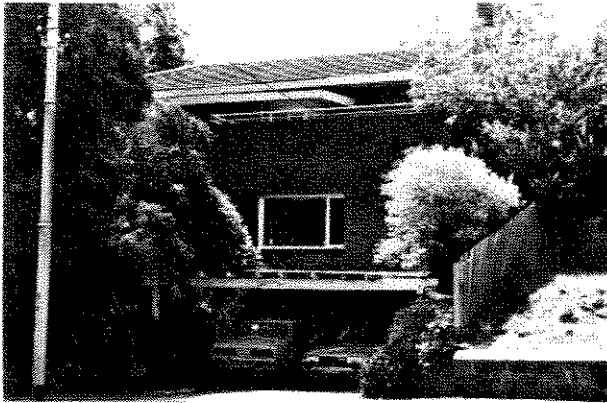


## House, 1297 Toorak Road, Burwood



**Study Grading:** B  
**Construction Date:** 1940  
**First Owner:** Macintosh, Theodore G.  
**Builder:** Saunders, E.W.

### History

Theodore G. Macintosh, an engineer, commissioned Canterbury builder, E.W. Saunders, to construct this two storey residence in 1940<sup>1</sup>. Estimated to cost £2,750, the brick and timber dwelling was of eight rooms<sup>2</sup>. Theodore Macintosh owned and occupied the property with Queenie Macintosh until after 1952<sup>3</sup>. By 1962 F. Williams was the owner-occupier<sup>4</sup>.

### Description

Modern/Moderne in style, clinker-cream brick and on two levels plus basement garage, the house has both flat roofs and a shallow hipped roof (tiled), wide eaves in the Lloyd Wright manner and corner steel-framed windows. It appears to have been architect designed, with its flat-roofed terraces with their elegant but simple pipe balustrading. There is a pergola carport at the frontage.

### Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

106, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1940-1  
 1, MONTANA STREET, 1940  
 1297, TOORAK ROAD, 1940  
 91, MAUD STREET, 1940c  
 133, MAUD STREET, 1940c  
 56, RIVERSIDE AVENUE, 1940c  
 15, WALBLINDRY AVENUE, 1940c  
 417-, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1940c  
 113, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1940c  
 123, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1941-2  
 2, BEATRICE STREET, 1941

- 1 BA 1940, 13255
- 2 ibid.
- 3 ER 1945; D1952
- 4 D1962

6, BULLEEN ROAD, 1941  
 171, DONCASTER ROAD, 1941  
 4, MAYSIA STREET, 1941  
 46, THE BOULEVARD, 1941  
 1, KELBA STREET, 1941c  
 666, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1946-7  
 119, DONCASTER ROAD, 1948  
 1, KALONGA ROAD, 1948c  
 166, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1951-2  
 2, TAURUS STREET, 1951c  
 32, URSA STREET, 1951c  
 6, CARRICAL STREET, 1952  
 43, KIREEP ROAD, 1952  
 1, MADDEN STREET, 1952  
 2, CARRICAL STREET, 1954  
 16, CARRICAL STREET, 1954  
 129, WINMALEE ROAD, 1954  
 14, ORION STREET, 1954c  
 32, BALWYN ROAD, 1955c  
 45A, NARRAK ROAD, 1955c

### External Integrity

Generally original.

### Streetscape Contribution

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### Significance

Architecturally, a complete and successful Modernistic house design which reflects the prevailing Lloyd-wright influence: of Regional importance.

Historically, evocative of the professional/manager classes associated with Camberwell: of local importance.

## Villa Marie, 6 Trafalgar Road



**Study Grading:** B  
**Precinct:** 29.10 **Streetscape:** 2  
**Construction Date:** 1892  
**First Owner:** Gunnensen, Gunner

## History

Gunner Gunnerson, a timber merchant of Romke Gunnerson & Co. South Melbourne, with Mrs. Gunnerson, was the first owner- occupier of this 10 room brick house in 1892 and remained so until well into this century<sup>1</sup>. G Banks and R P Yuncken were owners, in the 1950's and beyond<sup>2</sup>.

Gunnerson was Norwegian, emigrating to Adelaide at first, in 1877, and on to Melbourne ten years later<sup>3</sup>. He was the founder of the present Marbut- Gunnerson Pty. Ltd. of Port Melbourne who repeated his name in a number of timber products, such as 'Gunwall' (plywood paneling), 'Gun Floor', as well as continuing the saw milling, kiln seasoning and timber retailing business, commenced in the 19th century<sup>4</sup>. T H and P R Gunnerson served as latter-day directors of the firm. Gunnerson Nurseworth Ltd. and Welmar Ltd. are other offshoots from the business.

## Description

Close to 10 Trafalgar Road (q.v.) and part of a row of similar Italianate villas, Ville Marie once occupied extensive grounds which allowed a circuitous driveway to discreetly reach the rear stabling without compromising the view to the front facade. The house boasted an internal bath as well as a cellar, whilst its outward form, with its return iron verandah linking two bayed wings, had much in common with many other, albeit smaller, villas nearby. The roofs were typically hipped and slated, and the walls stuccoed with standard ornament. Part of the spade-headed picket fence survives.

## Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

35, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1881  
630, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1882  
2, BERWICK STREET, 1885c  
53, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1886-7  
320, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1886  
3, FERMANAGH ROAD, 1887  
57, SEYMOUR GROVE, 1887  
33, ALMA ROAD, 1888  
19, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1888  
46, PARLINGTON STREET, 1888  
635, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1888  
89, UNION ROAD, 1888  
2, PEPPIN STREET, 1889 (?)  
25, ALMA ROAD, 1889(?)  
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

32, PROSPECT HILL 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, 1890/1900  
15, ALMA ROAD, 1890  
544, BURKE ROAD, 1890  
27, INGLEBY ROAD, 1890  
7, VICTORIA AVENUE, 1890  
13, VICTORIA AVENUE, 1890  
57, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1890c?  
7A, ALMA ROAD, 1891-2  
13, BALWYN ROAD, 1891-4  
73-79, BALWYN ROAD, 1891  
320, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1892  
622, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1892  
125, WATTLE VALLEY ROAD, 1892  
136, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1893  
668-670, BURKE ROAD, 1895  
680, BURKE ROAD, 1895  
816-822, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1895  
30, HOWARD STREET, 1895c  
29, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1897  
52, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1897  
15, KASOUKA ROAD, 1898  
150, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1899  
26, VICTORIA AVENUE, 1899

## External Integrity

The house is generally original except for the painted basalt fence; removal and what appears to be an enclosed verandah.

## Streetscape

Numbers 4-46 are of Italianate descent, providing an altered but homogeneous streetscape.

## Significance

Architecturally, a large example of a common late Victorian period villa form; of regional interest.

Historically, the home of a major business figure in Victoria; of regional importance and state interest.

1 RB 1892-3, 607; RB 1897-8, 522; D1893; BA 1940, 12524  
2 BA 1953, 12801; BA 1962, 32230  
3 SLVB: *The Age*, 23.7.1979  
4 *ibid.*