

PLACE NAME  
ADDRESS  
AREA

245 Noble Street  
DATE/PERSON 21.5/RP

LEVEL: B

NEG: 4.27



DATES Construction: c1949-50  
USE Present Use: Residential  
Original Use: Same  
Alterations?: Nil

FORM

Detached  
Single storey  
Triple fronted

STYLE

Late 1940s

DESCRIPTION (I = Intact A = Altered \* = significant)

ROOF

I Cement tile

WALLS

\* Concrete

ROOF FORM

\* Chimneys  
\* Gable decoration

VERANDAH

I Form

FENESTRATION

\* Doors  
\* Windows: lintel detail

FINISHES

\* Unpainted: walls

INTERIOR

GARDEN & SETTING

\* Fences & gates  
I Outbuildings: garage

OTHER COMMENTS

CONDITION & INTEGRITY

Condition: Good  
Integrity: Intact

THREATS

## DESCRIPTION

This is an U-shaped, gable-roofed, concrete-block house with a Marseilles cement tile roof. The double-hung timber windows have horizontal glazing bars and include triples and a corner window. The cross gable breaks pitch and sweeps down cantilevered as a porch. The right-hand gable has a broad stepped chimney decorated with a lozenge of tapestry bricks. The base is brick and the sills are manganese bricks. There are some refined details: window lintels are formed with splayed blocks and a brick course on the angle forms the gable edge.

The garage, set back behind the building line, is similar construction and the fence is concrete block, with wrought iron vehicular gates.

## HISTORY

This house has associations with the well known Windmill family of quarrymen and tanners. A dwelling on the site of 245 Noble Street was listed for the first time in 1950 owned by Windmill Junior near the 19 acre quarry at the end of Noble Street, owned by the quarrying firm of J. and W. Windmill Bros. It had the extremely high NAV of 580 pounds<sup>315</sup>. The quarry, originally known as James Austin's quarry, was bought and worked by the Windmill Bros., who established a stone crushing plant there, supplying metal and screenings for many years. The Windmill Reserve created in recent times re-used the old site which was used as the Newtown tip in the intervening years<sup>316</sup>. Windmill Junior, or John Windmill<sup>317</sup> as he was listed from 1952, owned 245 Noble Street still in 1960<sup>317</sup>. Josiah Windmill, an early Newtown tanner, who specialised in harness and bridle leather,<sup>318</sup> lived at 245 Noble Street in his retirement<sup>319</sup>. Josiah was earlier the owner/occupier of a wooden cottage near his tannery in Riversdale Road, known as "Riverdale"<sup>320</sup>. Josiah was the occupier of 245 Noble Street still in 1960<sup>321</sup>.

## SIGNIFICANCE

This house has regional historical significance for its associations with the well known Windmill family of quarrymen and tanners. Listed for the first time in 1950 it was owned by John Windmill Jnr. and was located near the 19 acre quarry at the end of Noble Street occupied by the quarrying firm of J. and W. Windmill Bros. Josiah Windmill, an early Newtown tanner, lived at 245 Noble Street in his retirement. Earlier he occupied a wooden cottage, "Riverdale", near his tannery in Riversdale Road, (q.v.). It has regional architectural significance for its relatively early use of the local material of concrete blocks and as a characteristic intact house of the 1940s. It also is interesting for its refined detailing: particularly the window lintels.

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315. Newtown rate book 1950, South Ward, Nos 2643, 2644 (quarry).

316. Gladys Seaton, Model Borough, City of Newtown, 1983, p.85.

317. Newtown rate book 1960 No 3000.

318. Seaton, p.97.

319. Newtown rate book 1954 No 2959.

320. See research into 22 Riversdale Road.

321. Newtown rate book 1960 No 3000.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Existing Listings**      NONE

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