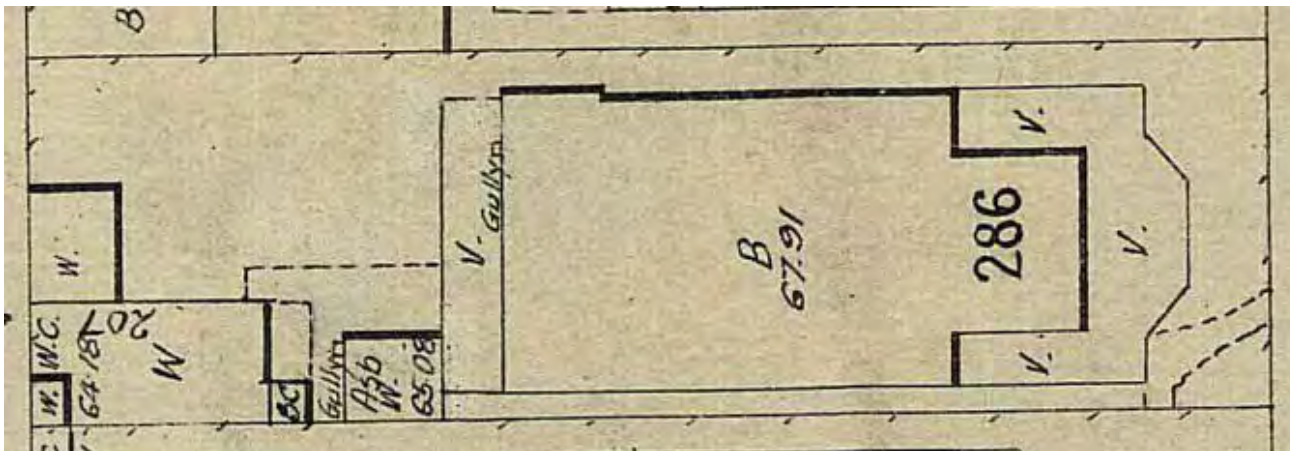
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ARCHIVAL IMAGERY



Sewerage Plan 1952. Courtesy SROWA Sheet 88.