

Building:	House	Significance:	B
Address:	117 Hoddle Street, Richmond	Melway Map Ref:	2G G3
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	1894
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



Intactness:	Condition:
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Existing Heritage Listings:	Recommended Heritage Listings:
Victorian Heritage Register []	Victorian Heritage Register []
Register of the National Estate []	Register of the National Estate [x]
National Trust []	Heritage Overlay Controls [x]

History

The house at 117 Hoddle Street, on the south-east corner of Egan Street, was built in 1894. Its first owner was a manufacturer, John J Steele, who has owned the land since 1893, when he acquired it from James Tobin. Rate Books show that in 1895, Steele was the owner and occupier of an 8 room brick house valued at £40. Between 1895 and 1902, the house was occupied by a number of tenants, including the Rev R H Lambley, a unitarian minister (1899-1902). Steele remained the owner of the house until 1902, when it was acquired by Otto Waschatz, who had owned an occupied a brick sculpture studio at 119 Hoddle Street since the early 1890s. The house remained in the ownership of the Waschatz family until at least 1945.¹

Description

The house at 117 Hoddle Street, Richmond is a two-storey Italianate style residence, of rendered masonry construction. The west elevation facing Hoddle Street is asymmetrical and has a two-storey polygonal bay with three segmental arched head windows at each level. To its south, at ground level, there is a door with side- and highlights, and at first floor level, a window. The roof, which is penetrated by two rendered chimneys with moulded caps, is concealed behind a balustraded parapet; much of the balustrading is missing. Below the parapet is a heavy moulded cornice. The front verandah and balcony have been removed.

The side elevation facing Egan Street also has a two-storey polygonal bay with segmental arched head windows at each level.

The original bluestone and iron picket front fence remains. To the rear of the property is a two-storey red brick outbuilding. Windows are double-hung sashes with bluestone sills, with the exception of a window on the west elevation comprising three casements with highlights, probably added c 1900.

Significance

The house at 117 Hoddle Street, Richmond, is of local architectural significance. Although its significance has been diminished by the removal of the balcony and verandah, the body of the house remains typical in form of a 19th century Italianate house with ornate parapet, window mouldings and chimneys. Intact elements include the front iron picket fence and rear outbuilding.

1 Richmond Rate Books, 1890-91, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1900, 1911-12, 1945. *Sands & McDougall Directory*, 1895, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1910, 1915, 1920.