

## History

John Henry Silk, a merchant, contracted builder-designer, A. Mortimer McMillan, to build this 20 square home for an estimated £1550<sup>1</sup>. It is probable that McMillan was the designer, as he appears to have been in nearby examples such as 460 Camberwell Road.

## Description

The house follows the Mediterranean villa type with its textured stucco, hipped and tiled roof, arched entry, window boxes and impressive cypress Mediterranean-style garden. A corner site opposite a lamp-lit median, lends maximum exposure and the stepped masonry and stucco fence is an essential and related element to the house. The Palladian serlian motif is used here, as at 460 Camberwell Road, as a hallmark of the styles as are the scalloped 'rag' curtains.

## Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

9, BOSTON ROAD, 1930  
 396, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1930  
 460, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1930  
 16, MUSWELL HILL, 1930  
 3, BRENBAL STREET, 1930c  
 177, DONCASTER ROAD, 1930c  
 816-822, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1930c  
 454, WARRIGAL ROAD, 1930c  
 359, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1930c  
 397-399, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1930c  
 497, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1930c  
 35, BALWYN ROAD, 1931-2  
 1292, TOORAK ROAD, 1931-2  
 11, CHATFIELD AVENUE, 1932-3  
 27, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1932  
 3, FINSBURY ROAD, 1932  
 7, MURIEL STREET, 1932c  
 4, FINSBURY WAY, 1933  
 125, HIGHFIELD ROAD, 1933  
 1, MAPLE CRESCENT, 1933  
 14, STODDART STREET, 1933  
 7, MANGAN STREET, 1933c  
 11, FAIRMONT AVENUE, 1934-5  
 87-87A, BOWEN STREET, 1934  
 458, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1934  
 201, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1934c  
 45, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1935  
 46, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1935  
 56, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1935  
 9, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1935  
 13, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1935  
 3, SALISBURY STREET, 1935  
 177, GLEN IRIS ROAD, 1935c  
 361, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1935c  
 361, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1935c  
 796-798, BURKE ROAD, 1936  
 23, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1936  
 41, COOKSON STREET, 1936  
 9, JUDD STREET, 1936  
 49, THE RIDGE, 1936  
 20, WALSH STREET, 1936  
 8, REID STREET, 1937-8  
 716, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1937  
 517, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1937c  
 31-30, COOKSON STREET, 1938-39

311-317, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1938  
 2, FAIRMONT AVENUE, 1938  
 24, FINSBURY WAY, 1938  
 32, HORTENSE STREET, 1938  
 4, MARLBOROUGH AVENUE, 1938  
 26, REID STREET, 1938  
 660, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1938  
 66, THE BOULEVARD, 1938  
 136, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1938  
 14, CASCADE STREET, 1939  
 24, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1939  
 1, MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD, 1939  
 43, YUILLE STREET, 1939  
 43, CASCADE STREET, 1939c?

## External Integrity

The house may have been extended along Fairmont Street, explaining the atypical use of a skillion roof extension to the main hip, albeit in matching materials; awnings have been added.

## Streetscape

The house is a major element in the important Golf Links Estate.

## Significance

Architecturally, a near original and prominent example of a popular suburban villa style which contributes to an important residential precinct: of local importance and regional interest.

Historically, the first owner is typical of the class of the estate's initial population, McMillan was also a prolific builder in the suburb: of local interest.

## House, 2 Fairmont Avenue



Study Grading: C

Precinct: 28.01 Streetscape: 1

Construction Date: 1938

First Owner: Greenberg, Isaac (?)

Builder: Wood, G R

1 BA 1935, 5608; ER 1936

### History

Gus R. Wood built this seven room brick house for his own use

during 1938-9<sup>1</sup>. The cost was estimated at 1,447 pounds. Isaac Greenburg replaced him within two years as owner- occupier, possibly indicating Wood's speculative intent<sup>2</sup>.

### Description

A prototype of the notorious multiple fronted brick veneer, this Moderne styled house shows its period by the stuccoed streamlining of its curved corners and the use of metal frames for its windows. Its hipped roofs overhang the walls to a greater extent than its Italianate forbearers and its windows are slots instead of slits but otherwise the asymmetrical facade and general plan form dates back to the 19th century.

This house is enhanced by its period garden and intact front fence.

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### External Integrity

The house is generally original except for new awnings.

### Streetscape

Contributing part of an important residential precinct.

### Significance

Architecturally, a near original example of a typical suburban style which contributes to an important villa precinct: of regional interest and local importance.

Historically, little is known of Wood in the Camberwell context except as a probable speculative builder in the new post-war estates.

### House, 11 Fairmont Avenue



Study Grading: C  
 Precinct: 28.01 Streetscape: 1  
 Construction Date: 1934-5  
 First Owner: Ladd, Mrs Annie C  
 Builder: Spargo, J P

1 BA 1938, 10464  
 2 ibid.; BA 1941, 14794