



House, 67 Vivian Street

c.1925

Themes in development: cultural and social.

Cultural heritage values: architectural and townscape values.

Not registered.

Owner

DA & RJ Smith
PO Box 360
New Plymouth

Title

Pt Sec 726
ID 015393

Use

Office

Description

This house is a two-storey stucco building in the English cottage style, the top storey built partly into the space of the roof. It exhibits many of the characteristics of the style with a long gable facing Vivian Street, dormer windows with single-pitched roofs, and casement windows with leaded panes. The cladding is stucco to the ground floor, probably on a timber frame, with a large triangle of shingles in the gable ends. A lawn and trees provides a picturesque setting for the building.

History

The date of construction of the house is not known, although judging from its style alone, it is likely to be c.1925. The exterior is in reasonably authentic form, with alterations presumably having been made when the residence was converted for office use.

Architect

The architect is not known.

Statement of Significance

This building has architectural interest for its completeness and authenticity as an example of the English cottage style of domestic architecture, popular in New Zealand in the 1920s and 30s. Although in use as offices, the building and garden discreetly contribute to the pleasant domestic character of the area.

Sources

Old New Zealand Houses 1800 - 1940, Jeremy Salmond, Reed Methuen, 1986.