



Heritage Citation



Shop

Key details

Addresses At 186 Vulture Street, South Brisbane, Queensland 4101

Type of place Shop/s

Period Federation 1890-1914

Style Queenslander

Lot plan L4_RP1406

Key dates Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000
Date of Citation — January 2011
Date of Information — January 2011

Construction Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

People/associations Alfred Urry (Builder)

Criterion for listing (A) Historical; (A) Historical; (B) Rarity

This shop was constructed in 1892 by Alfred Urry, a South Brisbane builder. Along with the shop, Urry constructed the two workers cottages at numbers 176 and 178 and also the multiple dwelling at number 180. All were constructed as investments and were built at a time when there was much interest in speculative property investment in South Brisbane. The buildings have remained in continuous use since they were completed.

History

In 1885 Alfred Urry, a South Brisbane builder, purchased one rood, ten and a half perches on a ridge fronting Vulture Street. He subdivided the land and in 1889 built two identical timber workers cottages on the easternmost blocks. In 1892 he added an attached house containing three separate dwelling units and this shop on the eastern corner. Because Urry subdivided the land before the enactment of the Undue Subdivision of Land Prevention Bill of 1885, he was allowed to build on allotments smaller than 16 perches.

Urry was following a trend of speculative investment in South Brisbane that burgeoned in the 1880s. He let out the row of dwellings to a variety of tenants, most of whom were transient, staying for no longer than twelve months before moving on.

Urry died in June 1903 and the trustees of his property commissioned the Queen Street auctioneer G.H. Blocksidge to sell the estate. On Saturday 4 June 1904 the buildings were opened for inspection and George Randall, a wealthy entrepreneur of South Brisbane purchased the four subdivisions containing the two detached houses, three attached dwellings and shop for £675. Randal retained the property for the next 65 years.

The store had three rooms attached intended as a dwelling for the store operator. From completion to the mid 1930s the shop was host to boot makers, a confectionary store, and a general store. It has remained in continuous use since construction.

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 the shop reflects the trend of speculative interest in rental investment that burgeoned in South Brisbane in the 1880s.

Historical

CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as surviving shop constructed in South Brisbane in the early 1890s.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as part of an uncommon group of timber buildings intended as rental investment comprising the two detached houses at 176 and 178 Vulture Street, the three attached dwellings at 180 Vulture Street, and this 1892 shop.

References

1. Titles Office Records
2. Post Office Directories.
3. John Oxley Library Estate Map Collection

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