

Building:	House	Significance:	B
Address:	175 Kent Street, Richmond	Melway Map Ref:	2H E4
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	1889?
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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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

From 1885, Andrea Svensson, a carpenter and cabinetmaker, owned and occupied a 5 room house and workshop on this site. In 1888, it was valued at £50. In 1889, the Rate Books describe a 9 room wooden house and workshop, valued at £64, suggesting that the present building may date from that year. In subsequent years, the house is described in the Rate Books as a 10 room house variously of 'brick', 'wood', or 'brick and wood'.¹

Description

The house at 175 Kent Street, Richmond, is a two-storey, double-fronted, freestanding, symmetrical Italianate terrace-style house. The side and rear walls are brick, whilst the façade is block fronted. The central entrance door has side- and highlights and is flanked by tripartite timber-framed double-hung sash windows. A central door upstairs leads to the balcony and is flanked by floor length double-hung sash windows. The front verandah and balcony have cast iron lacework friezes, and the balcony has lacework balustrading. The original cast iron verandah columns remain at ground floor level, but at the first floor level they have been replaced with two turned timber posts. The verandah and balcony are flanked by projecting brick wing walls with blind arches at the west end, and an arched flashed and etched glass window on the first floor at the east end. The hipped corrugated iron roof is a penetrated by two rendered brick chimney with moulded caps.

The house retains an original iron picket front fence.

The external brick walls of the house have been painted white. The origin of two double height brick nib walls abutting the east wall is unknown.

Comparative Examples

419-421 Punt Road, Richmond

Significance

The house at 175 Kent Street, Richmond, is of local architectural significance. Whilst the freestanding two-storey terrace form is not unusual in Richmond, an example with brick side and rear walls and a block-fronted facade—with its associated timber architraves—is very rare. The significance of the house has been diminished by the construction of two-storey units to the rear of the site.

1 Richmond Rate Books, 1884, 1885, 1888, 1890, 1891, 1893, 1895, 1889, 1890, 1904-05, 1909-10. *Sands & McDougall Directory*, 1884, 1910, 1930.