

Heritage Citation



Tattersalls Lodge

Key details

Also known as	Tattersall's Lodge
Addresses	At 110 Yabba Street, Ascot, Queensland 4007
Type of place	House
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Filigree
Lot plan	L4_RP53422
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — April 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber

This house was built circa 1890 by James Clark as the residence associated with one of the first commercial stables (Tattersall's stables) adjacent to the Eagle Farm racecourse. Known as 'Tattersall's Lodge' the house was home to various horse trainers until occupied by horsebreeder and turf personality, James McGill. It remained in the McGill family until 1925.

History

A large estate of more than 36 acres located near the Eagle Farm racecourse was subdivided by The Federal Building Land and Investment Society Limited in 1887. Unsurprisingly it was known as the Tattersall's Estate.

Seizing an opportunity bookmaker Charles Burton acquired four allotments of one rood 24 perches in July 1888, and there he erected 'Tattersall's Stables' for lease to horse trainers. Burton sold them on to James Clark in 1890. It is likely this house was erected as part of 'Tattersall's Lodge' in 1890., and used by the trainers such as George Burgess from 1890 and then Eric Trew (1897– 1902).

Clark sold in 1899 to Gilbert Powell Wyndahm Heathcote, hotelkeeper at Wilcannia NSW, who died in 1901. The property was auctioned after Heathcote's death, where it was described as: "Tattersall's Lodge. Situated at Ascot. Corner of Oriel Road and Yabba Street.' The building was noted as "Substantial six-roomed cottage. With half-hall, and verands on three sides with racing stables, 130 ft x 16 ft, built of hardwood, and containing 10 stalls, feed and man's rooms."

Grazier James McGill, known as the 'Squire of Blacklands' acquired the property and took up residence in 1902. McGill, who also ran a horsestud, changed its name to 'Fitzgraffon Lodge' after one of his horses. Much of the stud business was sold in 1910 when McGill, described as 'one of the fathers of the Queensland turf' retired. James McGill died in 1918 leaving the house to his son James Charles McGill, who held it from 1920 until 1925. It has since passed through a number of owners, and the stables have disappeared.

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 a 19th century cottage associated with the accomodation and training of horses that developed in the vicinity of the local racecourse.

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

as a residence constructed in association with the stables and training facility, it has a special association with the development of the horse racing industry in the nineteenth century.

References

1. Brisbane City Council Detail Plans
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