

HOWLANDS
37 Docker Street

History and Description

Built in 1889 for George Alexander, tailor and founder of Alexander's stores. An earlier house, occupied by Ahab Kellet, existed on the site from 1867.

The site was created by the 1853 subdivision of Joseph Docker's Crown allotments.

'Howlands' is a finely detailed residence in a classical revival style. The massing, proportions, windows framed with pilasters, the coupled columns, and the balustraded parapet invite comparison with 384 Church Street, which was designed by J.A.B. Koch in 1885.

Statement of Significance

A finely detailed and intact late Victorian residence in a classical revival style.

References

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Subdivision plan of Joseph Docker's Crown Allotments, 1853.
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