

Auckland Council District Plan (North Shore Section)

Proposed Plan Change 38

Proposed New Item

Appendix 11A: Schedule of Buildings, Objects and Places of Heritage Significance



Name: Former Winstone House & Boatshed

Address: 21 William Street, Takapuna

ID:	556	Category:	B	Use:	Residential	DP Map:	26
Material 1:		Condition:		Cultural Heritage:			
Material 2:		Integrity:		Streetscape:			

Construction Dates

From: 1923 To: Alteration Dates: post-2005 refurbishment

Legal Description: Lot 2 DP 162492 Zoning: Residential 2B

Architect/Designer/Contractor:

Unknown; Peter Harrison, builder, conducted post-2005 alts/adds

Architectural Style:

English Domestic Revival

Reference Source:

CTs173/36; 494/285; 77/263; 397/212; 73/245; 77/264; 173/37; 173/35; 957/79; 98A/128

'Winstones' University of Auckland Business History Project, available at www.businesshistory.auckland.ac.nz
Interview with Janie Farquharson [1914-2005], daughter of George and Gertrude, North Shore Oral History Project, 19 March 2002.

NZ House & Garden, 2010/11, available at

<http://www.nzhouseandgarden.co.nz/Articles/Ongoldensands.asp>

'Takapuna Beach – Holiday at Home' *NZ Herald* 21 October 2006 available at

www.nzherald.co.nz

NZHPT Listing:

Not registered by NZHPT

Significant Elements:

Brick, roughcast and clay tile construction materials, gabled roof forms, bracketed eaves, square and rounded bay windows, fanlight and casement fenestration, sun hoods and chimneystacks. Oak interior panelling, leadlight side- and fanlights at entry, plaster ceilings, fireplaces, marble dado in hallway and stairwell.

Extent of Listing:

Entire exterior of house and boatshed.

History:

George [1875-1958] and Gertrude [nee Richardson, 1880-1961] Winstone built this house in c.1923, having acquired the property in 1910. It would appear that the bach at 25 William Street, which was also owned by members of the Winstone family for many years, may have been used by the Winstones as a holiday cottage before the house was built.¹

George Winstone was the son of George Winstone, co-founder of W & G Winstone, cartage and construction material suppliers. [1869]. George junior joined the family business as a messenger in 1891. In 1904 Winstone Ltd was formed and George junior became the managing director. He took over as Chairman of the Board of Directors on his father's death in 1932 and was in turn succeeded by his son Eric [1905-1990] in 1950. Another Winstone family house, 'Marire', was built to the design of William Gummer in Epsom for George junior's brother Frank in 1915.² Auckland architects Chilwell & Trevithick designed a house for Owen Winstone, George and Gertrude's son, on Takapuna Beach in 1935, but the designer of the William Street house is unknown.³

The house remained in Winstone family ownership until 1994, at which time a subdivision created a separate lot fronting William Street on which two houses now stand. In 2005 Christopher Reeve acquired the property.

Statement of Significance

Architecture:

The house is a good example of English Domestic Revival architecture and appears to have been designed to capitalise on views of Takapuna Beach and beyond.

¹ *NZ Herald* 21 October 2006, available on-line.

² 'Marire' 37 Claude Road, Epsom, Auckland, NZHPT registration report, available at www.historic.org.nz

³ Architecture Archive, University of Auckland, ID # 516.

History:

The historic significance of the property is derived from its 84-year association with the Winstone family and the house's expression of their wealth, taste and social standing.

Context:

The house has a central location on Takapuna Beach and makes a distinctive contribution to the residential character of the locale's beachfront properties. Two large pohutukawas partially screen the house from the beach and the boathouse and neighbouring changing shed enhance the seaside leisure aspect of the property. A small bach immediately to the north of the house also has historic links to the Winstone family [25 William Street].