

Heritage Inventory

SHI Number
1910588

Item Name: **TT-51~ Group of Houses**

Location: **133A, 135 and 137 Brighton Avenue, Toronto**

Address: 133A, 135 and 137 Brighton Avenue **DUAP Region:** Hunter & Central Coast
Suburb / Nearest Town: Toronto **Historic region:** Lower Hunter
Local Govt Area: Lake Macquarie **Parish:**
State: NSW **County:**

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex: **Group ID:**

Aboriginal Area: Awabakal

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built **Group:** Residential buildings (**Category:** House

Owner:

Admin Codes: **Code 2:** **Code 3:**

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance:

Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: SIGNIFICANCE - 2007: The place encompassing 133A, 135 and 137 Brighton Avenue Toronto is important as part of the tribal lands of the Awabakal Aboriginal People. It forms part of the original grant to the Reverend Lancelot Threlkeld who established a mission station on this part of the western shore of Lake Macquarie. In 1885 a portion of the land was purchased by the Excelsior Land Company. No. 137 is the last remaining of five workers cottages constructed by the Excelsior Land and Investment Company to house its employees during the development of the Toronto Subdivision. Both 135 and 137 are associated with the eminent Physicist, Geologist, Botanist and Zoologist, Walter Drowley Filmer (1865-1944). Filmer's work on the early development of x-ray work was commemorated by his inclusion with two other scientists on an Australian commemorative postage stamp in 1995.

Historical Notes or Provenance: HISTORICAL NOTES - 2007: The House at 137 Brighton Avenue is the last remaining of five worker's cottage constructed by the Excelsior Land and Investment Company to house its employees during the development of the Toronto subdivision. Both 135 and 137 Brighton Ave. are associated with the eminent Physicist, Geologist, Botanist and Zoologist Walter David Filmer (1865-1944). Filmer's work on the early development of X-Ray work was commemorated by his inclusion with two other scientists on an Australian commemorative stamp in 1995.

Themes: National Theme State Theme Local Theme
4. Settlement Towns, suburbs and village (none)

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Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started:

Year Completed:

Circa: No

Physical Description: Simple Victorian cottage carpentry style of cottages. No.133A retains the patina of age and the unblemished appearance of the buildings of its era. It is an intact example of the cottage style of Toronto's early years. No. 135 is a simple unpretentious timber building with verandah orientated to suit lake views. No. 137 is somewhat different and more in step with the concept of a suburban villa.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates:

**Recommended
Management:**

Management:

Further Comments:

- Criteria a)** No. 137 is the only surviving example of a workman's cottage built by the Excelsior Land Company and is one of Toronto's earliest houses. 135 and 133A are also timber cottages that complement 137 and are important as a group.
- Criteria b)** The residences are important because of their association with Mr. Walter Drowley Filmer an eminent Physicist, Geologist, Botanist and Zoologist who was noted for his work with X-Rays. He lived in Brighton Avenue from 1903-1986. Many of his experiments were carried out in the residences.
- Criteria c)** No 137 is important as it is aesthetically distinctive as a type of housing no longer common in the area.
- Criteria d)** The area is important for its association with the Threlkeld Mission site and the Awabakal people. The houses are important for their association with an identifiable group of workmen who constructed the first Toronto subdivision. They are also important for the community's sense of place.
- Criteria e)**
- Criteria f)** The cottages are an important group as a type of housing that is becoming increasingly rare in Toronto. No 137 is the only remaining workers cottage built by the Excelsior Land Company. Together the cottages form an important precinct.
- Criteria g)**

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Integrity / Intactness:

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Stephen Booker	Statement of Heritage impact and Visual impact Assessment for a proposed development	2003

Studies:

Parcels:	Parcel Code	LotNumber	Section	Plan Code	Plan Number
	LOT	2		DP	1090323
	LOT	3		DP	1090323
	LOT	202		DP	531175

Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial Accuracy:

Map Name:

Map Scale:

AMG Zone:

Easting:

Northing:

Listings:

Custom Field One:

Custom Field Two:

Custom Field Three:

Custom Field Four:

Custom Field Five:

Custom Field Six:

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