

<b>Street Address</b>	200 Middle Street, Cleveland
<b>GPS/RPD</b>	L6 RP43359
<b>Place Type</b>	Built



Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).



Residence, 200 Middle Street, Cleveland (RPS, 2012).

<b>Condition</b>	Good	<b>Integrity</b>	Good
<b>Statutory Listings</b>	Local Heritage Place		
<b>Non-Statutory Listings</b>	No current listing		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	10/01/2017		

**Historical Context**

The residence at 200 Middle Street was built before 1874 and was part of the first phase of settlement at Cleveland. Cleveland was gazetted as a township in 1850, with land sales commencing in 1851. Cleveland was a potential site for a proposed northern shipping port in the mid-19th century, which heavily influenced the layout of the town in proximity to Cleveland Point. From the late 1850s it was realised that Cleveland would not become the northern shipping port and the town instead turned its focus to developing local industries and as a seaside resort.

The building is understood to be part of the first phase of settlement at Cleveland, which was dominated by port infrastructure and associated industry. This development contributed to the establishment of residences and other town services in the 1860s and 1870s, and by the late 1870s included a number of jetties, hotels, residences and boarding houses, a post office and weekly mail service, a district school and court house in the area.

The building at 200 Middle Street (at the rear of the property) was built prior to 1874 as it was on the land at the time of Robert Cribb's purchase.[1] Cribb served on the Queensland Legislative Committee as a Member for East Moreton. The Thorne family acquired the property in 1888, and it is believed that Mrs Kate Thorne lived here for a period, followed by journalist Ebenezer Thorne in the late 1890s.[2] In the early 20th century, Dr Arthur Howard and Mrs Florence Howard occupied the residence and it was utilised as a doctor's surgery.[3] The building is thus referred to as 'The Doctor's House'.

It is unknown when the commercial building at the front of the premises was introduced to the site, however based upon a review of aerial images, it was after 1973.[4] The commercial building appears as a turn of the century building and may have been relocated from elsewhere.

**Physical Description**

The place is a two-storey timber cottage with the upper storey accommodated within a high-pitched gable roof (attic). The building is set back from the street with a recently introduced commercial building to the front of the site.

The front verandah of the dwelling has recently been reopened with a covered awning to the street supported by timber posts with decorative brackets. Earlier exposed framing with cross bracing has been removed at ground floor level and two low-waisted windows either side of the central doorway at street level provide a shopfront to the current retail premises. A curved tin window hood with decorative motif cut-out and trim remains above the gable window. Original chimney is constructed of masonry and unpainted. There is an extension to the rear of the dwelling, post-1973 and a car port to the east.

**Statement of Significance**

The residence at 200 Middle Street is a locally significant building which embodies historical, rarity and aesthetic values. Although altered, the building is a legible mid- to late-19th century timber cottage which has been known as a doctor’s residence since the early 20th century. Its distinctive form, particularly the steep gabled roof, makes a positive contribution to the Middle Street townscape.

**Criteria A** The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region’s history.

The house at 200 Middle Street is historically relevant as a mid- to late-19th century dwelling associated with the first phase of settlement from the 1850s until the 1870s.

**Criteria B** The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the region’s cultural heritage.

The property’s period of construction is in the context of the first phase of settlement at Cleveland from the 1850s until the 1870s. Built elements from this period are considered rare and are an endangered aspect of Redland’s cultural heritage.

**Criteria E** The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.

The former doctor’s residence, although much altered, has a pleasing form and historic character such that it makes a positive contribution to the streetscape.

**Primary Themes**

10.0 Providing Health and Welfare Services	10.01 Health services
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6.0 Buildings, Settlements, Towns, Cities and Dwellings	6.04 Dwellings
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**References**

- [1] David Call, “Historic Property up for Auction,” *The Redland-Wynnum Times*, 10th December 1986, p. 17.
- [2] Call, “Historic Property up for Auction,” p. 17; Woods and Bagot, Inventory of Heritage Places, “200 Middle Street, Cleveland,” 1995.
- [3] Call, “Historic Property up for Auction,” p. 17; Woods and Bagot, “200 Middle Street”.
- [4] RCC Aerial Imagery Series, Cleveland 1973.



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