

Heritage Citation



Francisca

Key details

Also known as	Francisca, figs & gateposts
Addresses	At 159 Alexandra Road, Clayfield, Queensland 4011
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Bungalow
Lot plan	L7_RP76413
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — March 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

People/associations	Hall and Dods (Architect)
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Criterion for listing	(H) Historical association
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The architectural firm Hall & Dods produced a design for John Theodore Franz's Alexandra Rd home, known as 'Francisca'. Franz was company secretary of the prominent Queensland engineering firm Evans, Anderson, Phelan and Coy Ltd. He was also a member of the Toombul Shire Council.

History

John Theodore Franz purchased a triangular piece of land containing a little over one acre in April 1885. Charles Gustav Franz, John's younger brother was placed on the title deed as a nominated trustee for J.T. Franz in August 1886, the month in which John married Maria Sargeant. A Bill of Mortgage was taken out in Charles' name in 1897 for £400. This is the same year architectural firm Hall & Dods produced a design for JT Franz's Alexandra Rd home.

John Theodore Franz was the son on one of the Moravian missionaries who came to Moreton Bay in 1838 and established a missionary settlement at Zion Hill. John was born and raised in Brisbane and eventually worked as an accountant with the engineering firm of Evans, Anderson, Phelan and Coy Ltd. There he rose to the position of company secretary. He was interested in politics and held a position on the Toombul Shire Council for a number of years, and was deeply involved with local Masonic clubs. When he died in 1926 the property was transferred to the name of his widow Maria until her death in 1951. It remained with the Franz family for some years, during which time small residential allotments were subdivided from the property.

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 association

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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

specifically with John Theodore Franz, a prominent local resident and councillor; and for its association with the

References

1. Queensland Title Deeds
 2. Queensland Births, Deaths and Marriages
 3. *Brisbane Courier*, 1864-1933
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