

**SIMPSONS GLOVES PTY. LTD.**  
**488-469 Victoria Street**

### **History and Description**

This brick industrial building was constructed in 1920 for A. Bamford Proprietary Limited, furniture manufacturers. This first occupancy continued until 1925, when the building was occupied by Beckford Furniture Proprietary Limited. By 1931 Simpsons Gloves Proprietary Limited were occupiers, and this association has continued to the present.

The building is a finely detailed and executed, early twentieth century industrial structure. Notable architectural features include brick soldier courses and windows with contrasting render detail. A recessed central entrance is articulated by a drip mould. The trabeated structural system is attractively represented by piers broken by a projecting cornice with supporting consoles and brackets. A simple parapet completes the building.

### **Statement of Significance**

This industrial building has been associated with the manufacturing industry in Richmond since its construction in 1920. The building is prominently situated in Victoria Street at the eastern entrance to Richmond. It is a well designed example of an early twentieth century industrial building.

### **References**

Sands and McDougall, Melbourne Directory 1915-1931.