

BUILDING TITLE SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE CO. LTD.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF BALLARAT

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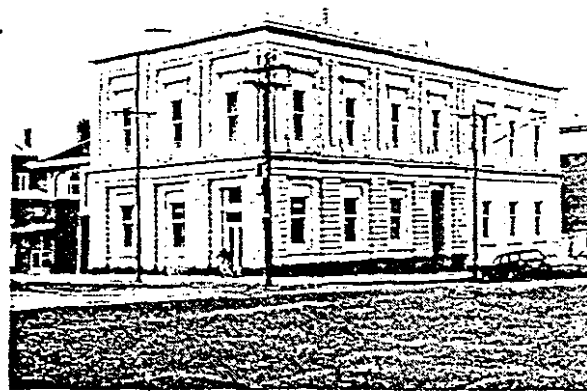
DESIGNATION

H.B.P.C. REGISTER No.

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BUILDING TYPE FORMER BANK
BUILDING NAME SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE CO. LTD.
STATE VICTORIA
LOCAL GOVT AREA CITY OF BALLARAT
STREET ONE ARMSTRONG & DANA No.
SUBURB/TOWN BALLARAT C.B.D.
CITY BALLARAT POSTCODE 3350
RURAL
NEAREST CENTRE Km.

TITLE REFERENCE Vol Fol
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PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION

DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION JULY 1978

OWNERSHIP

ORIGINAL MR. JAMES ODDIE & CO (FORMER FREEHOLD BANK)
PRESENT SOUTH BRITISH INSURANCE CO. LTD.
ADDRESS 211 DANA ST. BALLARAT

ARCHITECT/PRACTICE LEONARD TERRY
BUILDER IRVING, GLOVER & CO.
ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS 24. OCTOBER 1868.

REFERENCE ARGUS 24.10.1868 p3

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1869

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE £6,000

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS CHIMNEY MOULDINGS REMOVED,
DOORS ALTERED, CONSERVATORY DEMOLISHED

BUILDING CITATION

This two storey former bank building was constructed in 1869 to the design of Leonard Terry for Mr. James Oddie & Co. Irving Glover & Co. were the contractors, (estimated contract value of £6,000). The design is a modification of an earlier Terry bank, the London Chartered Bank of 1868 (corner Lydiard and Sturt Streets, now demolished) and is very similar to the Union Fidelity Trustee Co. building of 1887 (corner Lydiard and Mair Streets). The design is marginally more abstracted than these other buildings - there is no balustraded parapet and the ionic pilasters of the piano nobile are uniformly double. Cast iron balconettes - similar to those of the Union Fidelity building - are unusual. A grill was more common in Terry's work. There are surviving blind hoods at both levels.

This corner building provides an excellent example of a former bank in the conservative classical style, with a precise vocabulary of mouldings: rustication, paired ionic pilasters, cornices and string courses. It is an outstanding example of Leonard Terry's work, is remarkably intact and in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this building be added to the Historic Buildings Register, the Register of the National Estate and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act, Third Schedule.

DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

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ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT
SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING

LANDSCAPE/STREETSCAPE/ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PART OF RECOMMENDED
AREA B1.3

DOCUMENTATION JACOBS, LEWIS, VINES
ARCHITECTS

DATE SEPTEMBER 1978