

City of Subiaco - Local Government Inventory Place Record

Name	House
Address	268 Onslow Road, Shenton Park
Lot Number	Lot: 64 D/P: 291
Photograph (2014)	
Construction Date	1912
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Historical Notes	<p>In 1906, John William Sanderson, a bank clerk of Perth acquired lot 64, the site of the future 268 Onslow Road which had been subdivided in 1897. The Subiaco Rates books and Post Office Directories indicate that Sanderson did not develop the site. Sanderson transferred the property in 1910 to Emelia Anderson, wife of local builder Alexander Anderson (c1868-1936).</p> <p>Alex Anderson was born in Pennsylvania, US and lived in Victoria before settling in Western Australia in the early 1900s with his wife Emelia and their children. In 1910, the family were living in Heytesbury Road Subiaco at the home they named 'Berylville'. Alexander had been living and working in Subiaco as a carpenter since 1903.</p> <p>In 1913, the couple were living in Onslow Road at the house, which was also called 'Berylville'. Alexander Anderson was a prolific builder in the Subiaco and Shenton Park area and undertook speculative developments, buying land, building and selling the finished properties. He was also engaged by the State Government for public works in regional Western Australia during the 1920s and 1930s. For these reasons it is concluded that Anderson built this family residence in 1912. The detail of the finishes is evidence of his skill and competence in carpentry.</p> <p>In 1915, at the age of 46, Alexander Anderson enlisted with AIF and served at Gallipoli and France. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and was discharged in 1917 due to 'general debility'. On his return to Western Australia Alex Anderson took up his profession as a carpenter and builder in addition to serving in the Home Reserve. The Anderson family also had a property on the corner of Herbert and Evans Street, Shenton Park where members of the family lived.</p>

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Physical Description	<p>No. 268 Onslow Road presents as a single storey timber framed weatherboard clad residence from the street, the one and two storey additions to the rear are obscured by the original building. It has an asymmetrical façade with a centrally located door, to the right are a series of windows and to the left a gable breakfront aligns with the front verandah. The verandah wraps around the building to the right, creating a carport. The corrugated metal bullnose verandah is supported by turned timber posts and decorative brackets. The house has a hipped and gabled roof with two brick chimneys, each with two clay chimney pots.</p> <p><i>For further information refer to Heritage Assessment of 268 Onslow Road, Shenton Park prepared by Hocking Heritage Studio, July 2016</i></p>
Associations	Prominent local builder Alexander Anderson
Statement of Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The place has historic value for its association with the subdivision and development of Shenton Park in the 1910s. •The place has historic value for its association with prominent local builder Alexander Anderson. •The place has aesthetic and historical value as a place that demonstrates the skill of builder Alexander Anderson and which would have served as an advertisement for the quality of his work. •The place has aesthetic value as a good and well detailed example of the Federation Queen Anne style executed in timber. •The place has social value as a demonstration of a home for professional men and their families in the early 20th century.
Level of Significance/ Contribution	<p>Considerable Significance (Level 2) (within the context of the City of Subiaco) – Very important to the heritage of the City of Subiaco.</p> <p>High level of aesthetic, historic, and social value for the local community and is a rare example of its type.</p>
Listings	<p>Local Government Inventory – Adopted 4/2/2003</p> <p>Town Planning Scheme Heritage List – Adopted 24/01/2017</p>
Main Sources / References	<p>2003 Heritage Inventory Place Record; and</p> <p>Heritage Assessment of 268 Onslow Road, Shenton Park prepared by Hocking Heritage Studio, July 2016.</p>