The many Masonic temples in the Greek manner include one in Dandenong Road, Caulfield and another in Gheringhap Street, Geelong, both of a similar date. Only the Rochester Road Emulation Lodge (q.v.) broke away from the Greek tradition, using the mystic Egyptian style instead. The more recent East Melbourne Masonic Centre continued the Greek manner, but in a stripped form. The cypress specimens and forecourt landscaping appear original.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

19, THE RIDGE, 1916 12, HUNTER ROAD, 1918 9, SEFTON PLACE, 1919-20 6, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1919 718, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1919 33. BROADWAY, 1920 158, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1920 11, PRETORIA STREET, 1920 23, SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, 1920 286, UNION ROAD, 1920 44, CURRAJONG AVENUE, 1920c 6, IRAMOO STREET, 1920a 17, THREADNEEDLE STREET. 1920c 65, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1920a 42, SPENCER STREET, 1921-3 899, TOORAK ROAD, 1921 930, BURKE ROAD, 1922 210, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1922 , WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1922 16. ALMA ROAD, 1923 648, BURKE ROAD, 1923 21, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1923 31, DEEPDENE ROAD, 1923 7, WARWICK AVENUE, 1923 90, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924-5 168A, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924-5 9, ROCHESTER ROAD, 1924-6 630-638, BURKE ROAD, 1924 322-394, CAMBERIVELL ROAD, 1924 12, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924 10, FITZGERALD STREET, 1924c 11, ALMA ROAD, 1925(?) 269, LINTON ROAD, 1925-64 10, DONNA BUANC STREET, 1925 2. MARTIN ROAD, 1925 4. ST. ANDRIES STREET, 1925 1, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1925 931, TOORAK ROAD, 1925 118, WATTLE VALLEY ROAD, 1925 55, BATH ROAD, 1925c 77, GREYTHORNE ROAD, 1925c 1. THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1925. 359, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1925c 513, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1925, 146, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1925a

External Integrity

Generally original.

Streetscape

Isolated by vacant sites from contemporary elements in the shopping strip further to the west.

Architecturally, a near original Masonic Temple successfully designed in the style traditionally used for lodges and large commercial buildings of the era: of regional interest.

Historically, a long-term meeting place for many facets of the masonic craft in Camberwell: of regional interest and local importance.

Waverley, 32 Prospect Hill Road



Study Grading: C Precinct: 29.10 Streetscape: 2 Construction Date: 1889 First Owner: McBean, John

History

Already retired by the construction date of this house (1889) and listed as 'a gentleman' in Shire records, John McBean changed his status to boot manufacturer towards the end of 1890's¹. His house was described as brick and of ten rooms in that period, being occupied briefly by James Warnock in the mid 1890's but otherwise by McBean². McBean was of the firm McBean, Hickman and Parker, boot makers and importers who were appropriately located in Perry Street, Collingwood. Melbourne directories do not list this firm until the late 1890's. McBean died in 1907, achieving recognition in a contemporary trade periodical, the Australian Leather Journal.

Later occupiers included the Henry McCutcheon family (c1918-1931) and the better known Charles J Ansett, father of Reginald Ansett who founded Ansett Airways Pty. Ltd., Ansett Motors (motor garages) and Ansett Motor Services (road and passenger services) during their tenure³. It is unlikely that Reginald ever lived here, being about 23 when the family took residence. By the early 1940's, they had moved on to Black Rock whilst Reginald himself had lived in the Boulevard, Hawthorn since the 1930's.

Significance

RB 1890- 1, 521; RB 1898-9, 483; RB 1900- 1, 505 RB 1892-3, 599; RB 1893-4, 597; RB 1899- 1900, 507 D1933; D1934; CLF H51

Description

This is a two level, asymmetrically planned, face-brick and stuccoed (new?) Italianate villa which has a two-storey cast-iron return verandah and sparse cement detail but is otherwise undistinguished except for its size. A wild cypress hedge, probably from the 1920-30's, now obscures the house. A corrugated iron side fence is probably original.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

35, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1881 630, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1882 2, PERIVICK STREET, 1885c 53, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1886-7 320. CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1886 3, FERMANACH ROAD, 1887 57, SEYMOUR GROVE, 1887 33, ALMA ROAD, 1888 19, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1888 46, PARLINCTON STREET, 1888 635, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1888 89. UNION ROAD, 1888 2, PEPPIN STREET, 1889 (?) 25. ALMA ROAD, 1889(2) 54, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1889-9 36, ALMA ROAD, 1889 208, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1889 15, IRILBARRA ROAD, 1889 21, IRILBARRA ROAD, 1889 43, KENT ROAD, 1889 2. MOLESWORTH STREET, 1889 137, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1889 10, TRAFALGAR ROAD, 1889 26A, WANDSWORTH ROAD, 1889 50, WANDSWORTH ROAD, 1889 42, WARRICAL ROAD, 1889 322-394, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1890-1 262, UNION ROAD, 18901900 15. ALMA ROAD, 1890 544. SURKE ROAD, 1890 27. INGLESSY ROAD, 1890 7, VICTORIA AVENUE, 1890 13, VICTORIA AVENUE, 1890 57, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1890; ? 7A, ALMA ROAD. 1891-2 13, BALWYN ROAD, 1891-4 73-79, BALWYN ROAD, 1891 320, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1892 622. RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1892 6, TRAFALGAR ROAD, 1892 125, WATTLE VALLEY ROAD, 1892

External Integrity

The house is generally original; the stucco may have been renewed or applied sympathetically over original face brick (no ruling); some windows have been replaced with French doors.

Streetscape

Adjacent to both large Victorian period villas and typical Queen Anne styled houses also villas of later and mixed periods; a large house on a corner site and hence prominent despite the overgrown hedge.

Significance

Architecturally, of a common villa style and sparsely detailed.

built for a manufacturer of Historically, intermediate importance within the leather trade and briefly occupied by the more popularly known Ansett family this century; of regional interest.

Fairholm. 35 Prospect Hill Road



Australian Heritage Commission: R (Class/Rec.): Australia National Trust of Classified

NTA File Number: 965

Study Grading: A

Precinct: 27.02 Streetscape: 2 Construction Date: 1873-74 First Owner: Copeland, James Architect: Crouch & Wilson (1881) Builder: Ekins, R S (1873)

James Copeland purchased a substantial acreage from Alex

McArthur, at the corner of Burke and Prospect Hill Roads, in 1861¹. A Carlton builder, one R S Ekins, tendered a little over £2000, in 1873, to construct a two storey house which was completed by 18742.

Barely five years later, Copeland was forced to mortgage the property and it was advertised for auction soon after'. A similar advertisement had appeared twice in the Argus of 1876 where a 'Hawthorn Family Mansion with about Seven

NTA FN965 ibid.; Whitehorse & Eastern Suburbs Standard, 3.11.1976 NTA FN965