

Building:

Residences

Address:

2-4 Abbott Grove



Allotment Reference:

Section 14, Lot 3

National Estate Register:

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Historic Buildings Council Register:

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National Trust Register:

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Location within Precinct:

Clifton Hill Eastern Residential precinct.

Photo Date

August, 1988

Grantee:

T. S. Smith, 3-12-1873

Original Owner: Richard Johnson (2)
William Chidzey (4)

Present Owner: -

Original Use: Residences

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Construction Date: 1888

Architect:

Builder:

Description: An unusual dissimilar attached timber pair with common brick party wall. The northernmost dwelling (No. 2) has ashlar boarding, faceted bay window and shingled gable end and the southern (No. 4) beaded weatherboards (some replaced) timber posted cast iron verandah, decorated window hood and recent decorated barge.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good

History: In 1887, the first seven houses from Spensley Street on the west side of Abbott Street were in the process of being built. In 1888 they were completed, number 2 being owned and occupied by Richard Johnson, a carrier, and number 4 by William Chidzey, a builder, (1887, 1889 RB).

Significance: Nos. 2-4 Abbott Grove are locally important for their distinctive design and for their links with William Chidzey, a builder and land developer who undertook work for himself at 36-46 Lulie Street and with Theodore Fink at 20-30 Lulie Street (q.v.)

Recommendations: Recommended for planning scheme protection.

References: Rate Books

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