

HOUSE

Address: 81 Palmer Place
Certificate of Title: 5250/323

Use: Residence
Cathedral Policy Area: PA8
North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone

Heritage Status: LHP
Other Assessments: Townscape Initiative
1993
Conservation Reports: Nil



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

When builders Hennessey & Son applied to build a £3200 new residence for Marion Aldridge in 1923, an earlier house on site was demolished to make way for it. Marion was married to George S Aldridge who was the president of the Stock Exchange of Adelaide between 1889-1903. He was also brother of Rose, who was the mother of composer Percy Grainger.

This house is an excellent example of an Inter War Georgian Revival style mansion. It retains a symmetrical elevation with painted brick walls, hipped terracotta tiled roof and generally classically derived proportions and details, particularly to the front elevation.

This style of house was constructed as infill or replacement development as town acres were further subdivided between the wars. This house remains an important indication of the type of residences constructed at that time, and evidence of the use of new styles of domestic architecture during this period.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

This substantial twentieth century two storey residence was built in 1923 for Mrs Marion Aldridge.

This house is an important example of the type of mansions constructed in North Adelaide during the 1920s-1930s, and reflects the design, details and building materials commonly in use at that time.

The significant number of stone and brick residences, like this house, constructed in the Inter War period between 1920 and 1940 throughout this section of the city, are an important element of the distinctive historic residential character of North Adelaide.

RELEVANT CRITERIA (under Section 23(4) of the *Development Act*, 1993):

- (a) This house displays historical and social themes that are of importance to North Adelaide as it represents the continued construction of residences on Town Acres further subdivided after the First World War.
- (d) This house displays aesthetic merit and design characteristics of significance to North Adelaide as it is a typical Georgian revival residence of the 1920s displaying consistent use of typical materials such as masonry walls, hipped roof and classically derived detailing.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Original external form, materials and details of this Inter War Georgian revival style residence, including the walls and roof form associated with the house style.

NOTE: The 'Description of Place and Elements of Heritage Value' listed in the Adelaide (City) Development Plan for this property is as follows:

House
Inter-War Georgian revival style residence

North Adelaide Heritage Survey (2004) Recommendation: Local Heritage Place

This is the legally recognised listing and should be used for the purposes of development application assessment

REFERENCES

- ACC Building Surveyors Plan Books 28/2/1923
- Smith Survey 1880
- RM Gibbs, *Bulls Bears and Wildcats: A Centenary History of the Stock Exchange of Adelaide*, 1988, p 68.
- S Marsden, P Stark and P Sumerling, *Heritage of the City of Adelaide: an Illustrated Guide*, 1990, pp 329-330.