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| Building: | Former Chemist's Shop | Significance: | B |
| Address: | 295 Victoria Street, Abbotsford | Melway Map Ref: | 2G J1 |
| Building Type: | Shop and Residence | Construction Date: | 1865 |
| Architect: | Unknown | Builder: | Unknown |



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| 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 shop and residence at 295 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, was built for William Shelly in 1865. The Rate Books of 1864 show Shelly as the owner of vacant land values at £6. The following year, Shelly is the owner of a brick shop valued at £58. The occupier was Thomas Hackett, a chemist. Hackett continued to occupy the building until approximately 1872, when Frederick Blackburn, also a chemist, was listed as occupant. From 1874 until 1877, a third chemist, Joseph Gabriel, was the occupier. In 1889, the occupier was Thomas Bolger, a tailor. By this time, Shelly was owner of several adjacent properties in Victoria Street.¹

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

Description

295 Victoria Street is a double-storey shop and residence, constructed of rendered masonry, situated at the corner of Charles Street. There are three entrance doors at ground floor level, one on each of the street elevations and one on the splayed corner. Two large window openings at ground floor level have non-original metal-framed windows. A moulded string course divides the two storeys. Windows at first floor are single-pane, double-hung sashes with rendered sills, and above the front door on the corner is a rendered shield. A plain parapet surmounts a moulded cornice at first floor level, behind which is a hipped roof. The chimney to the rear is of painted brickwork.

Significance

The shop and residence at 295 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, is of local architectural significance. The building is a typical and relatively intact example, other than the shopfront, of a double-storey 19th century shop and residence, and contributes to the character of the streetscape.

Original Source

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1 Collingwood Rate Books, 1864, 1865, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1873, 1874, 1876, 1877, 1889. *Sands & McDougall Directory*, 1890, 1900, 1930.