

286, UNION ROAD, 1920
 44, CURRAJONG AVENUE, 1920c
 6, IRAMOO STREET, 1920c
 17, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1920c
 65, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1920c
 42, SPENCER STREET, 1921-3
 899, TOORAK ROAD, 1921
 930, BURKE ROAD, 1922
 210, 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, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1924
 12, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924
 10, FITZGERALD STREET, 1924c
 11, ALMA ROAD, 1925(?)
 269, UNION ROAD, 1925-6c
 10, DONNA BUANG 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, 1925c
 359, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1925c
 513, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1925c
 146, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1925c

External Integrity

A carport has been added and the front fence has been replaced sympathetically. However new stucco and colours, are inappropriate for the period.

Streetscape

Contributes to a valuable Queen Anne precinct (refer Broadway- Sefton Place precinct).

Significance

Architecturally, distinguished by the 'balanced' asymmetry and bold nature of its elevation, the house also contributes to an important precinct; of regional importance.

Historically, little is known of the Ford family in the Camberwell context.

Baldene, 10 Sefton Place



Study Grading: A

Precinct: 26.04 Streetscape: 1

Construction Date: 1908

First Owner: Bald, George Robert

Builder: Dixon, R A

History

George R Bald commissioned builders R A Dixon to construct Baldene in 1908¹. It was to be of 11 rooms and of brick and tile². It remained the Bald family house until conversion to flats in 1930's³. The design has been attributed to architects, Ussher & Kemp and possesses similarities to other houses by the firm in the area.

George Robert Bald was the principal of a manufacturers agency which he commenced in Elizabeth Street around 1904⁴. His more renowned clients include Fairbanks Morse & Co (railway motors) of America also Hessberg Bros., makers of Chinese bristles of London, and the Bilt Rite Manufacturing Co of Minneapolis, and McCabe wheat pickers from Adelaide⁵. Twentieth century bath heaters could be obtained through the agency and they also sold Letts & Co's diaries⁶. His commercial contacts indicate that his business was more successful and more innovative than those of other Camberwell residents.

His son, Robert Bald, was to become professor of English at Cornell University (USA) and write a number of books dealing with the history of literature.

Born in 1901, Robert spent his childhood in this house prior to lectureships in English in Western Australia, Adelaide and the University of Stellenbosch, Sth. Africa. He joined the British

1 BA 1899-1918, 1034
 2 ibid.
 3 D1930; D1937
 4 SLVB *The Australasian Hardware Machinery*, 1910
 5 ibid.
 6 ibid.
 7 WWA 1932, 1944

Information Services, New York (1941-2) and became a Foyle Fellow of the Shakespeare Institute Stratford-on-Avon.¹

Description

Queen Anne villa in manner, this house possesses a multitude of gabled forms; ranging from dormers nested in the archetypical hipped main roof, to the major room bays which occupy strategic corners and trim the verandah ends. Red brick walls and stucco string courses highlight the walls but the emphasis of the house lies in the roof, with its Marseilles pattern terra-cotta tiles and shingling. Arcading in the window casements echoes that in the verandah whilst slatting and half-timbering provide further ornamental detail.

Composed in an almost symmetrical manner and entered atypically straight from the front verandah, the main elevation nevertheless ignores the street alignments. Suited to its corner site, the diagonal axis of the house bisects the angle and gabled roof bays lead the eye around the corner. Canary Island palms and other evergreen shrubbery are a valuable setting for the house.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

69, BROADWAY, 1900-1
 20, BRYSON STREET, 1900
 608, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1900
 1, SALISBURY STREET, 1900
 5, VICTORIA ROAD, 1900
 11, LUENA ROAD, 1900^c
 42, BRYSON STREET, 1901
 58, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1901
 6, KINTORE STREET, 1901
 23, ROYAL CRESCENT, 1901
 35, BROADWAY, 1902
 39, PROSPECT HILL ROAD, 1902
 169, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1903-4
 6, LOGAN STREET, 1903
 142, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1904
 7, MANGARRA ROAD, 1905-6
 24, CHAUCER CRESCENT, 1905
 633, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1906-8
 27, BALWYN ROAD, 1906
 58, BROADWAY, 1906
 65, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1906
 73-75, BROADWAY, 1907
 31, CHAUCER CRESCENT, 1907
 17, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1907
 18, PEPPIN STREET, 1907^c
 138, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1908-9
 41, INCLESBY ROAD, 1908-9
 41, INCLESBY ROAD, 1909-10
 71, BROADWAY, 1909
 73, BROADWAY, 1909
 31, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1909
 206, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1909
 22, VICTORIA ROAD, 1909
 1293, TOORAK ROAD, 1910-
 8, ST. GEORGES CRESCENT, 1910
 2, CLAYTON ROAD, 1910^c
 199, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1910^c
 24, ALBION STREET, 1911

17-19, BROADWAY, 1911
 96-98, UNION ROAD, 1911
 24, KENT ROAD, 1912-13
 54, BROADWAY, 1912
 35, MATLOCK STREET, 1912
 648, BURKE ROAD, 1913-18
 6, KITCHENER STREET, 1913
 8, FITZGERALD STREET, 1915-20^c
 127, WINMALEE ROAD, 1915-20^c
 27A, ALMA ROAD, 1915
 76, ATHELSTAN ROAD, 1915
 347-349, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1915^c
 353, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1915^c
 150, WINMALEE ROAD, 1915^c

External Integrity

The fence (probably timber picket) has been removed.

Streetscape

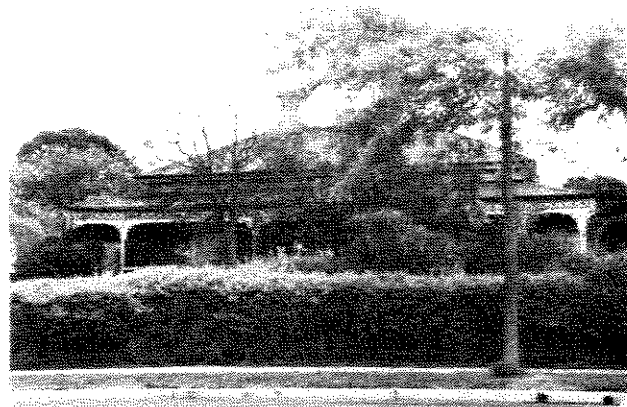
Contributive to an important Queen Anne precinct.

Significance

Architecturally, an intact and successful design in the Queen Anne manner as executed by the style's most talented practitioners, which is greatly benefited by its near island siting and its proximity to other important Queen Anne villas; of state importance.

Historically, built for George Bald, a member of the wealthy manufacturing class which proliferated in the expansion of Camberwell early this century, and the home of a noted academic, Robert Bald; of regional importance.

House, 57 Seymour Grove



Study Grading: C
 Construction Date: 1887
 First Owner: Purcell, Sarah

¹ WWA 1912