

**HISTORY** : This house is said to have been built by David Mitchell in 1901,<sup>1</sup> although it is shown on the 1899 MMBW plan 1052. It was owned by David Mitchell's accountant until sold to David Fitton in 1920. Mr Fitton lived there for 42 years.<sup>2</sup>

**VISUAL DESCRIPTION** : A two-storey rendered brick Boom corner terrace, set back behind a garden. The ground-storey has a tripartite window with barley sugar mullions. The entry has engraved glass sidelights, fanlight and classical urns. Verandah posts are cast-iron (with manufacturer's plaque) and cast-iron lace balustrade. Both verandahs are between corbels on brackets, at first storey with balloons and an open archway. Cornice and frieze also extend between corbels and balloons. Over is a centrepiece, with an octagonal panel with the name embossed, supported by scrolls, with a pediment and acroterion. There is a cast-iron palisade fence and gate on a bluestone plinth.

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS** : Comparable to : 395 and 397 Punt Road (ref : 171); 45 Egan Street (ref : 97) and 3 Moorhouse Street.

**SIGNIFICANCE** : A double-storey terrace built by the important Melbourne builder from Richmond, David Mitchell. It is of historical and architectural significance at local level.

**INTACTNESS** : All doors and windows survive. The verandah has new quarry tiles. The building is entirely painted. There are sympathetic major additions at side and rear, including a double-storey verandah.

**CONDITION & THREATS** : Good.

**REFERENCES** : 1. The source for this claim is a letter from the then owner, David Fitton to Roy Simpson dated 22 October 1961. He also claimed that "Madam Melba resided here for a number of years."  
2. Ibid.