

## Heritage Citation



### Fernside

#### Key details

<b>Also known as</b>	Glen Erin
<b>Addresses</b>	At 35 Villiers Street, New Farm, Queensland 4005
<b>Type of place</b>	House
<b>Period</b>	Victorian 1860-1890, Federation 1890-1914
<b>Style</b>	Filigree
<b>Lot plan</b>	L2_RP106436
<b>Key dates</b>	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — December 2010
<b>Construction</b>	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

<b>People/associations</b>	William Villiers Brown (Occupant)
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<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (H) Historical association
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The middle section of 'Fernside', may have been built following the purchase of the property by William Villiers Brown in 1865. Villiers Brown, who grew up on the nearby 1850s family property, 'Kingsholme', had extensive banking and pastoral interests, and later represented Townsville in the Queensland Government. Villiers, Lechmere and Bailey Streets were named after family members. During the 1880s building boom Villiers Street became a desirable residential address for merchants and public figures with the subdivision of large New Farm estates, such as the Villiers Estate, into sizeable suburban allotments. George Myers, who purchased the masonry residence in 1887, transformed it into a grand home, reflecting his status as a Brisbane merchant and founder of the Brisbane Synagogue. He named the house 'Glen Erin', which was renamed 'Fernside' after the property was transferred to Ida Maud Levy and Edith Rachael Solomon in 1918.

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## 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:

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#### Historical

##### CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history as a good example of New Farm's affluent, middle-class residential development from the 1860s to 1880s.

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#### Historical association

##### CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

as the property of William Villiers Brown from the mid to late 1860s, who later represented Townsville in the Queensland Government and whose family were early landowners in New Farm.

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