

PARRY STREET PRECINCT, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Parry Street Precinct
Other names	Tassia Court, 111 Parry St, P15793 Flats 278-288 Pier St Duplex 99-101 Parry St, P15796 Duplex 103-105 Parry St, P15795 Duplex 107-109 Parry St, P15794 Duplex 135-137 Parry St, P15791 Duplex 139-141 Parry St, P15790 Duplex 143-145 Parry St, P15789 Duplex 147-149 Parry St, P15787 House 89 Parry St, P15798 House 145 Parry St, P15788 Five Houses 85-93 Parry St, P15797
Place type	Precinct or Streetscape

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	11543, 15787-15791, 15793-15798
State Heritage Register:	28 March 2002
Other Listing:	Perth Draft Inventory 31 Dec 1999

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	89, 93, 99, 103, 107, 111, 135, 139-141, 143, 145-149 Parry St & 278-288 Pier St
Locality	Perth
Survey	
Vol/folio	
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	Exceptional Essential to the heritage of the area. Rare or outstanding example. Consider for nomination for State Register of Heritage Places if not already included.
Management category	Category 1 The place should be retained and conserved. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and be in accordance with a Conservation Plan if one is in place.
Statement of significance	<p>The precinct is rare as an example of a relatively intact streetscape of late nineteenth century and early to mid twentieth century buildings still extant the City of Perth.</p> <p>The place has significance as a cohesive streetscape of modestly and elaborately detailed residential buildings, encompassing a variety of architectural styles dating from the late nineteenth century and early to mid twentieth century.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population increase of the 1890s gold boom and the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The place collectively demonstrates the standard of residential accommodation built in the area during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century and the subsequent changes in ownership illustrate the social mobility of the Northbridge population as expansion of transport services enabled the more well-to-do members of society to move further afield to newly developed suburbs.</p> <p>The place is important for its role in providing low cost housing for residents in Northbridge.</p> <p>The precinct forms an integrated group of single storey residential buildings, which contribute to the historic character of the area and to the community's sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: Conjoined Residences
Current use	Residential: Conjoined Residences
Other use	Residential: Flats

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1890 onwards
Walls	Rendered Brick Brick
Roof	Terracotta tile Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Victorian Italianate Inter-War Art Deco Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>Parry Street Precinct comprises a row of semi-detached and detached single storey brick residences. The precinct is located along the southern side of Parry Street between Stirling Street and Braid Street and contains houses numbered 89 to 149 inclusive. The precinct also contains 278-288 Pier Street, which is located on the corner of Parry Street and Pier Streets.</p> <p>Residences within the precinct are predominantly Federation Queen Anne in style. The most notable exception being two Art Deco Style unit complexes, located at 111 Parry Street and 278-288 Pier Street, and a single-storey masonry and iron building in the Victorian Italianate style, located at 89 Parry Street. Roofs are clad either in corrugated iron, ceramic tiles or aluminium tiles. Walls are either face brick or rendered brick. Residences typically have verandahs to the front and set backs of approximately 3-5 metres.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Physical description	Along the front boundaries there are low fences in a variety of styles, including wire with timber posts and rails, masonry and timber pickets. Mature trees can be found to the rear of most properties. The uniformity of styles, building heights and set backs within the precinct creates a cohesive streetscape.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

As part of the impact of the 1890s gold boom, the population of the City of Perth increased substantially, resulting in the expansion of residential and commercial development north of the City centre. The development of Parry Street would also have been influenced by its convenient proximity to public transport, both rail and tram.

Parry Street originally extended from Beaufort Street in the west to Samson Street in the east, where a rail crossing marked the intersection. The East Perth railway station was located a short distance to the north of this point. Originally, Parry Street ran continuously from Lord Street to Stirling Street but by the 1890s Braid Street [previously Little Mangle Street] ran between Parry and Newcastle Street, and during the late 1930s Pier Street (previously Mackie Street) was extended between Newcastle and Parry Streets. The Parry Street properties continued through to Newcastle Street (then Mangles Street), with development of these lots focused initially on the southern portion, along Newcastle Street.

Around 1895, development began to occur along Parry Street, with housing and some small-scale manufacturing, warehousing and transport operations, while between the railway line and Lord Street was the Perth City Council yards and later, the Perth Public Pound

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Many of the houses now existing in Parry Street were constructed from the mid-1890s to the first decade of the 20th century. Details of the changing occupants have been included in the assessment documentation for the State Registration. The homes were typically built as investment properties, and were occupied by a mixture of trades and small business people, shop keepers, commercial travellers and agents.

