

Heritage Citation



Spring Hill Tavern (former)

Key details

Addresses At 149 Fortescue Street, Spring Hill, Queensland 4000

Type of place Shop/s, Shophouse

Period Victorian 1860-1890

Style Queenslander

Lot plan L5_RP10485

Key dates Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004
Date of Citation — April 2011

Construction Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Masonry

People/associations William Jackman (Builder)

This building was constructed in 1879 by bricklayer William Jackman, who ran an unlicensed tavern from the premises. Closed in 1888 after it had become the source of public discontent, the building has gone on to serve a number of purposes, both commercial and residential.

History

In 1879, Irish bricklayer William Jackman purchased 11.25 perches of land at the corner of Fortescue and York Streets, Spring Hill. Jackman took out a ?180 mortgage on the land and built a brick, two-storey residence on the block. From 1883, Jackman is thought to have run an unlicensed tavern from the premises. Popular legend has it that the Spring Hill Tavern was so noisy and disreputable that a public petition was raised for its closure. This occurred around 1888. Jackman sold the property to George Clark in 1890 and the building underwent a variety of uses including as a shop and residence. In 1956, it was converted into eight small flats by George Mee Lee, William John Sue San and Alfred Mee Lee. Architect Noel Robinson bought the property in 1974 and he spent considerable effort restoring the building back to a residence for use as his home office. Most recently, it has been used as the Spring Hill office of Raine and Horne real estate agents.

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 is an 1870s two-storey masonry building, illustrative of the steady development of Spring Hill in the last years of settlement prior to the boom of the 1880s.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as it is an uncommon, surviving 1870's masonry two-storey shop/house in Spring Hill.

Supporting images



Unidentified photographer,
'140 Fortescue Street - Spring Hill', 23 December 1980,
Brisbane City Council Library Services, Brisbane City
Council.

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