

Place name House

Survey Date: 04/07/2004

Other name-

Id: 1139

Street 143 Macalister Street

Last Update 04/10/2004

Locality Sale

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Precinct: Precinct - Sale Victoria Park

Easting

Northing

Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer Dennis Williamson

Builder Dennis Williamson

Ownership Private

Built Date 1956 **Change Date**

Description This large polychromatic brick residence features a number of design features typical of early modern architecture. The generous metal framed curtain windows, complete with curved glass corners are a detail typical of the more luxurious examples of this style, as are the port-hole windows. Other features include the asymmetrical curved form of the chimney tops and the use of glazed brick window sills in a tone contrasting with the walls, and the twisted tapestry brick columns (which are a trademark of the bricklayer/builder, Dennis Williamson) to the front porch. The garden is carefully landscaped with curved, pebble borders in the paths, and crazy-pave finish in the retaining wall fence.

The house appears to be externally intact.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
House	Modern	Brick	Clay tile

Condition Good

Integrity Intact

None apparent

Residential

Building
Fence/gate
Garden

History

The house at 143 Raglan Street, Sale was constructed in 1956 by master bricklayer, Dennis Williamson (1). The house was built for the manager of Sharp's store, and is diagonally opposite what was then Les Treloar's house (another Sale businessman). This house, like others constructed by Williamson, showcased his bricklaying skills - he built a number of significant structures in post-WWII Sale, and is regarded locally as 'the best bricklayer of his time', the 'twisted' chimneys and herringbone pattern being his 'trademarks'. Williamson served a seven-year apprenticeship in Nottinghamshire in the north of England, before emigrating to Australia in 1948 as a '£10 pom'. That same year Williamson came by train to Sale where his relatives and sponsors, the Cawthorns, lived. He met Edgar Bailey, who suggested that he would find work if he contacted Harry Magnuson. Magnuson was putting a second storey on the Nurses Home of the Gippsland Base Hospital. Williamson worked there and witnessed the death of builder's assistant Loughnan, who fell from scaffolding (3).

Some other examples of other houses in Sale constructed by Dennis Williamson included:

- 197 Raglan Street, (Refer to separate citation in this Study), the 'twisted chimneys' house which he built as his own residence.
- Raglan Street, opposite the 'twisted chimneys; house. This house has a wide timber and render gable end facing the street. (Part Lot 3 Section 80, built 1951)
- Barkly Street - cream brick veneer house, set at an angle to the street, built for Ivan Howlett, a policeman.
- 165 Stawell Street (previous number 75A), a cream brick house, angled on the block, with a 'waterfall' chimney. Large, old magnolia tree out the front.

SOURCES

- (1) Research by Peter and Anne Synan, who cite their own archive as well as: Borough of Sale Rate Book entries; Sale Building Permits Register, and Certificate of Title.
- (2) Interview with Dennis Williamson 4 March 2006 by Peter Synan

(3) ibid

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	x		Recommended

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations Historical research would add to an understanding of the significance of this house.

Fieldwork priority?

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

Final Ranking Local significance **Final Recommendation**

Statement of significance The house, constructed in 1956 by Dennis Williamson, is of local aesthetic significance to Wellington Shire. It is a fine and intact example of a large post-war brick residence, a type that is relatively rare in the region, which is notable for the uncommon detailing that showcase the skill of the builder/bricklayer, Dennis Williamson. Features of design interest include curved chimney tops, curved glazing and coloured brickwork and complementary landscaping including retaining walls. (RNE criteria F.1, H.1)

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

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

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