**52 THE CRESCENT, CHELTENHAM (“Hillview”)**

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Lot 34 DP 5440

**Hornsby Shire Council details**

**Heritage Register: Item No. 293**

The Federation period house, “Hillview,” is said to have been built in 1904 for Henry (Harry) J. A. Chorley, born 1884, son of William & Lily Chorley.

In January 1904 it was reported that William Chorley was about to have a modern villa residence erected at Cheltenham. The letting of the residence was finalised before work was commenced on the foundations. In April 1905 good progress was made with the building of this residence.

The house is shown on the 1908 Mount Pleasant Estate-Cheltenham Subdivision, the only house at this time on The Crescent between Cheltenham-road and The Boulevard.

The house has an unusual octagonal studio on the south eastern side which may have provided extra light if Harry did any tailoring at home. An unusual street entrance with a very large stone lintel entrance. Originally there would have been a timber gate. Alterations have been made to the roof.

Forms a matching pair with No. 54 and built for the same family (Chorley).

In 1909, at the Beecroft Presbyterian Church, Henry James Alder Chorley, son of William & Lily Chorley, of “Mount Pleasant,” Cheltenham, married Amy Mary J., only daughter of Mr. John William Fowler, of 17 Welch-street, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, England.

In July 1911, George Graham, a well-known boot manufacturer, of George-street, Sydney, died suddenly at his residence, “Hillview,” aged 71 years, leaving a widow, son George and daughter Mrs. Walter Elliott. He was born in 1841, London, and arrived in Australia about 1884.

In August 1911 George Graham’s extensive, fine furniture, household and garden items were sold at auction.

In 1913 Ernest Samuel Trigg (manager of the Meadowbank Manufacturing Co.) and wife Rosabelle Irene Trigg were living at “Hillview.”

In January 1915 they moved to his newly established home at “Rosmon,” 11 The Boulevard, Cheltenham.

Sands Directories 1915 Ernest Trigg “Hill View”; 1916-1917 Arthur E. Pierce “Hill View”; 1919-1924 R. T. Vanderfield; 1925-1930 Rev. J. Bryant (Meth.); 1931-1932/3 H. Chorley “Hill View”

Electoral Roll 1933: ?

By 1917 the home was occupied by Arthur E. Pierce, who would move to “Lilianfels,” 37 Cheltenham-road, Cheltenham.

By 1920 R. T. Vanderfield occupied the home to 1924, when it was advertised to let: ‘6 rooms, kitchen, verandahs, every conv.’ Rev. Joseph Bryant (Meth.) then occupied the house; in December 1924 his only daughter, Mary, aged 29 years, died there. He remained there until about 1928.

By 1930 Henry (‘Harry’) was living at “Hillview.” He had moved from “Chepstow,” 6 The Boulevard, Cheltenham, which he advertised for sale in 1932.

In 1933 occupants of “Hillview” were Henry James Alder Chorley (tailor), Amy Mary Chorley, John William Fowler (legal accountant) and Lucy Ellen Fowler.

In 1934 John William Fowler, retired accountant, died at “Hillview,” aged 81 years. Probate of his Will states ‘late of “Chepstow.”

In 1936 the house was put up for sale, described as follows:

*CHELTENHAM. - Bungalow Residence, opposite station, 5 bedrooms, sitting-room, breakfast-room, tiled kitchen and bathroom, laundry, garage, septic sewerage. £1650, terms.*1

By 1937 the Chorley family had moved to Gordon. Henry James Alder Chorley, of 4 Khartoum-avenue, Gordon, master tailor, died in 1956.

By 1943 Frank Ernest Andrews (plumber) and Esther Minnie Andrews occupied “Hillview.”

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