RESIDENCE 19 Elm Grove

History and Description

This house was built in 1863 as the residence of architect James Miller Robertson, the site being part of the Elm Grove subdivision from Charles William's Crown grant in 1852.

It is a simply detailed two storey stuccoed brick building distinguished by a Georgian portico. The ground floor windows are the result of recent alterations.

In the 1880's, the property was owned by John B. Bennett, a Melbourne solicitor, and was occupied for a time during that decade by the important architect William Salway. He designed many Melbourne residences including Dr. Beaney's residence in Collins Street, now the Alexander Club.

An 1896 M.M.B.W. plan shows a long back verandah and stables at the rear.

Statement of Significance

An 1860's residence notable for its Georgian style portico.

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