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

Name of Item Other Names	House, 'Newtonville'		Reference N° 3 05 01
Address Locality	17 Edward Street Summer Hill	Postcode 2130	Land Title
Item Type Group Name	Building		Owner/s
A small late Victorian house of interesting design, eclectically combining Classical and Queen Anne motifs and thereby enlivening the streetscape. It is a worthy individual component of the Quarantine Ground conservation area, typically tiny and traditional, yet sprightly.			Minor alteration — ☐ Sympathetic ☐ Unsympathetic Major alteration — ☐ Sympathetic
Summary of S Ra Historic	re Associative Associative	Representative	☐ Unsympathetic Modifications — The verandah floor is not original. The fence and gates are modern simulated palisading.



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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

This property was part of the original Sheep Quarantine Ground, now referred to as the Quarantine Ground conservation area. It was included in a grant made to Joseph Foveaux in 1794, which was later incorporated into Robert Campbell's Canterbury Park Estate. Sophia Campbell leased this part of the area to the NSW government as a quarantine station in the early 1880s. In 1885 the area was subdivided into 183 allotments each of 20 feet frontage. The dwellings eventually erected were constrained by such small sites, resulting in an urban development that has an unusual character in Ashfield.(1) Because of the irregular geometry of this particular part of the subdivision, this site is slightly larger, though the frontage is still narrow.(2)

The site was vacant in 1896, but the first evidence of the house appeared in 1897, when it was owned and occupied by William Roland. Roland owned it until it was bought from Mrs Mary Roland by Mrs Jessie Dugdale, who occupied the house until 1913. By 1920 it had been sold to George Thomas Holland, carriage builder, of Prospect Road, who let it to tenants. In that year the valuation of the property was £130 unimproved and £625 improved. In 1922 the property was acquired by Misses Julia and Annie Patterson for £810. They owned it until at least 1943, but it was tenanted by others except for 1927, when Julia Patterson was occupant.(3)

Physical Description

The architectural style of this cottage is a Federation-period interpretation of Victorian Italianate: in this case an eclectic combination of free Classical and Queen Anne elements. It is a single-fronted, single-storeyed brick house with a hipped roof of unglazed terra cotta tiles. The entrance, to one side of the facade, is emphasised by a squat parapetted tower motif complete with Classical stucco round arch and medieval-like crenellations, supported by brick piers. The verandah alongside has a roof that extends down from the front slope of the main roof, an end post of turned timber, fretsawn brackets and a frieze of turned balusters. The facade is tuckpointed brown brick in Flemish bond, penetrated by a verandah window composed of three lights divided by unusually narrow brick mullions, crowned by brick arch-work, with a rendered sill and double-hung sashes. The verandah floor is above ground level and is approached by brick steps. The brick chimney has a moulded brick cornice and semi-cylindrical capping.

There is a tiny garden, a side driveway and a modern metal palisade fence.

Information Sources

- (1) Ashfield Heritage Study 1993, vol 1, pp 170 et seq; the extent of the Quarantine Ground is shown on the Higinbotham & Robinson map of Ashfield, 1883.
- (2) H E C Robinson map of Ashfield, east ward, undated but about 1912. Interestingly, this map designates the area and some of its immediate surrounds as Residential District No 9.
- (3) Rate Books, east ward: 1896 and 1897, No 229; 1903. No 232; 1905, No 386; Valuer-General's records, east ward, 1908, No 966; 1920, No 353; 1922, No 272; 1928, No 284; 1943, No 325; in Ashfield Council Archives; *Sands Directories*.