



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES AMENDED ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00869
2. **NAME** *Samson House* (1889; 1898; 1899)
3. **LOCATION** 61 & 63 Ellen Street, Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lots 926 & 927 on Deposited Plan 40767 being the whole of the land contained in Certificates of Title Volume 1638 Folio 880 and Volume 1041 Folio 591.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER** The National Trust of Australia (WA)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places:

Interim	06/03/1992
Permanent	25/06/2010
Amended Entry	17/12/2010
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 29/10/1974
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 14/10/2000
  - Register of the National Estate: Permanent 21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Samson House*, designed by Joseph John Talbot Hobbs in 1889, is a single storey limestone, brick and iron house with belvedere, in the Federation style with elements of the Queen Anne style, including the coach house, stables, cottage and gardens, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place, built for prominent merchant Michael Samson and subsequently occupied by his descendants for almost 100 years, demonstrates the continuous occupation by two generations of a prominent Western Australian family;

*Samson House* was designed in three stages by Joseph John Talbot Hobbs. The first stage was one of Hobbs' first commissions in Western Australia and is a fine and rare example of his early work;

the place is a rare and early example of a residence built for the elite colonial merchant class; and,

the place provides an important record of middle class, suburban domestic life in the late colonial period through the twentieth century.