



Heritage Citation



170 Wilston Road, Newmarket

Key details

Addresses	At 170 Wilston Road, Newmarket, Queensland 4051
Type of place	House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L2_RP101724
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — March 2002
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Masonry

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (A) Historical; (B) Rarity

This house survives as a rare example of a modest brick residence built in Newmarket in the late nineteenth century. It also provides evidence of the development of Newmarket as a semi-rural suburb in the 1880s and 1890s and the brickworking industry that flourished here during this period. The house is believed to have been built for (and possibly by) brickmaker Charles Finamor in the 1880s or 1890s and was only the second to be built on Wilston Road. In the early 1960s, the house was converted to flats, but has since been restored to a single dwelling.

History

Initial research indicates that this brick house was probably built by Charles Finamor, a brickmaker, in the 1880s or 1890s.

Charles Finamor purchased 4 acres of land in 1875 at what was then often called Enoggera, but later became Newmarket. In 1877, he transferred this land to a widow, Mary Ann Dalton, whom he married the following year.

Postal directories for the 1880s show Charles Finamore [sic], "Brickmaker" at Enoggera Road. This is perhaps where his brickworks were situated and was possibly quite close to the brick house in Wilston Road. The land was mortgaged several times by Mary Ann Dalton between 1879 and 1890, possibly to help finance a brickmaking business. The earliest reference in postal directories to the Finamors at Wilston Road occurs in 1894-95, however, it is possible the house was constructed prior to this date. According to postal records, the Finamor's house was only the second to be built in Wilston Road.

Charles Finamor died in 1889. It seems that Charles Finamor was in financial difficulties as after his death, the property passed to the most recent mortgagors, Richard Gailey and William Ewing. The land was held by the North Australian Trust Company until 1914 when over 2 acres 1 rood was sold to the Brisbane Brick and Builders Supply Company. The remainder of the property, containing the house, was sold to Kate Miller, "spinster" of Victoria in 1918. This parcel of land has since been further subdivided and had several different owners. As a result, the house now faces an easement which is perpendicular to Wilston Road.

A photograph of the area taken circa 1905 shows the house as one of a cluster of buildings on the western side of Wilston Road in a rural setting.

During the early 1960s, the house was owned by Elly and Johann Efanow, who converted it to two flats. It has since been reconverted to a family home. Some alterations have been carried out on the house, however, its original form is mostly intact and the house has retained its chimneys and fireplaces.

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 an early residence in the Newmarket area which demonstrates the development of the suburb in the late 19th century.

Historical

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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 brickmaking industry in the local area during the late 19th century.

Rarity

CRITERION B

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

as a rare example of a 19th century brick cottage in the Newmarket area.

References

1. John Oxley Library Photograph Collection
2. Queensland Certificates of Title
3. Registrar-General, Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Dept. of Justice and Attorney General, Queensland Government
4. Queensland Government, *Queensland Pioneers Index 1829-1889*, (Brisbane: Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2000)
5. Queensland Post Office Directories

6. The interior of the house was viewed by the kind permission of Mrs Gillespie, 29 January 2002

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