

Heritage Citation



Linsdale

Key details

Also known as	Irvine
Addresses	At 53 Merthyr Road, New Farm, Queensland 4005
Type of place	Villa
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Filigree
Lot plan	L2_RP8733
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — February 2011

Construction

Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Masonry

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (E) Aesthetic

This late nineteenth century house is one of three identical houses built adjacent to each other following the transfer of the property from Paul Cole Atkinson to Mary Ann Willcocks, wife of George Charles Willcocks in 1890. Willcocks, a successful railway contractor, probably built these houses as rental investment properties to attract middle class tenants, exemplifying Brisbane's late nineteenth century speculative housing development. He also built four identical houses in Moreton Street as rental investment properties in 1895. From 1900 the house was listed as 'Linsdale' for some years and by the 1920s was named 'Irvine', following the transfer of the property to George Henry Gough, a shipwright and his wife Margaret in 1919. This single-storey, masonry house was built in the Victorian Filigree style. It has a pyramid, corrugated-iron roof with detached, bull-nose verandah, decorative timber pediment over the front entrance and cast-iron balustrades.

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 it illustrates the pattern of residential development in the late nineteenth century on Merthyr Road, the main artery between.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as one of three identical, symmetrical, 1890s masonry houses which form a highly-cohesive visual group.

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