



House, 25 Vivian Street/73 Brougham Street

1921

Themes in development: cultural and social.

Cultural heritage values: architectural and townscape values.

Not registered.

Owner

Taranaki Healthcare Ltd
Private Bag 2016
New Plymouth

Title

Lot 1 DP 4145
ID 013905

Use

Office

Description

The house on the corner of Vivian and Brougham Streets 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 two long sweeping gables with low eaves, another large gable on the front elevation to Vivian Street, a porch set in a small-paned semi-circular arched opening, and the structure exposed with rafter and purlin ends showing under the roof plane. The windows are casements with small-paned divisions in the top of the sash. The cladding is stucco, probably on a timber frame, with shingles in the gable ends and lightweight (modern) tiled roof. A stone boundary wall is an important part of the setting of the house.

History

The house was built in 1921. It remains in reasonably authentic form, with a fire escape and new roof tiling altering the external appearance to some extent.

Architect

The architect was Frank Messenger.

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. It occupies a prominent corner site in an area (close to St Mary's Church) that has high historic and townscape values.

Sources

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