

ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

1991-1992

NAME House - CORNWALL		REFERENCE NO. 195
OTHER NAMES		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
LOCALITY / SUBURB Ashfield	POSTCODE 2131	ZONING 2(a)
STREET ADDRESS 179 Norton Street	MAP	OWNER Murray NS, Yee VW.
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER		BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION The property boundary
CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	SITE CONDITION
EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE Historic: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Social: Rare <input type="checkbox"/> Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific: Rare <input type="checkbox"/> Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Rare <input type="checkbox"/> Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>		Intact <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Alteration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> - Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> - Unsympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Removed (site only) <input type="checkbox"/>
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE * A Rustic villa of distinctive style. * One of two surviving elements of an interesting trio of residences in this style built by one owner over an unusually prolonged period.		



PHOTOGRAPHS	DATE OF SURVEY
BandW ROLL 91-052-1	NEG NO. 23
COLOUR SLIDES ROLL	FRAME NO.
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<p>HERITAGE LISTINGS</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Register of National Trust (NSW)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Within National Trust Conservation Area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture (RAIA)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Department of Public Works Heritage and Conservation Register</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Permanent Conservation Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Interim Conservation Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Section 130 Order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Nomination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NSW Government Department Heritage Register (S170 Heritage Act)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Engineers (NSW) Heritage Register</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regional Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	<p>PERIOD</p> <p>Pre - 1800 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1800 - 1825 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1825 - 1850 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1851 - 1875 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1876 - 1900 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1901 - 1925 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1926 - 1950 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1951 - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Post - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>HISTORICAL THEMES:</p> <p>State Themes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A place to live Building styles</p> <p>Local Themes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The village of Ashfield</p>	<p>REFERENCE NO.</p> <p>195</p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:</p> <p>1882</p> <p>ARCHITECT / DESIGNER:</p> <p>John Wills</p> <p>BUILDER:</p> <p>John Wills</p>
<p>HISTORICAL NOTES</p> <p>John Wills, a clerk of works in the office of the Colonial Architect, purchased land between Liverpool road and Norton Street in 1853. By the time the new Borough Council's first Rate Book appeared in 1872, Wills was shown as living in a five roomed single storey house with shingle roof. This house, later named "Harlyn", was located well back from both street frontages, and was demolished c.1952. On the same block of land Wills later built the two storey house now known as "Cornwall". A sudden jump in Annual value of 20% in 1883 and a Rate Book entry for the first time of a brick two storey house with slate roof suggests "Cornwall" was built in 1882, considerably later than the 1860s and 1870s claimed by other authorities. These claims, including the story recorded unreferenced in <u>Ashfield, 1871-1971</u>, have not been able to be substantiated. Sands' Directories first record the name "Cornwall" in 1914. The house remained in the hands of John Wills' descendants until 1951.</p> <p>(See also 177 Norton Street).</p>		
<p>INFORMATION SOURCES:</p> <p>Written: Ashfield 1871-1971.</p> <p>Oral: N. Peek, Title, Directory and Council archive searches.</p> <p>Graphic: Architecture of Victorian Sydney (Herman), 1956.</p>		
<p>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:</p> <p>Materials: Brick/stucco walls. Slate roof with sheet metal trim. Timber joinery and decoration.</p> <p>Exterior: Simple steep roofed gabled villa with upper storey rooms partly in the roof space.</p> <p>Interior: Not yet seen.</p> <p>Styles: Victorian Rustic Gothic.</p>		
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The main part of the house is a two storey rectangle, from which, at front and back, single storey rooms project. The gables have finials but were probably originally traceried as well. The most distinctive features are a Juliet balcony with steep faceted and slated roof, chamfered posts and balusters and diagonal handrail; a handsome small open porch with stop chamfered and quirked posts and pointed arch motif.</p>		
<p>MODIFICATION:</p> <p>Gable bargeboards probably simplified. Fencing renewed.</p>		