

HOUSE, 6 RANDELL ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 6 Randell St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	8741
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	6 Randell St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 11 D/P: 376
Vol/folio	1173/437
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 item.</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 retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>This place has aesthetic value as a simple and rare example of a weatherboard cottage in the Federation Queen Anne style.</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 cottage built for working families dating from the late nineteenth 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: Single Storey Residence
Current use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1897
Walls	Timber framed weatherboard
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	The one storey modest weatherboard dwelling has a bullnose verandah with a cast iron frieze and is supported with stop chamfered posts. The weatherboard are rusticated to the front and side facades. The bargeboards of the gables are scalloped. Garden setting behind the brick and picket front fence Some decorative elements may have been added.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Randell Street was named after George Randell, a builder and prominent elder in the Trinity Congregational Church. He had an illustrious career in politics becoming a Perth City Councillor as early as 1870 and in 1874 he was elected Chairman and the City's first Mayor in 1885. He became a Member of the Legislative Council in 1877 and Leader of the Opposition in 1894 and a member of John Forrest's cabinet. He was a member of the Central Board of Education, a founder of Perth High School and much involved in the foundation of Claremont Teachers' Training College.

Randell Street is situated in the area immediately north of the main body of Lake Henderson, now Robertson Park Reserve. Market gardening activities were carried out on the bed of the lake after it was drained in the early 1870s, and the surrounding areas developed early. European gardeners were followed by Chinese market gardeners who operated until the early 1920s. The material used to erect No. 6 on Town Lot Y239 was weatherboard but all the other homes in the street were of brick construction.

It was previously believed that it was built in 1901 for John Good but when street numbers were first allocated in Wise's Post Office Directories in 1898, the subject place was listed and the resident was Marcus Wilkins, a builder. This was also the first year that his name appeared in the listings, indicating that possibly the house was built circa 1897. In 1900 the entry in the Directories for the subject place was John Turner. In 1910 it was occupied by Henry William, in 1915 by George Bergstrand and in 1920 John A. Evans. Evans was still there in 1940 and in 1949, the last year of the Directories, the resident was listed as Mrs A. E. Evans (possibly John's widow or another relation) indicating that the subject place may have been occupied by the same family since 1919.

The Directories for 1898 showed that there was a resident next door at No. 2 Randell Street (Mrs L. N. Fairfield) but from 1906 that block was unoccupied, with the exception of a cool drink factory for a few years in the 1920s, until at least 1949 when they ceased to be published. In the late 1990s Nos 2-4 were redeveloped with a modern three-storey duplex which contrasts with the subject weatherboard cottage.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show very few changes at the subject site until the mid 1980s when a new roof was installed. The only other additions have been landscaping, solar panelling and back patio shading, starting in the mid 2010s to present.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Marcus Wilkins John Turner Henry William George Bergstrand John A. Evans Mrs A. E. Evans	Resident Resident Resident Resident Resident Resident
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024	

