

Ashfield Heritage Study Inventory Sheets 2010

Name of Item	Residence	Reference N°	10/45
Other Names	'Creswell' (1908)		
Address	39 Smith Street	Land Title	
Locality	Summer Hill	Postcode	2130
Item Type	Building	Owner/s	
Group Name			
Statement of Significance		Condition as observed from street —	
<p>Now severely compromised, this house was once a characteristic Rustic Gothic building. Historically it is notable for the large number of owners and tenants it has had.</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> Intact	
		Minor alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic	
Summary of Significance		Major alteration — <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsympathetic	
		Modifications — Roof and fenestration replaced. Verandah altered. Timber embellishment removed. Chimneys likewise.	
	Rare	Associative	Representative
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<p>Current Use Residential</p>	<p>Reference N° 10/45</p>
<p>Heritage Listing Ashfield Local Environmental Plan 1985, Schedule 7</p>	
<p>Themes : Local Subdivision and consolidation</p>	<p>Themes : State Towns, suburbs and villages</p>
<p>Historical Notes</p> <p>The site of this house is part of the Underwood Estate. There were no houses on the north side of Smith Street in 1879, but in 1880 Robert Connor was rated as owner-occupier of this six-roomed house. In that year it was acquired from Connor by J G Laing, draftsman, who occupied it for a couple of years before letting it speculatively. From then on a quick succession of many different owners and tenants are recorded. In 1897 the owner was an agent, Russell Jones, but a year later the property was in the ownership of 'Horton's estate' and was still being rented. In 1903 the listed owner was J T Orton (or Horton). Then in 1908 the house was owned by Alfred Ashore Malcolm and called 'Creswell'. It changed hands again in 1911, when Henry Greene bought it. The next owner, William Joseph Quinn, was listed in 1914 and the house was occupied by the previous owner Henry Greene. Again in 1918 the ownership changed, when F M Ward purchased the property. He sold it in 1920 to Mrs Emily Gulson, who owned it until in 1926 when it was bought by Albert Julian Tuddenham, traveller. The changing sequence of owners continued: in 1928, William Longworth Morgan of Balgowlah, who sold it in 1946 to owner-occupier Frank Sydney Betteridge, bicycle frame manufacturer. In 1961, still owned by Betteridge, the property had an improved valuation of £5,000. He owned the property until 1964, when it was sold to Flow Control Pty Ltd for £7,350.(1)</p>	
<p>Physical Description</p> <p>Now severely altered, this house is a single-storey brick building, originally a version of the Victorian Rustic Gothic style of architecture. Its site is above street level. The front wall of the house is rendered and lined to simulate ashlar, while the side walling is painted colonial-bond brickwork. The gable roof is of corrugated metal. The plan is the usual L-shaped form, with a gable wing projecting towards the street and, alongside it, the verandah. The verandah has a concrete floor, a bullnose corrugated metal roof, and cast iron posts with fringe-and-bracket iron embellishment.</p> <p>There is a side driveway leading up to a rear factory building which, according to a sign, is where ice cream is manufactured. The garden, above street level, is simple, with a fountain, and the brick front fence is also a retaining wall.</p>	
<p>Information Sources</p> <p>(1) Details of ownerships are found in the Council rate books, and of valuations in the Valuer-General's records in the Archives of Ashfield Council. Occupiers are listed in the annual editions of <i>Sands Directory</i>.</p>	