

Heritage Citation



Young Residence

Key details

Addresses	At 133 Young Street, Sunnybank, Queensland 4109
Type of place	House
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L105_S3471
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004 Date of Citation — January 2011
Construction	Roof: Corrugated iron; Walls: Timber
People/associations	William Daniel Young (Occupant)

This residence was built circa 1919 for William Daniel Young when the area was still predominantly rural. Young lived in the house until 1952 and worked as the Sunnybank stationmaster from 1909 to 1925 and postmaster from 1909 to 1919. Young Street is believed to be named after his father, also William Young.

History

The site was originally part of a quarter acre block purchased by George William Treenish on 27 March 1888. It was a town allotment that was part of the new Town of Sunnybank that was based around the railway station that opened in the same year. On 21 December 1912, the Yeerongpilly Shire Council took control this land and offered it for sale. William Daniel Young bought the block on 17 November 1914. That same day the title deeds were transferred to John Stephen Fowler. The transfer may have been linked to Young's decision to enlist in the First Australian Imperial Force.

On 8 December 1916, William D. Young once again acquired the land. He is not listed as a Sunnybank resident in the *Queensland Post Office Directories* at this time. On 8 August 1919, William Young acquired the land from William D. Young. It is thought that they may have been father and son.

William Young became the stationmaster and postmaster for Sunnybank in 1909. Prior to that he carried out similar duties at the North Pine railway station. Not long after acquiring the land in August 1919, he mortgaged the block for ?150. The loan was provided on 30 September 1919 by the Trustees of the Queensland District No. 87 Independent Order of Reckabites Friendly Society and such transactions were usually undertaken to finance the construction of a house. Thus it is assumed that Young built his home in Young Street circa 1919.

It would seem to be no coincidence that William Young chose to build his residence in the street that was named after William Daniel Young. William D. Young inherited the house and land from William Young after the latter's death on 25 February 1946. This inheritance supports the theory that the two men were closely related. It is also probable that William D. Young lived with William Young at 133 Young Street, given that the *Queensland Post Office Directories* only list the head of each household (usually the oldest male) rather than all occupants of a residence. This may explain why William D. Young is never listed as a resident of Sunnybank.

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 stationmasters residence and as a town allotment that was part of the new Town of Sunnybank based around the railway station that opened 1888.

Rarity

CRITERION B

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

as an example of a rare type of residence in an area largely containing quarter acre blocks used as soldier settlement small farms.

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 the home of the Sunnybank stationmaster from 1909 to 1925, and postmaster from 1909 to 1919, William Young.

References

1. Queensland Certificates of Title
2. Queensland Civil Service Lists
3. Queensland Post Office Directories

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