

Heritage Citation



St John's Wood servants' quarters (former)

Key details

Also known as	The Homestead
Addresses	At 33 Piddington Street, Ashgrove, Queensland 4060
Type of place	House, Work residence
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L1_RP89982
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — October 2014

Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber
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People/associations	George Rogers Harding (Occupant)
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Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (B) Rarity
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This residence was originally the servants' quarters for the adjacent fine home, "St John's Wood", constructed in the 1860s by high-ranking public servant, Daniel Rowntree Somerset. St John's Wood was later sold to prominent barrister and later Supreme Court Judge, George Rogers Harding, and became a notable site of society functions. The servants' quarters were attached to the western side of the house, by a kitchen, laundry and other rooms. The kitchen was later demolished, and the servants' quarters converted and extended to form a separate house. This house was subdivided from the main property in 1958. The present owners have retained much of the original structure, with a number of additions.

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 former servants' quarters of the fine 1860s home, 'St John's Wood', it provides evidence of European settlement in the area decades before Ashgrove was developed as a residential area; and as the servants' quarters illustrate the way in which large estates once functioned, with servants residing in their own quarters.

Rarity

CRITERION B

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

as an uncommon example of nineteenth century servants' quarters in Brisbane.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Building Cards
2. Brisbane City Council Aerial Photographs
3. Queensland Certificates of Title
4. Queensland Heritage Register – EHP website – entry for ‘St John’s Wood’, 33 Piddington St, Ashgrove, viewed 24 Oct 2014. <https://heritage-register.ehp.qld.gov.au/placeDetail.html?siteId=16269>
5. Information kindly supplied by Mr Morris Moorhouse

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