

Building: Former William Murray and Co.,  
Woolworks.

Address: 457 Hoddle Street



Allotment Reference: Section 10 Lot 6 and pt. Lot 5

National Estate Register: Recommended

Historic Building Register: Recommended

National Trust Register: -

Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill Western residential precinct

Photo Date: October 1988

Grantee: M. Tall 19.3.69 (Lot 6)  
W. Black & Co. 19.3.69 (Lot 5)

Original Owner: William Murray and Co.

Present Owner: -

Original Use: Woolworks

Present Use: "Mr. Carpets"  
Exclusive Cleaning and Maintenance  
Services Pty. Ltd. (457)

Construction Date: 1918

Architect: -

Builder:

Description:

A substantial red brick Edwardian factory having a symmetrical elevation to Hoddle Street with pedimented gable ended terminations having "Wm. Murray & Co." in low relief stuccoed panels, the southern section also having "Woolworks" in low relief. Windows are steel and lintels stuccoed whilst toothed brickwork adds ornamentation at the cornice line.

A low brick chimney stack slightly flaired at the top is situated at the north-west corner, and may be related to a former wool drying kiln. Inside, framing is timber.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Fair

History:

In 1896 Hamilton Fitts, wool merchant, owned and operated a woolworks on this site, (1897 RB). By 1898 William Murray & Co. had taken over. The RB's record a "£2,000 addition" in 1917 and first record a "brick and ironworks" of substantially increased NAV (£180-£350) in 1918.

In 1921 the net annual value decreased to £260 and remained so in 1922 at which time the building was listed as "brick".

By 1951 (S & M dir.), the building was still occupied by William Murray & Co. although J.H. Veal, wool scourer also occupied No. 457.

Significance:

The former William Murray & Co. Woolworks are important at the State level in so far as they are the most prominent (compare former Box's Hair Curling Works and Hodgson's Shot tower) industrial complex relating directly with the Reilly Street drain industrial uses established during last century.

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate Register, Historic Buildings Register and for planning scheme protection.

References:

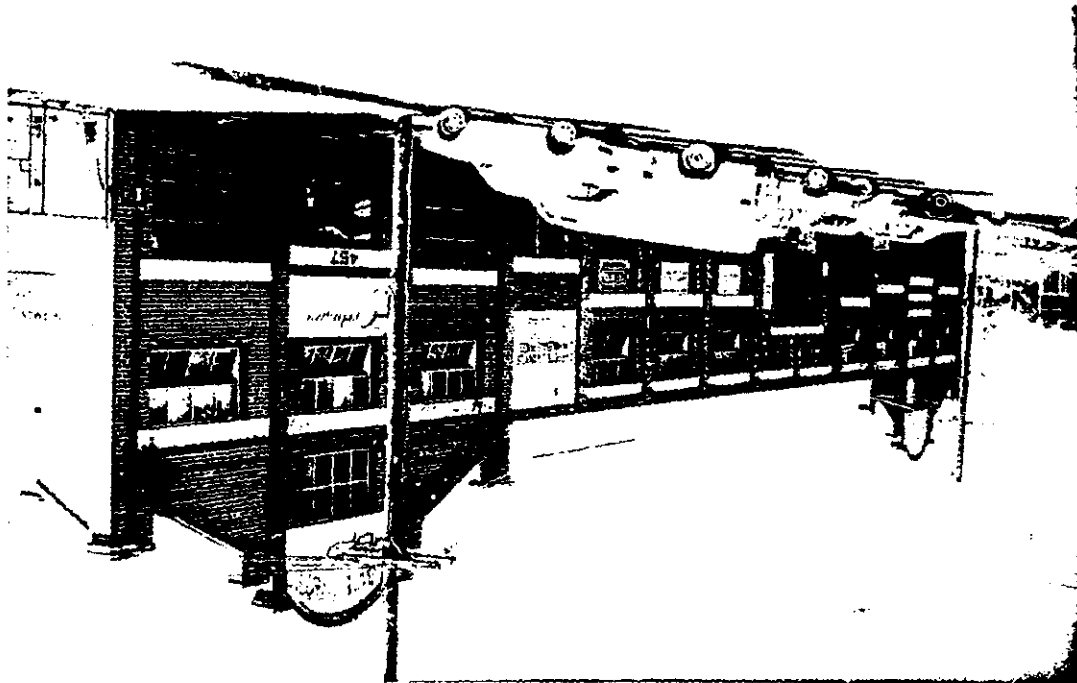
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