

Heritage Citation



Glenisla

Key details

Also known as	Killala
Addresses	At 55 Merthyr Road, New Farm, Queensland 4005
Type of place	Villa
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Filigree
Lot plan	L1_RP8733
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — February 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Masonry

This late nineteenth century house is one of three identical houses built adjacent to each other following the transfer of the property from Paul Cole Atkinson to Mary Ann Willcocks, wife of George Charles Willcocks in 1890. Willcocks, a successful railway contractor, probably built these houses as rental investment properties to attract middle class tenants, exemplifying Brisbane's late nineteenth century speculative housing development. He also built four identical houses in Moreton Street as rental investment properties in 1895. From 1900 the house was listed as 'Glenisla' for some years and then renamed 'Killala', before the property was transferred in 1922 to Lily May Nugent, wife of Francis Joseph Nugent, a naval officer. This single-storey, masonry house was built in the Victorian Filigree style. It has a pyramid, corrugated-iron roof with detached bull-nose verandah, decorative timber pediment over the front entrance and cast-iron balustrades.

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 it illustrates the pattern of residential development in the late nineteenth century on Merthyr Road, the main east-west artery across the New Farm peninsula.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as one of three identical, symmetrical, 1890s masonry houses which form a highly-cohesive visual group.

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