

Heritage Citation



Tufton House

Key details

Addresses	At 8 Tufton Street, Bowen Hills, Queensland 4006
Type of place	Cottage, House
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L8_RP94274
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Citation — December 2000
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Masonry - Render

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

Tufton House is a brick cottage built during the mid 1880s. It has a corrugated iron hipped roof, which lessens in pitch over the verandah at the front of the house. The front elevation is symmetrical with a pair of lattice doors providing access to the verandah and to the house. The verandah balustrade is clad in weatherboard with the upper portion of the space enclosed in lattice. The external walls of the house are rendered and along the sidewalls the casement windows are shaded by tinhoods.

History

This brick cottage was built by the mid 1880s when Mrs Mary Ann Rosetta, a widow of Bowen Hills, owned the property. Evidently a rental property, the cottage was occupied successively during the nineteenth century by a gardener, a drayman, a painter and a labourer; occupations typical of the working class nature of the street and those in the immediate vicinity. At this time Bowen Hills was a popular residential suburb with workers due to its proximity to major places of employment in the city and on the wharves. From Bowen Hills workers could walk to work, negating the need for transport expenditure. Many small cottages such as this dotted the lower streets in the suburb while more affluent classes built large homes in elevated positions.

In 1902 the property was bought by John Joseph Smith who retained an interest in the property until 1928. Smith lived in Tufton Street, initially two doors down from this cottage in 1891, then later on the opposite side of the road. He was a carpenter who built a number of other houses in the street in the early twentieth century. During his ownership, this house continued to be rented, and was known as Tufton House between 1906 and 1909.

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 early development of the street as a home for working class residents.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as a rare example of an 1880s masonry cottage.

References

1. BCC building cards
 2. BCC Building Registers
 3. Brisbane City Council Water Supply and Sewerage Maps
 4. Queensland Certificates of Title
 5. Queensland Post Office Directories
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