

<b>Building:</b>	House	<b>Significance:</b>	B
<b>Address:</b>	395 Johnston Street, Abbotsford	<b>Melway Map Ref:</b>	2D A8
<b>Building Type:</b>	Residence	<b>Construction Date:</b>	1900
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown	<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown



<b>Intactness:</b>		<b>Condition:</b>	
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<b>Existing Heritage Listings:</b>		<b>Recommended Heritage Listings:</b>	
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 395 Johnston Street, Abbotsford, was built for John E Woolcock in 1900. Since at least 1898, Woolcock had been the owner of a wooden shop and house, valued at £20 in 1900, near the corner of Johnston and Paterson Streets.

The rate Books for 1901 list Woolcock as the owner of two brick houses, later Nos. 395 and 397, each valued at £30. The name of the first occupier of No. 395 was Thorpe. In 1910, when John Woolcock himself was living at No. 397, James Woolcock was the occupier of No. 395.<sup>1</sup>

## Description

The house at 395 Johnston Street, Abbotsford, is a double-fronted single-storey bichromatic brick villa, and is similar in design to the adjacent No. 397. The walls are of red face brick with contrasting darker brick string courses at window head and sill level, flat arches above the window openings, and banding on the chimneys. The roof is concealed behind an ornate rendered balustraded parapet, embellished with swags and vermiculated panels. The parapet was originally surmounted by two scrolled pediments with acroteria and urns - these have been removed since 1995. Still intact is the ornate frieze below the parapet, with its repeating pattern of swags and rosettes. At each end of the frieze is a scroll, supporting a vermiculated corbel.

The verandah is enclosed between a brick wing wall and the projecting front room. It has a corrugated iron roof and is supported on iron columns with a frieze of cast iron lacework. The floor of the verandah is paved with tessellated tiles. The two front windows are tripartite timber-framed double-hung sashes.

No. 395 retains the unpainted render finish to its parapet. The original iron picket fence, with its bluestone plinth, is also intact.

## Comparative Examples

397 Johnston Street, Abbotsford.

## Significance

The house at 395 Johnston Street, Abbotsford is of local architectural significance. It is a good, if extremely late, example of the exuberant 19th century Italianate boom style, notable for its bichromatic brickwork and cast iron decoration. The house forms a pair with the adjacent No. 397, and together they comprise an important heritage element on a main thoroughfare in Abbotsford which has been significantly eroded by post-War industrial and commercial development.

## Original Source

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

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<sup>1</sup> Collingwood Rate Books, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901. *Sands & McDougall Directory*, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1910, 1915, 1921, 1930.