

SEMI-DETACHED OFFICES, 104-106 PARRY ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION

Place name	Semi-detached Offices, 104-106 Parry St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING

inHerit ID:	18042
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Jun 2007

SITE LOCATION

Street address	104-106 Parry St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 4 D/P: 1231
Vol/folio	565/21A
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. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has aesthetic value as a good intact example of a duplex constructed in the Victorian Georgian style and makes a positive contribution to the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential and commercial buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population increase of the 1890's gold boom and the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The place is representative as an example of a modest residential building for working families dating from the late nineteenth and early 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 Residences
Current use	Commercial: Offices
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Construction date	c1897
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Victorian Georgian
Physical description	<p>The single storey face brick and iron semi-detached dwelling was constructed in the Federation style. The pair is a mirror image of each other and shares a party wall.</p> <p>Set back approximately 6 metres from the footpath the dwelling features two distinct bayed front rooms with three double hung sash windows. A rendered brick sill runs immediately below the three windows on the twin sides of the dwelling and a rendered brick base course runs along the length of the facade of the dwelling.</p> <p>The front doors are timber panelled and positioned symmetrically either side of the party wall. The entrance is recessed with twin rendered brick archways featuring decorative motifs either side of the party wall.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Apart from the impact of the 1890s gold boom which resulted in the dramatic increase in the city's population, the development of Parry Street, named in 1845 in honour of Sir William Parry, a rear-admiral in the British Royal Navy, would have also been influenced by its proximity to public transport. The first houses were constructed in 1884 (No. 116 being one of the earliest in the City of Vincent). Following the establishment of the rail system in 1888 and the construction of a station at East Perth, train routes began to operate from 1900 along some of the major city roads, including Lord Street. By this time Parry Street appears to have been well settled with single and semi-detached bungalows.

For many years Parry Street ran continuously from Lord Street to Stirling Street which causes some difficulty in determining the house numbers and names of residents between Lord and Pier streets during the latter part of the 19th century and the first decades of the 20th. Street numbering also changed significantly over these years as settlement increased. The first edition of the H. Pierssene's, Western Australian Directory, published in 1893/1895 showed seven residents on the north side of Parry Street between Stirling Street and Guildford Road (now Lord Street) where the subject property is located. The first edition of Wise's Post Office Directories in 1895/1896, reveals eight residents in this section of the street, which had increased to 16 listed residents by 1900.

This information corresponds with the City of Perth building licence cards, indicating that a number of building licences were approved for the construction of dwellings, as well as stables and bottling stores along Parry Street between 1896 and 1898.

The subject place was located on the north side of Parry Street between Pier and Lord Streets. This block was later dissected by a laneway, which has more recently been labelled Matson Lane. Some sort of building was shown on the PWD sewerage plans, which are known to be circa 1897 but that particular sheet was not dated.

In 1902, No. 104 was listed as being owned by W.R. Lakey who owned at least two others in the street. No. 104 was occupied by Mrs Cameron. The next listing in the Directories that corresponds with the numbering of the subject dwelling today was in 1908 with Samuel Glew residing at No. 104 and John Atkinson at No. 106. In 1907 Samuel Glew was listed as residing at No. 72, possibly indicating that No. 104 was then 72. At that time James Kent was listed at No. 74, which was possibly No. 106.

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In 1910 Mrs S. Vine and Miss E. Vine (a dressmaker) were in residence at No. 104 and Collins is listed for No. 106. In 1913 John Murray resided at No. 104 and Andrew Hosking at No. 106 and in 1916 it was Mrs M. Alderidge in No. 104 and Edmond Sheanze at No. 106.

During the first part of the 1920s Charles Patterson resided at No. 104 and Mrs Mary Dewar at No. 106. During the 1930s Thomas Chamberlain resided at No. 104 and Mrs R. Kalif at No. 106. Circa 1940 Pier Street was extended further north, displacing some of the residents in this area but this change did not affect Nos 104-106.

Throughout the 1940s Mrs P. Lekias resided at No. 106 and various tenants at No. 104 included Robert Godfrey in 1940 and John Miller in 1945 until at least 1949. This high turnover of tenancies indicates that many dwellings within close proximity to the city were used as rental properties in the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries.

According to the City of Perth building licence cards, Mr Pilpel added a rear verandah and four toilets in 1978 and in 2004 the owners applied for a licence to build a two-storey residential unit at the rear. This was designed by Joe Chindarsi Architect. The construction of the underground Northern City By-Pass, which runs along the north side of Newcastle Street did impact considerably on Parry Street and its residents. Extensive road and beautification works were carried out as a result. These included lush lawns, widened footpaths and new jacaranda trees. These changes were completed by the end of September 2001 and the street was 'officially handed back' to its residents by Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan during a special ceremony.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the subject place has changed minimally since then. The roofing appears to have been replaced in the late 1980s and then again around 2007, returning it to the original visual. An extension was added in 2010 and there have been no visible changes since that time.

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Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life Economy: Commerce
Associations	
Sources	Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. City of Perth Rates Books Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

