

MENAI, 193-195 LAKE ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION

Place name	Menai, 193-195 Lake St
Other names	Duplex, 193-195 Lake St
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING

State Heritage Office ID:	18026
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 21 Nov 2006

SITE LOCATION

Street address	193-195 Lake St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 153 D/P: 98699 LOT: 152 D/P: 98699
Vol/folio	2183/628 2183/627
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE

Level of significance	<p>Moderate 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 Conservation of the place is desirable. 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 has interest as a detailed Federation Queen Anne style of residential building.</p> <p>The place forms an integral part of a group of residential buildings and contributes to the streetscape character.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population growth following the Gold Boom and in the early years of the twentieth century.</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 Residence
Current use	Residential: Conjoined Residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Construction date	1908
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Free Classical
Physical description	<p>The single storey duplex pair at No. 193 - 195 Lake Street are a mirror image of each other both featuring a one room frontage. The duplex has a parapet that has been distinctively combined into one pediment, centrally located with the name 'Menai' embossed in the pediment below the decorative stucco detail in the apex.</p> <p>The duplex has a bullnose front verandah supported by turned timber posts. The tuckpointed brick walls have rendered banding at window sill and door head height. Low rendered and pillar and palisade wall.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The semi-detached duplex was built on the Brooking Park Estate which was developed in 1896. The estate was named after surveyor John S. Brooking, whose home 'Lakeside' was on part of the estate at 106 Palmerston Street (built in 1885). That same year Richard Gallop was granted four acres of land on Palmerston/Lake Street where he grew vegetables and planted an orange grove. The Brooking Estate included suburban Lot 1, on the corner of Lake and Brisbane Streets. Lots 6 and 7 were part of this suburban lot north of Hope Street.

In 1908, Wise's Post Office Directories show that Paul Reichardt of Reichardt and Co. was in No. 193 and No. 195 was occupied by Murdoch A. MacLennan. The City of Perth rate books show that the following year the owner of both residences was Foulkes Menai Roberts and the residents were Miss Fogarty (No. 193) and Howard J. Ebans at No. 195.

Foulkes Roberts (1869-1957) was born in Wales and the name Menai in the parapet of the building is a tribute to the owner and his origins. The Menai Strait or Menai River separates the island of Anglesey from the Wales mainland. Roberts worked as a station master in regional WA and this place was an investment property he leased for many years.

In 1915, the Directories show James V. Gracey at No. 193 and John Tomlinson at No. 195 Lake Street. In the same street block at No. 203 was James Thompson, a medical practitioner. Other occupations listed in the street at that time were a constable, fuel dealer, contractor, grocer and cab proprietor and the Newcastle Club Hotel was on the corner of Newcastle and Lake Streets. It is interesting to note that a 'pillar box' was also listed on the corner of Brisbane and Lake Streets.

In 1930, the residents were Percival Keeling at No. 193 and Joseph Bordas and George Korsunski at No. 195. The latter was listed as a scrap iron merchant. The doctor's surgery was still at No. 203 with Dr Harry S. Lucraft running his practice there and by that time Balcatta Lime Kilns, lime and stone merchants, were operating at No. 197. In 1949 Mrs Ellen Keeling was at No. 193 and Robert Gertzel at No. 195. George Korsunski was then at No. 197 (listed as a metal merchant) as were Balcatta Lime Kilns. The Georgeff Brothers, Carl and N. H. (both medical practitioners) were practising at No. 203.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate the form and extent of the subject places changed little until 2013 when a new roof was installed. There have been no other visible changes to the residences since the aerial photographs began in 1953.

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life
Associations	Foulkes Menai Roberts Original owner
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

