# **Ashfield Heritage Study Inventory Sheets 2010**

Name of Item	Residence, 'R	Roslare'			Reference N°
Other Names					10/32
Address	34 Ramsay St	treet			Land Title
Locality	Haberfield		Postcode	2045	
Item Type	Building				Owner/s
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Current Use			Reference N°				
Residential	10/32						
Heritage Listing	Heritage Listing Ashfield Local Environmental Plan 1985, Schedule 7						
Themes : Local		Themes : State					
Subdivision and co	onsolidation	Towns, suburbs and villages					

#### **Historical Notes**

This property is in the Haberfield No 2 Subdivision. On the H E C Robinson map of Ashfield North-East Ward (undated, but from c 1910) this site, in common with most of those facing Ramsay Street, is outside the area of the subdivision called 'Residential District No 13'. It is assumed that this early example of land zoning provided for commercial-retail development along these main roads.

The site was valued in 1908 and rated in 1910 as vacant land, owned by the Haberfield Property Company. By 1911 this house had been built and was bought from the company and occupied by Sydney Albert Lord.(1) Lord owned the property until 1958, when the owner and occupier was recorded as Miss Margaret Lucy Lord. In that year the improved valuation was given as £6,250.(2)

### **Physical Description**

The competent design of this house suggests that it was the work of an architect, probably D Wormal, Stanton's architect for the Haberfield Property Company.(3) It is a fine single-storeyed brick residence designed in the Federation Queen Anne style of architecture. The facade brickwork is tuckpointed. The hipped roof is slate, trimmed with terra cotta including crested ridges, and has exposed rafter feet. To one side a bay projects towards the street, with a roughcast base and an ample six-light bay window surmounted by a shingled gable having a decorative panel-and-batten apex. The windows have casement sashes and bullnose sills. The chimneys are roughcast with brick decoration. The unusual verandah has a skillion roof which continues down from the main roof plane. The verandah has elegant paired brackets and paired posts supported on piers rising from inverted-arch balustrade bays, and a tiled floor.

The restored front fence is constructed with timber pickets and top rails, on a bullnose brick plinth. The gates match this design. From the front gate a curved path of tiles leads to the front steps, which have slate treads. There is a side driveway of concrete strips, leading to a rear free-standing garage.(4) The garden is completely grassed.

#### **Information Sources**

- (1) The building application has not been found. Many BAs from the Haberfield Property Co were poorly recorded.
- (2) Details of owners and valuations are found in the rate books and the Valuer-General's records in the Archives of Ashfield Council. Details of occupants are given in the annual *Sands Directory*.
- (3) See the booklet *Haberfield Estate*, published by Stanton & Son (no date, but c 1904), p 6 (A copy is in the National Library of Australia). Note that his name is given as Wormal, not Wormald as appears to be wrongly used. Stanton described him as 'an architect of repute, with English and Continental experience.'
- (4) An earlier photograph of the side driveway looking towards the garage can be seen in *Ashfield at Federation* (ADHS, 2001) p 168.