

HOUSE, 156 BRISBANE ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 156 Brisbane St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
State Heritage Office ID:	17975
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 21 Nov 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	156 Brisbane St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 2 D/P: 7176
Vol/folio	1115/425
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>This place has aesthetic value as a good 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	
Original use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Current use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1903
Walls	Rendered brick Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>The single storey place is of brick construction with a high pitched hipped U roof featuring twin gables. The frontage is symmetrical with a central entry flanked by faceted bay windows with gables above. The gables have roughcast infill with vertical and diagonal timber battening. The roof features tall face brick chimneys with bands of stucco moulds.</p> <p>The verandah across the front has a separate bullnose verandah, set between flank walls, and features a decorative valence with delicate circular fretwork. The verandah posts of paired square fluted columns are set on rendered plinths.</p> <p>The front brick wall features a double horizontal band of render and decorative render beneath the windows. The front door has sidelights and a fanlight. Small setback behind low rendered pillar and palisade fence.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The subject property is located on the northern portion of Brisbane Street between William and Lake Streets. The property formed part of Perth Lot N90 which at the turn of the 20th century was believed to be owned by building contractor Thomas Worsick Firth.

The City of Perth Building Licence Cards indicated that four building licences were issued to Thomas W. Firth in the first decade of the 20th century for development in Perth Town Lot N90. The first was in 1902, two in 1903 and one in 1911. As all original plans are missing it is difficult to ascertain with certainty which of the licences relate to the construction of the building.

The Wises Post Office Directories indicate that prior to the construction of the subject place Thomas Firth resided along Myrtle Street from the mid 1890s until 1903, in close walking distance from the subject dwelling. In 1904 Thomas Firth (1865-1925) is first listed residing along Brisbane Street, when at the time the subject property was number 68. By 1905 it was numbered 72 and by 1910 numbered 106. Thomas Firth and his wife Eliza Dean (1865-1959) lived at this house with their five children.

In 1918, the dwelling becomes known as No. 156 Brisbane Street. Thomas Firth died in 1925 and the following year Mrs Eliza Firth is listed as the resident. This is the last year that the Firth family are listed as being associated with the subject dwelling. The following year Mrs Eliza Firth is listed as occupying No. 388 Charles Street, North Perth.

From 1929, within the business section of Wises Post Office Directories, the Firth Bros building contractors, are listed at No. 11 Ruth Street, essentially to the rear of No. 156 Brisbane Street. It can be assumed that this is perhaps the sons of Mr Thomas Firth who followed their father to also become building contractors.

During the 1930s the Wises Post Office Directories list Mrs Mary Haggerty (1930), Mrs Ellen Pidgeon (1935) and Ern Mercer (1939) as residing at No. 156 Brisbane Street. Throughout the most part of the 1940 Mrs Letitia Davies is listed as residing at the subject dwelling.

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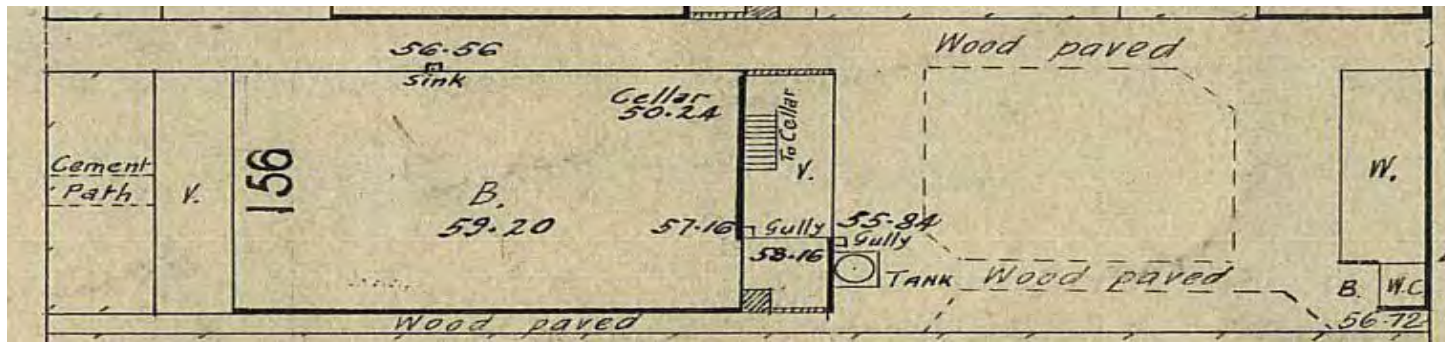
Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate there were little changes on the property until the early 1990s when a new roof was installed, and then additions to the back of the building and renovations to the structure at the back of the block in the late 1990s into the 2000s. Since then there have been no changes visually identified from the aerial photographs.

Historic theme	Demographic Settlement and Mobility: Settlements Peopling WA: Demographic development
Associations	
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGERY



Sewerage Plan 1953. Courtesy SROWA Sheet 92.