

Building:	House	Significance:	B
Address:	13 Clarke Street, Abbotsford	Melway Map Ref:	2D B9
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	pre-1864
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



Intactness:
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Condition:
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Existing Heritage Listings:

Victorian Heritage Register []
 Register of the National Estate []
 National Trust []

Recommended Heritage Listings:

Victorian Heritage Register []
 Register of the National Estate [x]
 Heritage Overlay Controls [x]

History

The first Collingwood Rate Book, for 1864, lists John R Osborne, an accountant, as the owner of a brick house valued at £37. Osborne remained the owner and occupier of the house until 1869, when ownership passed to Mary Watson.¹

Description

The house at 13 Clarke Street, Abbotsford, is a simple, double-fronted brick villa with a hipped slate roof. The detached house is set back from the street, and has walls of Hawthorn Flemish bond brickwork with a bluestone plinth. The brickwork appears to have been recently repointed. The symmetrical street facade has a central four-panelled door flanked by double-hung sash windows. It has a concave-profile corrugated iron verandah supported on timber posts. The brick chimneys have rendered moulded caps.

To the rear on the west side of the house is a timber single-storey building with an attic, clad in weatherboard with a gabled corrugated iron roof, which also appears to date from the 19th century and may pre-date the main house.

The timber picket fence is not original.

Comparative Examples

94 Hodgkinson Street, Clifton Hill
George Street, Fitzroy

Significance

The house at 13 Clarke Street is of local architectural significance. Architecturally, the house is a substantially intact example of a relatively austere Victorian villa, which is a remnant of the middle class villas which were erected close to the Yarra River in the pre-Boom period. Being free-standing on a comparatively large block it is one of a small number of such dwellings within the municipality.

Original Source

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

1 Collingwood Rate Books, 1864, 1869, 1870, 1873, 1875, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1888. Clarke Street is not listed in the *Sands & McDougall Directory* in the 1860s.