NEWTOWN URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY. - 'C' CITATIONS. Ref: 170

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NAME: -

ADDRESS: 45 Retreat Road

**USE:** House

SIGNIFICANT DATE: CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1908 SOURCE: 1

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS. DATE: ?? SOURCE: Visual

DESIGNER: — BUILDER: —

**CRITERIA:** Ar1; H1 **HISTORIC THEME**: 2.3

DESCRIPTION: STYLE: Late Edwardian STORIES: 2 DETACHED.

MATERIALS: WALLS Timber ROOF Iron STRUCTURE Stud

**CONDITION:** Excellent INTACTNESS: Fair

TACTNESS: Fair THREATS: —

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

FORM. ROOF FORM. GABLE DECORATION. DOORS. WINDOWS.

CONTEXT Nos: 35,37,43,47,49,51,53,55

**SIGNIFICANCE:** 

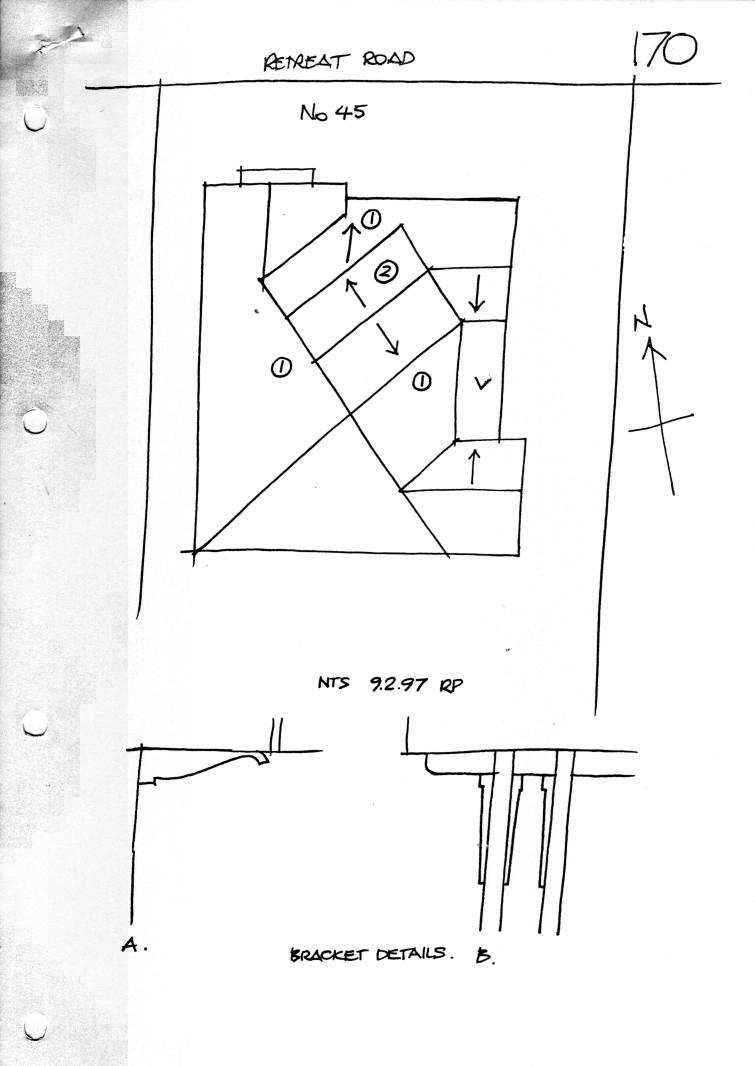
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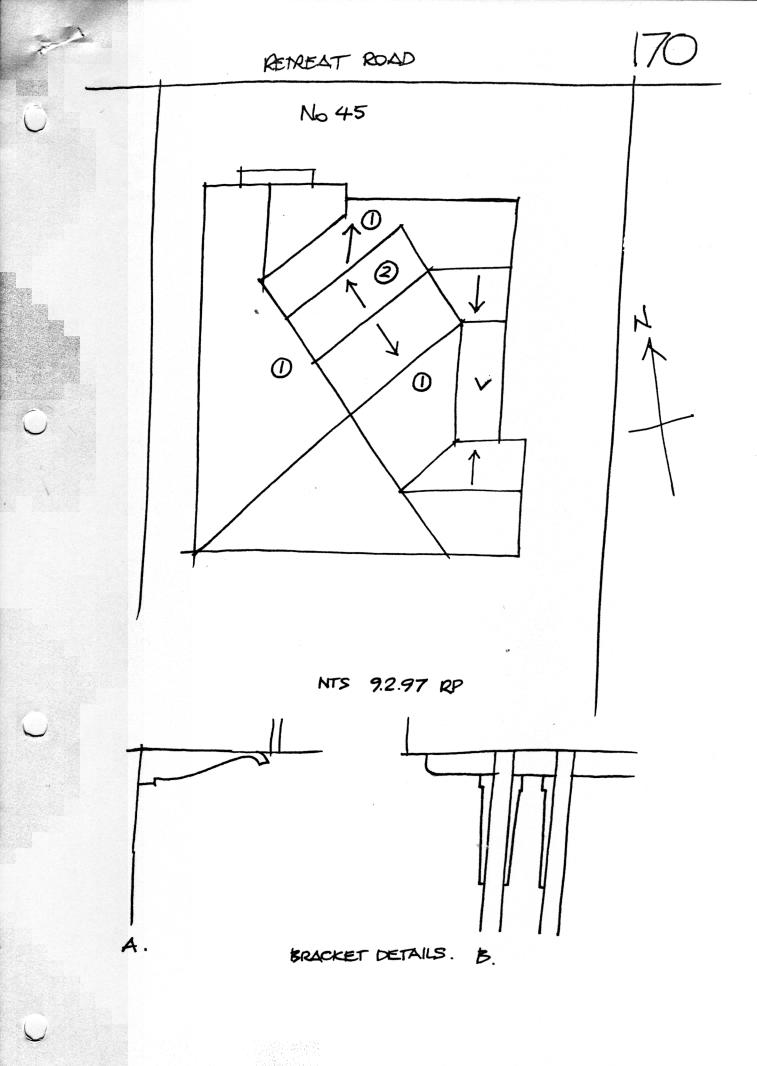
LEVEL: LOCAL.

