

A departure from the usual style of dwelling was the duplex built for Miss Eva Cary, on the corner of Macauley and Tribune Streets, by F A Stow in 1938. Miss Cary was



Front view of the Cary duplex, built by Stow, corner of Macauley and Tribune Streets

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single and the only person left in the old family home next door. Whether the duplex was her solution to downsizing or whether it was Stow's idea is not known. Attached residences were rare, the only ones in the area being at 673-677 Young Street. They were older-style terrace houses.³⁰ 'Flats' were generally seen as second-class buildings, Council discussions even suggesting that they were a breeding ground for slums. However, the pair of homes built for Miss Eva Cary has retained their original appearance of quality. The only other duplex in North Albury, at 385 Smith Street, was originally built as one home, but was divided very soon after it was erected.³¹ Despite the usefulness of the design, the style was not repeated, probably because land was plentiful.

Whatever the plan or exterior appearance, builders put their individual stamp upon the houses they built. Sometime this related to practical matters, sometimes to decoration.