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URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS

37 VILLAMANTA STREET.

HISTORY

The house now known as 'Nango Bodan' was formerly called 'Cora Lynn', and was built in 1889 for J.H.McPhillimy, a confectioner. McPhillimy was associated with St. Georges Presbyterian Church for which he donated the spire and the adjacent McPhillimy hall. James McPhillimy spent the last years of his life since 1916 at 'Minnie Waaki' in Stephen Street, Newtown whilst his Villamanta Street residence was leased to Mr. Sutherland. James McPhillimy was well known in Geelong business, community and church life. He died in 1924.

DESCRIPTION

The six roomed weatherboard house was originally built as a fairly typical bay windowed, hipped roof Victorian house with a convex verandah. Around 1900 it was altered to accommodate the now distinctive tower which was reputedly added after a trip to the East by the McPhillimys. Its eastern flavour also has some Edwardian detailing in the window and the timber strapping. The timber fretwork replaced cast iron decoration. The house appears as a mixture of two styles with the distinctive eastern influence in the tower. This building is a key one in the Villamanta Street precinct. Refer also to 51 Villamanta Street and the corner of Aberdeen and Pakington Streets for buildings with towers.

SIGNIFICANCE

A most unusual large weatherboard residence with a fine tower and important historical associations with the McPhillimy family. Its significance is enhanced by its location in a key historical precinct. It is of regional significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

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