



## Carinya – Wearne House.

While Charles Wearne was living and working in Singapore he purchased the land that his cousin Ellen Cooper and her husband James were living on. It is believed that this property once had Magistrate Murray's house built on it. Over the years, Charles acquired several other blocks adjoining Ellen's land. The land ran down to Soldier's Cove near the bridge and to the south. Charles and his wife Sue wished to build a holiday home in Mandurah.

Carinya or Wearne House, as it is now known today, was designed by Allan & Nicholas architects in Fremantle to specific requests by Charles. He requested deep sewerage, water to bedrooms and a veranda circling the house. Jack Bovell was employed to complete this building. This work proved very significant for Bovell as he went on to build a cottage for caretakers, a boat shed and a jetty. Following that he built Bonnie Doon for Theodore Wearne and the corner shop for Violet Sutton.

Charles and his wife Sue first spent time at Wearne House in early 1927, also during the Centenary Celebrations (100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1929) as Charles was a patron of the Murray Districts Centenary Committee.

The donation of Wearne House to the Anglican Church is recorded to have come from Mrs Q Angus, Charles's daughter Constance Wearne. It is unclear why this donation came from Constance (Connie) and not from Charles's son Walter, as Charles Wearne had transferred the property to him in 1940.

**References:** C Fyfe *'Wheels in Malaya: The Wearne Brothers and Their Company.'* Newspaper reports sourced from local collection and on-line from Trove.