

Heritage Citation



King's Lynn

Key details

Addresses At 37 Jeays Street, Bowen Hills, Queensland 4006

Type of place House

Period Victorian 1860-1890

Style Queenslander

Lot plan L26_RP9985

Key dates Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002
Date of Citation — November 2010

Construction Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

People/associations Matthew Atkinson (Builder)

Criterion for listing (A) Historical

This two-storey timber residence was constructed circa 1886 for joiner and carpenter Matthew Atkinson. It was built when Bowen Hills was developing as a residential area, prior to the introduction of light industry, and is now the oldest surviving residence in Jeays Street.

History

This small two-storeyed timber building was constructed around 1886 by Matthew Atkinson. Atkinson, a joiner and carpenter, had lived in the Bowen Hills area since the early 1880s, residing in Brookes Street in 1883-4 and then in Jeays Street in 1887 after the construction of this house.

The land was originally part of portion 114, an area of over 2 acres granted to Joshua Jeays, after whom the street is named, in 1856. The land was subdivided, and Matthew Atkinson bought the land on which the house stands and the allotment to the rear in December 1872. Mortgages for £100 and £150 were taken out in 1880 and 1886 respectively.

The two-storey construction of this house was unusual for a small block in this area, and set it apart from the more modest dwellings constructed in Jeays Street around the same time. It seems that Atkinson did not reside in this house for long and the building was rented after his death in 1892. In 1893 the building was called 'King's Lynn' and occupied by a reporter, William Arthur Laverty. Mrs G.C. Atkinson occupied the house from 1895 to 1897, after which R. Alfred Fielding, a clerk, lived there for four years, followed by a number of occupants. In 1927 the property was transmitted to the Public Curator and sold to Elizabeth Hannah Rodwell. It is the earliest surviving building in the street, recording the early residential development of the area.

Description

King's Lynn is a late nineteenth century, two-storey dwelling (c1886), with a pyramid corrugated iron roof and chamferboard clad walls. The timber corbel bracketed main roof has limited eaves and is separate from the hipped verandah roof at the front of the dwelling.

Full front verandahs are on both levels of the house with the lower partially enclosed with lattice and the upper verandah decorated with galvanised iron verandah brackets and balustrade. The front elevation of the house is symmetrical. Two pairs of timber framed doors with horizontal timber louvres provide access to the upper

verandah.

Skillion roofed sunhood with timber brackets shade the side windows of the house. The house is one storey at the back with a balcony area on top.

Statement of significance

Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

Historical

CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as a remnant of the residential nature of this part of Bowen Hills in the nineteenth century, prior to the intrusion of light industry in the twentieth century.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Water Supply and Sewerage Detail Plans
2. Department of Natural Resources, Queensland Certificates of title and other records.
3. Environmental Protection Agency
4. JOL Estate Map Collection and photographic collection
5. McKellar's Map of Brisbane and Suburbs. Brisbane: Surveyor-General's Office, 1895
6. Queensland Post Office Directories

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