

HOUSE, 27 VIOLET ST, WEST PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 27 Violet St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18065
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	27 Violet St
Locality	West Perth
Survey	LOT: 4 D/P: 1308
Vol/folio	1412/352
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 retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The original residence has aesthetic value as a good intact example of the Victorian Georgian style with the majority of the original external detail intact.</p> <p>The place is a landmark in the streetscape as it is the last of the original homes in the street.</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 residence has historic value as a demonstration of a family home built for working families in the early 20th 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> <p>The place has social value as it demonstrates the scale and form of a home for working families in the early 20th century.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: single storey residence
Current use	Residential: single storey residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1903
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Late Colonial Georgian
Physical description	<p>Formerly one of a pair at Nos 25 and 27, owned by the same person. No 25 was demolished and No 27 was retained. Constructed in the early Federation period the house, nonetheless, is in the Late Colonial Georgian style.</p> <p>It has a simple symmetrical plan form covered with a hipped roof. The central front entry door, with sidelights and fanlights, is flanked by windows to each of the front rooms. The separate skillion verandah spans the full width of the front façade. It is supported on plain square timber posts set on rendered column bases with solid balustrades.</p> <p>The only visible chimney is set behind the ridge of the roof in a position demonstrating it as a double fireplace set in dividing wall between the rooms on the left side of the central passage. Street oriented set close to the street, behind a narrow front garden, enclosed by a chain link fence.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In the 1890s, the Western Australian Gold Boom led to the suburbanization of Perth including the area known as West Perth. Many of the large Perth Town lots were subdivided for residential and commercial development. In 1890, Perth Town Lot Y 253 was purchased by Alexander Forrest, brother of John Forrest and a well-known explorer, financial agent and entrepreneur, as an investment property. In August 1896, Forrest sold the lot to Elizabeth Herman, wife of Solomon Herman of Perth. Elizabeth Herman subdivided Perth Town Lot Y 253 and sold some of the lots in the 1890s. The subject place was built on Lot 4 of the original Perth Town Lot Y 253.

There were a few dwellings built along Violet Street circa 1897 as indicated on a PWD Sewerage Plan, however it is uncertain to conclude that the subject dwelling was built at the time due to the indistinguishable subdivision boundary. Instead, it is believed that No. 27 Violet Street was built circa 1903 as the Building Licence cards show that T. Millar submitted a development application in that year to construct a dwelling at the subject lot. Produce merchant Ernest Eaton is first listed as the occupant at the subject dwelling in the Wise's Post Office Directories in 1908. At that time the owner of the three cottages was Robina Button. She was the wife of licensed victualler Albert Button, and the couple lived in John Street West Perth.

The residency of the dwelling changed frequently over the years and the residents included George Pilkington, S. Bradley and Charles Butler.

No. 25, to the south of No. 27 Violet Street, no longer extant, was built at the same time with an identical configuration with the subject place. A Sewerage Plan dated 1953 shows that both Nos. 27 and 25 have verandahs at the front and back and a galvanized iron addition at the rear. The entry of the subject dwelling on the City's Municipal Heritage Inventory was requested by the then owner, after approval was given for the demolition of Nos. 21 and 25 in 2001, which he also owned. Nos. 27 and 25 were of the same design, but No. 27 was the most authentic of the three houses. At the time of demolition, both Nos. 21 and 25 had been greatly altered over the years, with most of the visible fabric being replacement material.

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Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show few changes to the subject place until the early 1990s when its roofing was replaced. Also seen is the aforementioned demolition of the neighbouring buildings and their modern replacements in the early and late 2000s. With the exception of the roofing and some landscaping, the subject site appears not to have changed since the beginning of the aerial photography.

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	T. Millar Ernest Eaton	Builder First listed occupant
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006. Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

