AD 2001 Ashfield Heritage Study Review of Areas Zoned 2(a)

Name of Item	House				Reference N°
Other Names					2 03 06
Address	82 Charlotte Street				Land Title
Locality	Ashfield		Postcode		
Item Type	Building				Owner/s
Group Name					
Statement of Significance					Condition as observed
A characteristic, representative and intact California Bungalow featuring the					from street —
uncommon arrangement of street-facing gables. It also demonstrates Ashfield's residential growth in the Inter-War period					
					Minor alteration — ☐ Sympathetic
					☐ Unsympathetic
					Major alteration —
					☐ Sympathetic
Summary of Significance					☐ Unsympathetic
Ra		eiative Re	epresentative		Modifications —
Historic [1			Tuckpointing has
Aesthetic [] []			deteriorated somewhat.
Social [] []			
Scientific [] []			
Other]			
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Current Use

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Heritage Listing Recommended

Themes: Local Themes: State

Subdivision and consolidation Towns, suburbs and villages

Historical Notes

The site of this house is in Augustus Alt's 1810 grant of 280 acres, which was incorporated into Joseph Underwood's Ashfield Park Estate by about 1820.(1) On the Higinbotham & Robinson map of Ashfield, 1883, the street is named William Street and this area appears to be part of an estate held by R Hudson. By about 1912 the site is marked on the H E C Robinson map of Ashfield North Ward as Lot 2 of an unnamed subdivision having an application number of 19951.(2)

About the house itself, information is unclear before 1926, but it appears that in 1921, Hugh S Patterson was the owner of two brick houses here, on land with a frontage of 83 feet, each house having eight rooms and a valuation of £952 unimproved and £1,800 improved. Then in 1921 it is likely that Patterson sold this house to Mrs Selina Adelaide Norman, of Croydon; it was then valued at £360 unimproved and £950 improved.(3) In 1926, at which time there was a further subdivision of the land so that this site had a frontage of 43 feet, the property was acquired from Mrs Norman by William Thomas Carment, a retired produce merchant, of Croydon, for £1,560. According to *Sands Directory*, Carment is recorded in 1928 as the first occupier of the house.(4) In 1928 Carment sold the property to Ruby Holmes, of Castle Hill, for £1,650, and it seems that he continued as occupier until 1931, when Mrs E M G Macintosh moved in. In 1928 its valuation was £480 unimproved and £1,650 improved.(5)

Physical Description

The design of this residence illustrates one of many interesting variations of the triple-gable form of the California Bungalow style of architecture. Single-storeyed and built of liver brick, with tuckpointed facade, a rendered plinth and concrete lintels, its low-pitched roof planes are, as expected, covered in terra cotta tiles. A room bay projects forwards on one side and a wider, asymmetrical verandah bay projects further forwards on the other. The three gables so formed have bargeboards with elongated spike-and-curve ends. The three-light window in the room bay has a surface mounted frame and a finely bracketted jack-joisted hood. The gables have panel-and-batten treatment and the main gable has a louvred apex ventilator. The verandah gable is unusual in having a very low-pitched roof springing from a lower plate level, supported on tapered stone blocks resting on stone-capped, brick-embellished and battered roughcast piers, between which is a balustrade with stone coping. The verandah floor, like the front path, is paved with tesselated tiles and the thresholds are terrazzo. The paired front doors have a very unusual arrangement of curved panels and another door, which has bullnose-silled sidelights, opens on to the verandah. The front garden is simple and the brick fence, with piers, base and single pipe rail, is appropriately low.

Information Sources

- (1) Ashfield Heritage Study 1993, vol 1, pp 32, 36.
- (2) In Ashfield Council Archives.
- (3) Valuer-General's records, North Ward, 1921, No 645; 1922-25, No 610; in Ashfield Council Archives. These details are not clearly related to No 82 Charlotte Street.
- (4) Valuer-General's records, ibid, 1926, No 655.
- (5) Valuer-General's records, ibid, 1928, No 692; Sands Directories.