

Building:

Nos 52, 54, 56, 58, Gipps Street



Allotment Reference: 67

National Trust Register: -

National Estate Register: -

Historic Buildings Council Register: -

Location within Precinct: Collingwood Flat Residential  
Precinct - Campbell Street

Photograph Date: 13.6.87

Grantee: J.D.L. Campbell

Original Owner: Robert Benson

Present Owner:

Original Use: Residential

Present Use: Residential

Construction Date: 1881

Architect:

Builder:

Description:

A two storeyed bi-chromatic Victorian terrace of four units with single storey verandahs and front gardens. The dark brown body bricks are tuckpointed at street level and decorated with creams, whilst the simple stuccoed parapet detail remains unpainted. The party walls are expressed with chamfered cream bricks terminating at the cream string course.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good, No. 58 has been painted, the cast iron lacework to No. 56 has been removed.

History:

In 1879 the Metropolitan Building Society owned land at this location (RB) and in 1880 it was owned by Orlando (?) Fenwick (?) (RB). Fenwick sold to Robert Benson in the following year during which the four brick houses were under construction (RB 1881 "houses unfinished"). In 1882, ownership passed to William Benson and the four houses were tenanted by a dressmaker, bootmaker, cleaner and a woman ("domestic duties"). By 1894, the development had passed to the Metropolitan Building Society (RB, resumed?).

Significance:

Nos 52-58 Gipps Street are typical of the speculative development of the boom period in Collingwood. Their comparative lack of detail is typical of development on the Flat, the use of creams, however, being similar to though somewhat less flamboyant than the houses on the Slope.

Recommendations:

Recommended for planning scheme protection. Paint removal using approved techniques and reinstatement of lacework recommended.

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