

GLENDOWER FLATS, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Glendower Flats
Other names	Triplex, 15 Glendower St
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
State Heritage Office ID:	8711
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	15 Glendower St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 4 D/P: 9992
Vol/folio	1713/704
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
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>The place is a rare and intact example of triplex development in the Inter War Art Deco style in rendered brick and tile.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings in West Perth during the Inter War period.</p> <p>In the late Interwar period there was considerable interest in new forms of urban life as represented by residential flats, of which this is an example.</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>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: Conjoined Residences
Current use	Residential: Conjoined Residences
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1940
Walls	Rendered Brick
Roof	Terracotta Tile
Architectural Style	Inter-War Art Deco
Physical description	<p>Three dwellings, with the corner dwelling orientated towards Glendower Street and Hyde Park, and the others with entrances from Irene Street.</p> <p>The brick and tile building exhibits Art Deco elements such as walls rendered in the style of ashlar block work, bubble glass windows and slab awnings over the windows.</p> <p>The corner dwelling has a stepped pediment façade and curved verandah with concrete column supports. The Irene Street dwellings each have a small entrance porch.</p> <p>The property is defined by a low brick wall that curves around the corner. The place is setback from both streets behind a low face brick wall. The setback area has a number of mature shrubs that obstruct views of the place.</p> <p>Glendower Street frontage obscured heavily by an abundance of vegetation in the front curtilage.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
<p>Glendower Street was developed adjacent to Hyde Park. The houses shown on the 1897 PWD sewerage plan, on the southern side facing the Park along what is now Glendower Street between Lake and William streets, have all been replaced with later constructions.</p> <p>The residences on Glendower Street developed between 1900 and 1940. There was a cottage on the corner of Glendower and Irene streets in 1897, but this place did not appear in the City of Perth Rate Books by 1930. Those residences in the section between William and Throssell streets facing the park became more attractive following the upgrading of Hyde Park (which had previously been known as Third Swamp.) Originally this wetland has been an Aboriginal hunting and camping area and it was developed as Hyde Park from 1898 onwards. Two lakes were developed with a causeway and an island in the middle and shelter sheds, picnic areas, two playgrounds for children (many of the locals also climbed the trees or made cubbies in those shrubs and trees with low hanging branches) and a rotunda were all added in subsequent years. Glendower Street was first listed in Wise's Post Office Directories in 1898 when there were four houses (not numbered) listed between Palmerston and Fitzgerald Street.</p> <p>The following year (1899) their numbers had doubled to eight but there were still no numbers allocated. It is believed that the first residence west of Irene Street and facing the park was No 33, an 1890s dwelling occupied by George B Glossop and it appears that Mary Glossop lived next door shortly after.</p>	

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In 1910 Wise's Post Office Directories listed Mrs Mary Glossop as the resident of No. 15 and George Glossop at No. 33 and the 1920 edition indicated that they were both still there. By 1930, No. 15 was occupied by Railton T. Street but George Glossop was still at No. 33 and he remained there until at least until 1949 when the Directories ceased. In 1937 Edward J. King was shown as being in residence at No. 15 but the property was not listed again in Glendower Street.

In 1940, a triplex was under construction on the corner of Irene Street. It was owned by Mendel Brown, and in 1941 it was as 3 to 7 Irene Street. The occupants at the time were Mrs T. Goster, Mrs Helen Elliot and Mrs Sarah Brown, who was possibly a relation of Mendal Brown.

No details of the architect or builder have been found in this research. Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century indicate that the form and extent of the building have not changed.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life
Associations	
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

