175 Kent Street. Ref : 137

HISTORY: Built about 1870(?).1

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A double-fronted, double-storey, mid-Victorian timber house with a hip-roof between brick wing-walls and wide lining-boards. It has Classical mould rendered chimneys and turned eaves-brackets. Wing-walls have corbels on scroll-brackets: lozenge at ground and vermiculated at first-storey. There are turned verandah-posts at first-storey, cast-iron lace valence, brackets and balustrade and cast-iron posts at ground, which are Composite with a band. Both levels have central doors: first-storey are glazed with fanlight, with perimeter glazing bars. Ground-level windows are tripartite. There is coloured glass in the round-headed window at the end of the balcony, otherwise there are blind arches. Chimneys have Classical moulds. There is an iron palisade-fence.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: 419 & 421 Punt Road, pair (ref: 172) and 18 Berry Street, house. Few double-storey timber houses survive in Richmond. Other wide lining boards: 14 Appleton Street (ref: 52); 7 Palmer Street (ref: 54); 132 Highett Street (ref: 85) and 74 Elizabeth Street (ref: 104).

<u>SIGNIFICANCE</u>: A rare, two-storey timber house. It is double-fronted, mid-Victorian of about 1870(?). Of local architectural significance.

<u>INTACTNESS</u>: Reasonable. Brickwork is painted and the colours are inappropriate and the verandah floor is concrete. First-storey verandah posts are later and ground-storey are formerly from a balustrade (relocated?). Is the palisade fence relocated? It is in an inappropriate bluestone plinth.

CONDITION & THREATS: Good.

REFERENCES: 1. It is shown on the 1899 MMBW plan 1052.