

RESIDENCE
12 Union Street

History and Description

Erected c. 1858-9 for pioneer Melbourne surgeon James Robertson on part of a subdivision from Farquhar McCrae's Crown grant, financed by the Union Benefit Building and Investment Society. The unusual and naive classical revival design of rock faced basalt walls, fine axed stone quoins enhanced with elaborate corinthian pilasters, pedimented gables and lofty tower is of unknown origin. The use of flat corinthian pilasters to frame the windows is intriguing.

It is one of the oldest surviving stone houses in Richmond and it dominated the Punt Road area until the 1880's.

Statement of Significance

An innovative, original classical revival design without parallel in Victoria.

References

National Estate Register citation.
 National Trust of Australia (Vic.) F.N. 3273.

