

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

1 Wiseman Street

TYPE

- Single Residence
- Shop
- Office
- Landscape feature
- View
- Multiple Unit Res.
- Outbuildings
- Industrial Building
- Public building
- Other

TITLE

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR [] GBR [] AHC [] NT [] VAS []

STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1 [] 2 [] 3 []
 SIGNIFICANT [] SIGNIFICANT []
 STREET TREES KERB & GUTTERS

GRADING

A [] B [] C [] D [] E []
 KEYNOTE BUILDING []

RECOMMENDED FOR

HBR/GBR [] AHC [] URBAN CONSERVATION AREA []
 VAS [] PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION []
 CULTURAL LANDSCAPE [] OTHER []

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THEME

- Early Settlement
- Mansions
- Victorian Garden Suburb
- Municipal dev.
- 1870s growth
- Garden villas
- Working enclaves
- Commercial Centres
- Edwardian Prosperity
- Interwar Housing
- Flats and Offices



CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Date c1883
 Architect
 Builder
 Elements

- Contributing garden
- Landmark tree
- Original or early hard landscape layout
- Original or early fence

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See attached

INTEGRITY Good [] Fair [] Poor []
 CONDITION Good [] Fair [] Poor []

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden []

1 WISEMAN STREET

History

The oldest portion of this Victorian residence may date from the 1860s or earlier when a brick house of three rooms in Auburn Road (where the property was rated before the formation of Wiseman Street in 1924) was owned by Thomas Hilliard.¹¹ This property was purchased by Albert Wiseman, a Flinders Lane warehouseman, in 1874.¹² At the same time, Walter Wiseman, warehouseman, purchased its neighbour, a two-roomed brick house, from Robert Burgess.¹³ The Hilliard and Burgess houses had been there from the 1860s or earlier.¹⁴

About 1883, the Wisemans extended or, most probably, rebuilt the former Hilliard and Burgess houses. In that year, Albert Wiseman's house "Widford" and Walter Wiseman's "Kent" had NAVS of 175 pounds,¹⁵ more than double the earlier valuations. By 1888, their homes were described as brick houses of nine rooms.¹⁶

The Wiseman Bros., Flinders Lane merchants, acquired a number of Hawthorn properties during the boom years and by 1888 owned twenty, some of which they subdivided. Later, they moved to Glenroy.¹⁷ By 1893, the Wiseman residences were described as brick houses of twelve and eleven rooms.¹⁸ The former "Widford" has survived as 1A Wiseman Street with its original stables and coachhouse surviving as the two-storey house at 1 Wiseman Street. "Kent", which became Arthur Wiseman's property, was demolished in 1919 and subdivided into Deanlea Court.¹⁹

Wiseman Street was formed in 1924. By the 1920s, "Widford" was owned by the Krizos family. Originally known as Constantine Kyriazopoulos, the new owner came from Adinanople in East Turkey. After studying at Athens University and in Paris, he became a government doctor in Bulgaria. In 1901, Constantine arrived in Melbourne and became a lodge doctor. He married in June 1909 and a son, Michael, was born in 1910. In 1921, Constantine became Honorary Consul

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11. Hawthorn RB 1867-68 Nos. 70, 72.
 12. Ibid. 1874-75 No. 189 (NAV 80 pounds).
 13. Ibid. No. 189 (NAV 65 pounds).
 14. Gwen McWilliam. *Tooronga Area Walk VIII*, p.4.
 15. Hawthorn RB 1883-84 Nos. 2025, 2026.
 16. McWilliam, loc. cit.
 17. Ibid.
 18. Hawthorn RB. 1893 Nos. 4891, 4892.
 19. *Mayblooms and Cherry Bobs: Recollections of Hawthorn, Section II.* Material supplied by Michael Krizos, p.82.

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for Greece. He practised medicine until his death in 1939. Michael Krizos and his sisters attended the Auburn South Primary School.²⁰

This two-storeyed house first at 1 Wiseman Street was the stable and coach house of "Widford" at 1A Wiseman Street. It probably dates from c1883 when "Widford" was extended or rebuilt.

Description

Only partly visible from the street. What is apparent is a hipped gable roof form to a large rendered stables/coach house of two storeys. A decorative gable barge suggest a picturesque approach to the original design. Some early two pane per sash, double hung windows survive. These are probably original. The remainder of the building is hidden from view.

Now converted to a house, it is expected that the interior is substantially altered.

Assessment

In the nineteenth and early twentieth century all mansions would have included a stable. This substantial coach house indicates even greater wealth. It would have accommodated several horses and coaches and possibly servants as well. The overwhelming majority of stables outbuildings have been lost in the subdivision process. This is one of few substantial stables to remain. Its visibility increased the understanding of the mansion house adjoining.

Significance

Metropolitan

1. Historically significant as one of few large stables servicing mansions to survive in Hawthorn.
2. Historically significant in understanding the pattern of life at the Auburn Ward mansion houses before the motor car became generally used between the wars this century.

²⁰. Ibid. Section I. Material supplied by Michael Krizos, pp.10-11, 37.