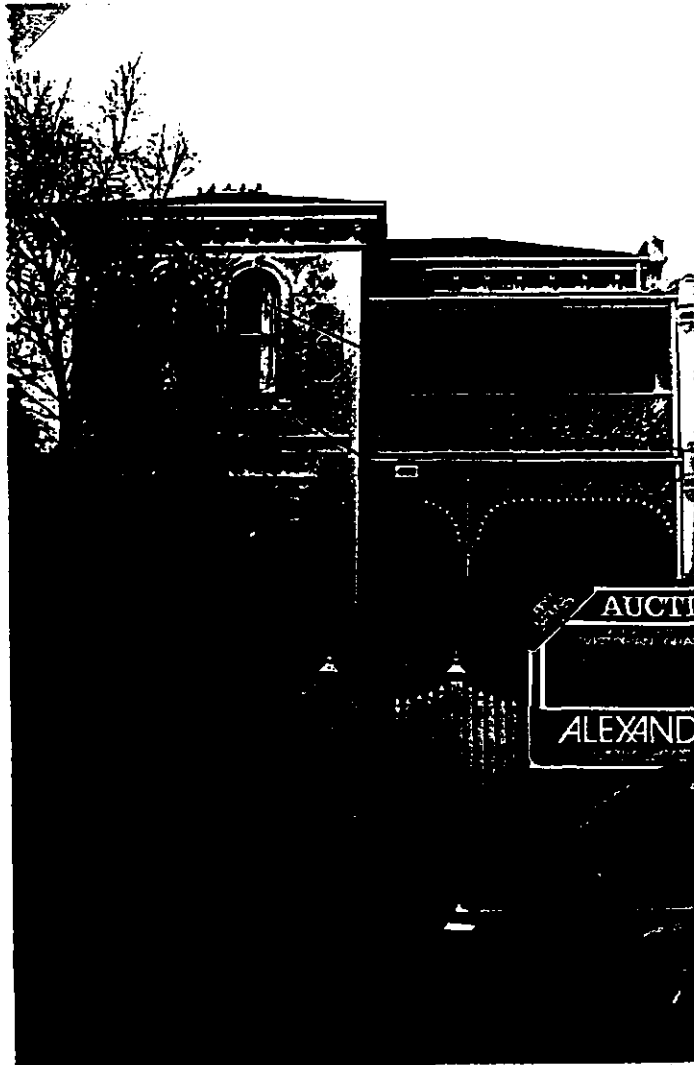


Building: Residence
Address: 28 Berry Street



Allotment Reference: Section 14, Lot 1
National Estate Register: -
Historic Buildings Council Register: -
National Trust Register: -
Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill Eastern Residential Precinct.
Photo Date: July, 1988

Grantee: J. Ryan
Original Owner: John Brewer
Present Owner: L.J. & H.W. Maylor
Original Use: Residence
Present Use: Residence
Construction Date: 1885-1886

Architect:

Builder: John Brewer

Description: A two storeyed stuccoed Italianate villa in the terrace form with two storeyed cast iron verandah and projecting wing and unusually extensive vermiculated panels with incised decoration and sill brackets with faces (same as No. 15-17 Spensley St. q.v.). The windows are round and flat arched and the front room window incorporates an unusual console motif.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good

History: In 1888, John Brewer commenced building a brick dwelling on land (lot 8) between Caroline and Spensely Streets. Brewer, a carpenter, completed the dwelling and resided there in 1886, (1885-86 RB).

He continued as owner/occupant in 1900, (1901 RB).

This house is linked with William J. Brewer's timber and iron merchants business in Grant Street (site of present Ministry for Housing complex). John Brewer, W.J. Brewer's father, "one of the oldest and most esteemed colonists" (Cyclopedia, of Victoria, Vol. 2, p.546) established this business in 1881 with his brother. John, however, died in 1889, the John Brewer of 1900 referring possibly to is son.

Significance:

No. 28 Berry Street is noteworthy for its decorative stuccoed treatment which includes the incised work, vermiculated panels and consoles to the front window. It is also important for its links with the successful local timber merchants business under the proprietorship of W.J. Brewer.

Recommendations:

Recommended for Planning Scheme protection.

References:

- Rate Books
- Smith, J., The Cyclopedia of Victoria,
Vol. 2 pp 545-546, for profile of
W.J. Brewer.

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