The building stock changed in the Inter War period with the construction of two flat developments. The group of eight flats at 278-288 Pier Street were built c1939 for the owner William Arthur Mold. Mold was a baker who had premises in Maylands. No detail of the architect or builder have been determined.

Tassia Court, at 111 Parry Street was built in 1940 for the owner Stavros Stavrianou to a design by architect Percy Harrison. Greek born Stavros Stavrianou (1906-1989) was a local business proprietor and managed the Olympia Café. In 1943, Stavros and his wife Maria were recorded in the Electoral Rolls as living at 119 Parry Street which is consistent with the location of Tassia Court although the numbering is now changed. The name Tassia Court is believed to originate with the word 'Golden' in Greek.

During subsequent decades, the precinct continued to be occupied for residential purposes. The plan for the north of the city by-pass was released by the government in 1959, and some years later, in 1978, the properties in the precinct were transferred to the Metropolitan Region Planning Authority. Subsequently the properties in the precinct were leased from the State Planning Commission by Homeswest (the State Housing Commission of W.A.) for a peppercorn rental and in 1987 upgrading of the buildings commenced. The upgrading of these buildings and other buildings in the Northbridge Tunnel area became part of the East Perth Project, which was managed by Landcorp.

The properties within the group are still residential and have undergone some restoration and additions. Many of the properties are still public housing.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development	
	Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Economy: Commerce	
	Stavros Stavrianou Percy Harrison	Owner and occupier Architect
Sources	P11543 Parry Street Precinct Assessment Documentation, DPLH 2002. inHerit - State Heritage Office City of Perth Rates Books Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



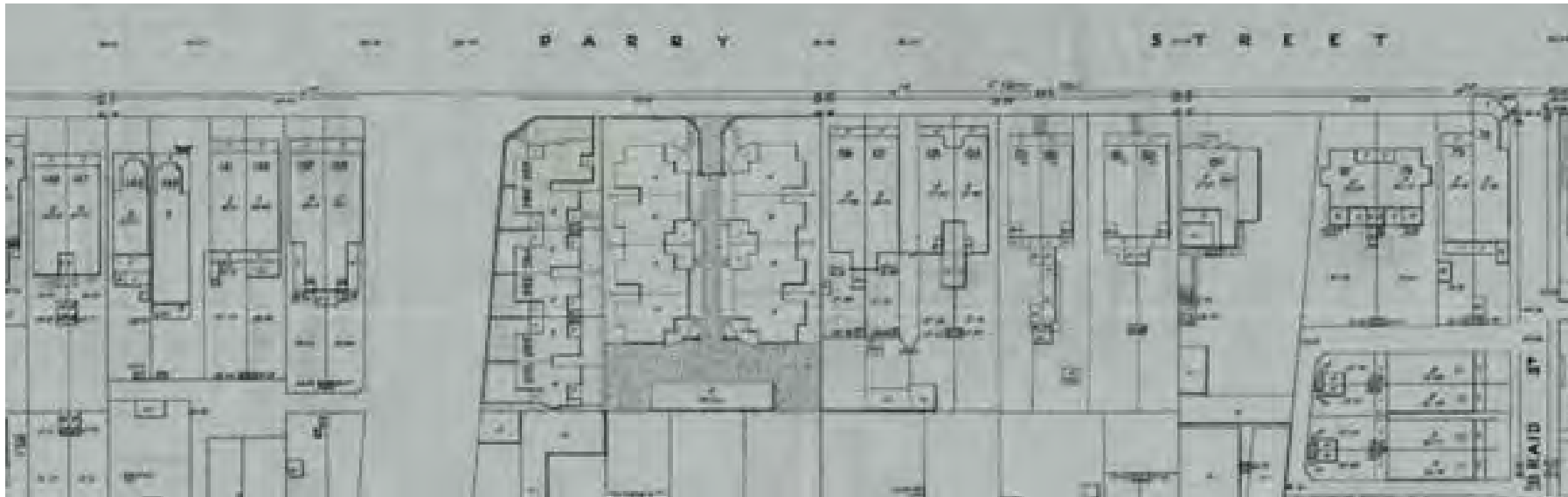
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ARCHIVAL IMAGES



Parry Street Precinct Sewerage Plan, 1955. Courtesy State Records Office of WA