

Heritage Citation



Stone Residence

Key details

Addresses	At 22 Cartwright Street, Windsor, Queensland 4030
Type of place	House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L2_RP75696
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — February 2011
Construction	Roof: Tile; Walls: Stone

People/associations George McConachie (Builder)

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (B) Rarity

This stone house was built by George McConachie, a stonemason, in around 1884-85 and is a rare nineteenth century stone house in Brisbane. The house is illustrative of development in Windsor in the 1880s when the area began to change from one of large estates into a residential suburb, comprising smaller housing allotments.

History

This house is situated on what was once part of Rosemount, a country estate owned by Daniel Rowntree Somerset during the 1850s. The property changed hands several times before it was purchased in the 1870s by Matilda and Maurice Lyons who subdivided the land into 'villa sites' from 1880 as Rosemount Estate.

At the time of the house's construction, the area was known as O'Connell Town. In 1885 George McConachie purchased subdivision 94 and subsequently constructed his new house. Cartwright Street was originally known as Maud Street and McConachie was first listed in the *Post Office Directories* residing in Maud Street from 1885. This confirms that the house was constructed by 1885.

The house was built from tuff believed to have been extracted from Caroll's Quarry in nearby Lyons Street. Sandstone was used for door and window 'points' and a rear lower-storey wine cellar was built of hand-cast bricks. The construction of the house includes the use of traditional lime mortar externally, two fireplaces, internal walls of 'VJ' boards and open timber verandahs with bull-nosed roofs (since replaced).

George McConachie and his wife, Harriet Duff McConachie, lived in the house until their deaths in 1927. In 1937 the house was sold to Bertram and Sarah (Sadie) Wilson who had recently moved from rural Queensland. During the 1930s, the verandahs were converted to the 'Californian Bungalow' style and an addition in the same style was added to the front of the house. Sadie Wilson, a well-known local figure, died in 1989.

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

for the evidence it provides of the development of the Rosemount Estate in Windsor during the 1880s, a period when Windsor was changing from an area of large wealthy estates to a more developed residential suburb.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as it is a rare example of a nineteenth century stone house in Brisbane.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Detail Plans
 2. Brisbane City Council, 1946 aerial photographs.
 3. *Certificates of Title*, Department of Environment and Resource Management
 4. Queensland Post Office Directories
 5. Queensland Electoral Rolls
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examination of the building. The statement of significance is a summary of the most culturally important aspects of the property based on the available evidence, and may be re-assessed if further information becomes available. The purpose of this citation is to provide an informed evaluation for heritage registration and information. This does not negate the necessity for a thorough conservation study by a qualified practitioner, before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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