

ROTHERWOOD
33 Rotherwood Street

History and Description

'Rotherwood' was constructed sometime after 1855 as it does not appear on the 1855 Magee map of Richmond. By 1861, the building was occupied by J.F. Matthews, shown in the directories to be an architect and surveyor. Prior to this date Matthews is registered at premises in Elizabeth Street and Collins Street. J.F. Matthews maintained his association with 'Rotherwood' until after 1884.

By 1896, the form of the building is shown on the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' map. It is constructed to a rectangular plan, with a projecting front wing and verandah extending along the building facade.

'Rotherwood' is designed in the Gothic revival style, favoured generally for ecclesiastical works, and in the mid Victorian period for residential work. Gothic style details include the high pitched roof form, parapeted gable ends, concave verandah roof and casement sashes.

Statement of Significance

'Rotherwood' is a rare example of a Victorian Gothic revival style residence in Richmond.

References

State Library of Victoria Picture Collection.
 Sands and McDougall, Melbourne Directory 1861-1883.
Port Phillip Directory, 1856-1858.