

Heritage Citation



227 Boundary Street, West End

Key details

Addresses	At 227 Boundary Street, West End, Queensland 4101
Type of place	House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L11_RP11163
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Citation — November 2010
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

This timber and tin residence was constructed circa 1879 for labourer Charles West who lived in the house with his wife Mary until their deaths in 1931. It was one of the earlier houses built in the area and it provides evidence of workers' housing in West End in the mid-to-late nineteenth century.

History

This site was part of a five acre suburban allotment acquired by Thomas Grenier, a South Brisbane entrepreneur, under Deed of Grant in 1856. Grenier began subdividing it into small allotments in the mid 1870s, and after he died in 1877, his son George continued the subdivision process.

In December 1878 Charles West, a labourer, purchased this 13 perch allotment. Within 12 months he had erected his new home on the site. It was one of the first houses built on this block of Boundary Street, between Vulture and Corbett Streets.

Although similar in scale to worker's dwellings erected nearby, this house differs in the fine ornamentation and attention to detail applied to it. This may be because it was possibly built or added to by the owner, who by 1883 was recorded as being a carpenter. The house is also well sited on a ridge, attracting views and breezes not usually associated with workers dwellings, which traditionally are located in the lower parts of West End.

Charles West and his wife Mary Ann remained in this house until Charles' death in 1931. Mary West became a tenant for life, but survived her husband's death by only a few weeks. The property passed to John Fry and William George West as trustees, and subsequently sold. During the 1930s the property became a rental property, a common trend with many inner suburban properties.

Description

This residence is a small late nineteenth century dwelling, with a hipped roof form and gabled roof over a front room. A separate roof delineates a verandah area at the front of the house. The verandah is partially enclosed with a timber dowel balustrade topped by timber lattice privacy screening. Side windows are sheltered by pressed metal window awnings. A small semi-separate pavilion or kitchen wing with a pyramidal roof is situated to the rear of the property and contributes to the streetscape appearance of the building.

The front fence is of timber palings with an invert curve to the upper gate rail.

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 evidence of workers' housing in West End in the mid-to-late nineteenth century.

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