

28 Ranfurly Street

NZHPT Registration Number: 1263
NZHPT Registration Type: Historic Place-Category II
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City/District Council: Palmerston North City Council
District Plan Status: Not Listed



Brief History

John Mowlem, described as a 'gentleman', owned section 1050 of about an acre situated between Ranfurly Street and Fitzherbert Avenue and sold it in 1897 to Edward Dixon. In 1902 it was divided in two and in 1903 Frank Kirk bought a ½ acre and in 1905 built the house at 28 Ranfurly Street for £400. In 1917 the house and section was sold to Robert Port and in 1919 the property was bought by Lilly (Lilley) Newell and Emma Schofield who further subdivided the section and sold the house to David Fastier. In 1927 it was sold to Charles and Jean (Jeannie) Page, in 1949 to Norman Robert Trilford and in 1950 to John Tetley. The present owner is his widow, Mrs Marion Tetley.

The house is a turn of the century single-storey bay villa clad in rusticated weatherboards with an iron roof and is maintained in predominantly original condition. It was built with totara piles, timber bearers, matai floor boards, an iron roof and a 12ft stud. The piles were replaced with concrete during the 1950s. A verandah encompasses the front and right side elevations and is decorated with turned posts and slats around the central bay window. There is a square bay and gable at both left and right sides.

The house has tall double hung windows in front with coloured glass fanlights and decorative fretwork under the eaves. The coal range in the dining area has been removed and replaced with a fireplace set in bricks with a wooden surround and there have been some unobtrusive alterations to kitchen and bathroom fittings.

Principal Sources:

Manawatu Branch Committee of the NZHPT Record 010125.

Ian Matheson City Archives file A175/228.

Marion Tetley, Personal files.