

<b>Place name</b> House	<b>Survey Date:</b> 4/07/2004
<b>Other name</b>	<b>Id:</b> 1213
<b>Street</b> 52 Guthridge Parade	<b>Last Update</b> 1/07/2007
<b>Locality</b> Sale	<b>Postcode</b>
<b>Official Locality</b>	<b>Property No</b> HO218
<b>Local Government Area</b> Wellington Shire	<b>Property Info</b>
<b>Precinct:</b> Not in precinct	
<b>Easting</b>	<b>Northing</b>
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Workshop number</b>	<b>Workshop votes</b>
<b>Field survey number</b>	<b>Community priority</b>
<b>Designer</b>	<b>Builder</b>
<b>Ownership</b> Private	<b>Built Date</b> c.1880 <b>Change Date</b>

**Description** Set on a large corner block, open to the street and views of the sports grounds opposite, this Victorian weatherboard house has an unusual form, more Italianate in influence than its detailing and materials suggest. Two projecting bays at each end of the central verandah are broad with bargeboards featuring cut out sections and timber finials with unusual circular vents at the top of the gable ends. The concave verandah has simple slatted decoration typical of Federation domestic architecture of the first decades of this century. Simple straight awnings protect the two front windows.

The house is apparently built around an open courtyard in the centre that contains an underground well originally constructed 70 years ago (1). It is said that the original section of the house is not built on stumps, but on flattened trunks of trees.

At the front of the house, there is a reconstruction of a symmetrical Victorian flower bed. Since 1994 a new front fence (woven wire) has been added and a hedge grown along the front road alignment. The garden has been further developed.(2004)

The house is in excellent condition. Further research is necessary to establish whether an early section of the house has been extended to create the present form. The garden contains the now mature Peppercorn trees, which are thought to be those planted by Edward Dowd in 1913, to the rear of the house.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
House	Victorian	Weatherboard	Corrugated iron

**Condition** Excellent      **Integrity** Intact

Redevelopment/change

Residential

Building  
Tree(s)

National Themes	Local Themes
	7. BUILDING SETTLEMENTS & TOWNS 7.1 Ports

**History** This house was built c.1880 by Forster (1). Prior to c1900 the house was owned by O'Connor. It was then purchased by part of the Dowd family (the 'black Dowds', distinguished by their dark hair from their fair haired relations at Longford, known as the 'white Dowds'). The Dowds, John and Elizabeth (nee O'Connor and Kelleher) came from Ireland and were married in 1885. They had a large family, and the house passed down the family (2). One daughter, Annie (b.1887), was a pupil at Notre Dame de Sion and entered the novitiate there and was professed in 1908. As Mother Francis Xavier, she eventually became Vice Principal of the Sion order. She died in 1968 (3).

The peppercorn trees on the north side were planted by Edward Dowd in 1913 when he was 15 years old. Prior to water reticulation, the underground tank was commonly used by neighbours when they were in short supply of drinking water. This corner of Guthridge Parade and Montgomery Street was known locally as 'Dowd's corner' and it was the end of the run for local butcher and baker deliveries (1).

The house was briefly rented out to the White Dowds, but was then purchased by a nephew, John Dowd. It was later

owned by a Hamill (2).

The south-eastern section of the house at the rear was demolished in 1988 and a new addition added.

**REFERENCES**

- (1) John Dowd, pers. comm., 10 April 2007
- (2) Mrs Mackay, Heritage Awareness Day.
- (3) Fitzgerald, I., (comp.); Sisters of Our Lady of Sion: Centenary 1890-1990, p.19.

Period	Associations
	Dowd family

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO218		Recommended

**National Estate**

**Research Required**

**Recommendations**

**Fieldwork priority?**

**Stage 1 Ranking** Assessed: Sale Heritage Stu **Stage 2 priority** Planning Scheme: Individua

**Final Ranking** Local significance **Final Recommendation** Amendment C26

**Statement of significance** Picturesquely sited on a large corner block, this symmetrical villa, constructed c.1880, with its underground well and mature Peppercorn trees at 52 Guthridge Parade, Sale is of local historic and aesthetic significance to Wellington Shire. It is significant for its historical associations with the Dowds, an important local family, and with Mother Francis Xavier of the local Catholic convent. It also has design importance, demonstrating an unusual and possibly modified Victorian domestic building form. Features of architectural interest include the circular vents and barge boards in the projecting bays, the unusual overall form of the building and the early Peppercorn plantings which form a picturesque setting. The underground well is a rare surviving example that illustrates how people stored water in the early twentieth century (RNE criteria A.4, E.1, F.1 & H.1)

**Extent of designation**

**Informant**

**Notes**


**Follow up**

<b>Bibliography</b>	Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study Context Pty Ltd, (2004), Wellington Heritage Study: Sale Review
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Context

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Jason Pullman

15/12/2005



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John Dowd

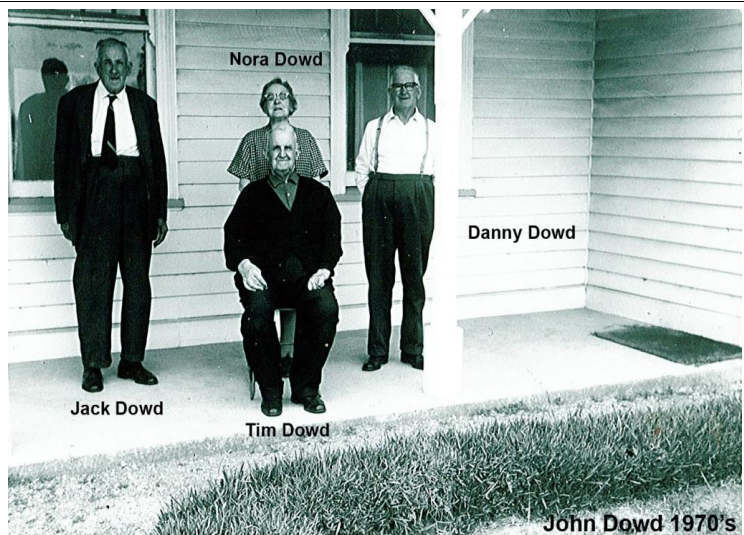
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