CLEVELAND: 219 Middle Street



Street Address	219 Middle Street, Cleveland
GPS/RPD	L2 RP66399
Place Type	Built





Residence, 219 Middle Steet, Cleveland (Google Pro, 2016).

Condition	Very Good	Integrity	Fair
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	10/01/2017		

Historical Context

The property at 219 Middle Street was one of many properties and land holdings owned by G.J. Walter, prior to it being sold in 1919 to Charles Elfert. Elfert reportedly constructed a house at 219 Middle Street, as well as a sawmill alongside at 217 Middle Street in the same year.[1] This residence is part of the second phase of development in Cleveland.

Cleveland was gazetted as a township in 1850, with land sales commencing in 1851. It 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 second phase of development occurred between the 1880s and the 1930s, encouraged particularly by the construction of the railway line in 1889, prompting further settlement to the west of the Cleveland Point, including the area that remains today as the commercial and administrative centre for Redland City. The area towards the point remained prominent for residential development and holidaymakers from this time.

Physical Description

The dwelling is a highset weatherboard bungalow, with hip roof, single skin VJ timber cladding to front verandah walls, c.1919. Recent additions include contemporary front entry gable and stairs with split landing with large landscaped grounds and a timber picket fence.

Statement of Significance

219 Middle Street is a locally significant building which embodies representative and aesthetic heritage values. The building is an intact example of a traditional timber suburban dwelling dating from the second phase of settlement in Cleveland (c.1919) and once included a sawmill alongside. The place makes a positive contribution to the streetscape and locality.

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

219 Middle Street demonstrated the second phase of development at Cleveland west of Cleveland Point in the early twentieth century, whereby a local business person was able to build a residence and sawmill on adjacent land.

Criteria EThe place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.

The scale, form and design of the building make a positive contribution to the streetscape as well as the character and appearance of the locality.

Primary Themes	
6.0 Buildings, Settlements, Towns, Cities and Dwellings	6.04 Dwellings

References

[1] Woods and Bagot, Inventory of Heritage Places, "219 Middle Street, Cleveland," 1995.