

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2005

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Contributory Significance- Newtown West Heritage Area

History/Notes

In 1936, the land comprising 31-33 Upper Skene Street was subdivided and the site at 31 Upper Skene Street was sold to Walter Agg, a builder. This house was built at this time. The design is similar to the State Savings Bank's standard "B4" concept, although there is no evidence that built the dwelling as part of the Bank's credit foncier scheme. The house was sold to Colin Bowen in 1937, who purchased it in anticipation of his marriage to Miss Ida Winter in the same year.

Colin Campbell Bowen was born in Highton in 1913, the son of Charles William and Jane Ann (nee Gellie) Bowen. Little is known of Bowen's education, but at the time of purchasing the property at 31 Upper Skene Street he was a chemist. He seems to have followed his father in this profession. Charles Bowen held a partnership with the chemical company, Fletcher & Co., and in particular with its Little Malop Street premises. Colin Bowen may have been employed there. C.C. Bowen sold the property at 31 Upper Street to John W.G. Winkleman, agent, in 1949.

The asymmetrical, single storey, rendered brick interwar Bungalow styled dwelling largely reflects its original design. This is shown in the tiled hipped roof forms (the front hipped wing having a porch with stepped openings), brick balustrades with rendered panels flanking the porch entrance steps, timber framed double hung windows, brick chimney, broad eaves and front door opening. At the front is an early low brick fence.

References:

Victorian Births, Deaths & Marriages Indexes, Dept. of Justice.

Newtown Rate Books, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, Geelong Library & Heritage Centre.

Newtown Building Permit 1936, City of Greater Geelong.

Charles Bowen, Probate Administration files, 1954, VPRS 28/P4 Unit 679 PROV.

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Newtown West Heritage Review 2016, D. Rowe & W. Jacobs, 2016;
Hermes Number	199413

Property Number

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