

# WHOLLEY RESIDENCE (FMR), WEST PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
<b>Place name</b>	Wholley Residence (fmr)
<b>Other names</b>	Anglican Rectory (fmr) House, 129 Charles St Greek Orthodox Church Rectory
<b>Place type</b>	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
<b>inHerit ID:</b>	17983
<b>State Heritage Register:</b>	
<b>Other Listing:</b>	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
<b>Street address</b>	129 Charles St
<b>Locality</b>	West Perth
<b>Survey</b>	LOT: 106 D/P: 79298
<b>Vol/folio</b>	1908/238
<b>Reserve</b>	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
<b>Level of significance</b>	<b>Considerable</b> Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.
<b>Management category</b>	<b>Category 2</b> Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.
<b>Statement of significance</b>	<p>The fine, large residence, at 129 Charles Street, is rare and an exemplar of a Federation Queen Anne style. It demonstrates the confidence of the early developers in the future of this area with its raised topography and views to central Perth, Parliament House and Kings Park.</p> <p>The place is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the Anglican Church and the Greek Orthodox community who have used the place as a rectory since 1916.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with Patrick Wholley who built the residence in 1904 and lived there until his death in 1911.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during 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> <p>The place has social value for its association with the Anglican and Greek Orthodox churches which have been important for the provision of service to the community.</p>

## PLACE USE

<b>Original use</b>	Residential: Single Storey Residence
<b>Current use</b>	Residential: Single Storey Residence
<b>Other use</b>	Religious: Housing or Quarters

## CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

<b>Construction date</b>	1904
<b>Walls</b>	Brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Queen Anne

## Physical description

The single storey dwelling is elevated at the front, with a raised verandah to the front and side. Main access is provided by sweeping curved concrete staircase with low rendered balustrades and pillars at the base. The place is a balance between the symmetry of the house and the asymmetry of the verandah, which is resolved with a formal geometry denoting Beaux Arts principles of composition.

The body of the house is symmetrical, with a high pitched hipped roof that features a centre top gablet and twin gables over the rectangular bay windows that flank the central front door. A bullnose verandah runs the entire width of the frontage. It is supported by turned timber posts with a spindled valence.

The verandah is constructed on a face limestone retaining wall. The front wall is face brick with a horizontal rendered band.

The windows are pairs of double hung sashes. Elevated from the front boundary behind a brick pier and palisade fence with lawns and minimal plantings in setback.

## CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	High
<b>Authenticity</b>	High

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In 1904, a building permit was issued for No. 125 Charles Street to contractor Patrick Wholley, of the business of Wholley and Walsh. The residence appears in the 1905 Post Office Directory but it was numbered as 173.

Patrick Wholley was born in Ireland and was a successful building contractor until his death in 1911, leaving his widow with four sons and four daughters to raise.

In 1915, Mrs Beatrice Wholley was listed as the occupant and by 1916 the number had changed to 143. The residence was situated in a rapidly developing area, with a new state school around the corner on Newcastle Street (West Perth Public School at No. 480 Newcastle Street), and the Methodist Mission Chapel and Church in the same street block. On the opposite side of Charles Street, a galvanised iron building had been constructed in 1897, as St Paul's Anglican Church.

Sometime shortly before 1916 (it was listed in Wise's Post Office Directories for the first time that year), a new church building was constructed on the corner of Charles and Carr streets, adjoining No. 129, which was purchased as the presbytery for the church.

No rector was listed in 1916 but the following year, Reverend Llyod Wilson (BD) was listed as the incumbent. He was followed by Reverend George R. Holland in 1920. In 1949 Reverend C. A. Walsh was in situ. He later became a Canon and transferred to St Luke's Anglican Church in Cottesloe.

In the 1920s and 1930s, Greek migrants to Perth, many of whom came from the island of Castellorizo (Megisti), settled in Northbridge. They established the Church of St Michael and St Helene in Parker Street in 1936 with funds raised from within the Greek community. Following World War II, a new wave of migrants came from Greece. Many of these were also Castellorizians, and among them was a family who brought a religious icon with them. This was the Icon of the Annunciation of Our Lady, which had originally been installed in the church of that name in Antifelo in Asia Minor, only kilometres from Castellorizo.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

Following the Greco-Turkish War of 1921, the Icon was removed to Castellorizo where it remained for 25 years before being brought to Perth. The new Greek migrants wanted another church where the icon could be installed. In March 1958, a committee established for the purpose, purchased the Anglican Church of St Paul's and its presbytery (No. 129 Charles Street).

Following some alterations to the church, the first liturgy was held in the new Church of the Annunciations of Our Lady on 6 December 1958 and the Church was consecrated on 9 August 1959. The church was extensively renovated in 1970 so that it took in the stylistic features of the typical Greek Orthodox Churches. In the following years, another two houses in Charles Street were bought to cater for the needs of the community as well as those of the Hellenic Christian Ladies' Unions and the Greek Orthodox Youth League of WA. A school was established in 1971 in a transportable building in the church grounds.

In the late 1990s, the roof cladding of this residence was replaced.

By 2007 the church owned all the land from No. 121 on the corner of Prospect Place to this residence No. 129.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate the aforementioned extensive renovation of the Church beside the subject place, as well as the demolition of the southernmost residences at No. 121 in the late 1980s and the subsequent building of the semi-detached structures in their place, allowing for six new residences.

2017 saw the grounds between the buildings remodelled into parking areas and grassed areas. There have been no visible changes since then and the place continued to be used for the Greek Orthodox Church community.

<b>Historic theme</b>	Cultural Life: Religion Cultural Life: Domestic Life Peopling WA: Demographic Development	
<b>Associations</b>	Patrick Wholley and family	Builder and occupant
<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006. Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

