

Building:

Residences

Address:

169-185 Gipps Street



Allotment Reference:

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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:

Collingwood Flat Precinct

Photo Date

August, 1988

Grantee:

C. Nicholson, 13-2-1839

Original Owner:

William McBurnie

Present Owner:

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Original Use: Residences

Present Use: Residences

Construction Date: 1871-1890

Architect:

Builder: William McBurnie

Description: A row of nine single storeyed attached brick houses with continuous corrugated iron clad (formerly slated) gable roof and bluestone base walls. The verandahs have brick end walls with blind recessed arches and cast iron lace decoration whilst the brick walls (painted) appear to be monochrome. A two storeyed early addition is at the rear of Nos. 175-177.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Fair. Windows altered, fences replaced.

History: In 1870 William McBurnie owned the land on the south side of Gipps Street between Park and Charles Streets. In 1871, McBurnie, a contractor, commenced building two brick houses, completing them in 1872. McBurnie let one of the houses and retained the other for his residence, (1870-1872 RB).

In 1875 McBurnie completed two more brick houses adjacent to the first pair, continuing to live in the house on the corner of Gipps and Charles Street, (1875 RB).

In both 1889 and 1890 a pair of brick houses were added to the terrace - total being eight houses with a vacant lot on the corner of Park and Gipps Streets. In 1891 McBurnie completed the terrace by building a brick house on that corner, (1890-1892 RB).

Significance: Nos. 169-185 Gipps Street form a long terrace when compared with others in the municipality and recall the envisaged status of Gipps Street as a planned east-west route across the Yarra River.

Recommendations: Recommended for planning scheme protection.

References: Rate Books

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