**DESIGNATION EXISTING:** PLANNING SCHEME. **PLANNING SCHEME.** 

**OBSCURED**. SURVEY: RP **DATE:** 9.2.1997 **NEGS:** 8.10 & 1275.18







HISTORY: Built in 1908 as a timber cottage with seven rooms, this property was owned by Mary England<sup>1</sup> until the early 1930s. She rented it out for the first ten years or so until, c1920, Gilbert England, a manager and presumably a relation of Mary's, rented it from her. In the early 1930s Henrietta Sayers became its new owner. In the 1920s and 1930s the property was described as a house on land measuring 60' x 122'. <sup>2</sup>

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: An unusual triple-fronted complex late-Edwardian timber house, with an attic room. The right front and left side rear bays are set forward as gables. The left front bay faces the side as a gable also. Between these gables at left, appears to be a verandah under the main roof. Upper gables are ogee Medievalising timbers on ripple-iron cladding and jetty on convex brackets. There is a flat window hood on deep convex brackets (A).

The most striking element is the gable roofed attic room with a balcony, situated as splayed centre. This is clad with mock shingles to dado level, flat panels above, the timber gable mould and fretwork double-ogee ends. Verandah post-pairs have deep angled brackets under a bressumer, with joists exposed (B).

SIGNIFICANCE: An unusual triple-fronted complex late-Edwardian timber house with an attic situated on the splay, built in 1908. It is locally significant architecturally as characteristic of a late-Edwardian domestic style, particularly for its refined brackets and dominant axis on the diagonal splay. It is historically significant as a comfortable family house of the period before the Great War, embodying this lifestyle.

INTACTNESS: Fair. All of the first floor front windows have been replaced with double-hung. Possibly the front verandah has been enclosed, although fortunately the balcony has not.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Excellent.

<sup>1</sup> Refer: ref. 171

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> City of Newtown and Chilwell Ratebooks.