

Heritage Citation



Lalala

Key details

Addresses	At 21 Milne Street, Clayfield, Queensland 4011
Type of place	House
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	California Bungalow
Lot plan	L1_RP48172
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — February 2011
Construction	Roof: Tile; Walls: Face brick

People/associations B. White (Builder);
Charles Herbert Griffin (Architect)

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (H) Historical association

This house was designed by architect Charles Griffin for stock agent and grazier John Jackson. Jackson became a decorated fighter pilot during WWII and was killed leading RAAF No 75 Squadron in action defending Port Moresby in 1942. The airfield at Port Moresby was later named Jackson Field in his honour. Jackson's mother lived in the house until her death in 1955.

History

John Francis Jackson, a stock agent and grazier from the St George district, purchased this land in April 1930. John had moved to Redcliffe by June when he lodged a building application to erect this house. He had also purchased other land in Milne Street and lodged another building application over it at the same time. The house, named La-la-la, was estimated to cost £2700. It was designed by Charles H Griffin and built by B White of Toowong.

Jackson was also a pilot and joined the Citizens Air Force in 1936. When war broke out in 1939 Jackson was posted to RAAF No 23 Squadron as a Pilot Officer. Early in 1940 before he was posted to the Middle East, he transferred title of the property to his widowed mother Edith Annie Jackson. During the war his wife and daughter also resided at 'Lalala'. After a year fighting with No 3 Squadron in the Middle East Jackson was brought back to Australia as the war with Japan began. He was later decorated for his bravery in Lybia, Syria, and Cyprus. Jackson served in the defence of Port Moresby as Squadron Leader of No 75 Squadron, flying Kittyhawks until he was killed in a dog-fight over that town in 1942. The airfield at Port Moresby was later named Jackson Field in his honour.

Edith Jackson remained at La-la-la until her death in 1955.

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 the development of the suburb of Clayfield during the 1930s.

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

It has a special association with the life of John F Jackson, decorated WWII fighter-pilot, a person of importance in the City's or local area's history.

References

1. *Brisbane Courier*, 1930-39
 2. Undated page entitled 'Anzac' from Clayfield College newspaper
 3. Brisbane City Council Building Register 1930
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available. The purpose of this citation is to provide an informed evaluation for heritage registration and information. This does not negate the necessity for a thorough conservation study by a qualified practitioner, before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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