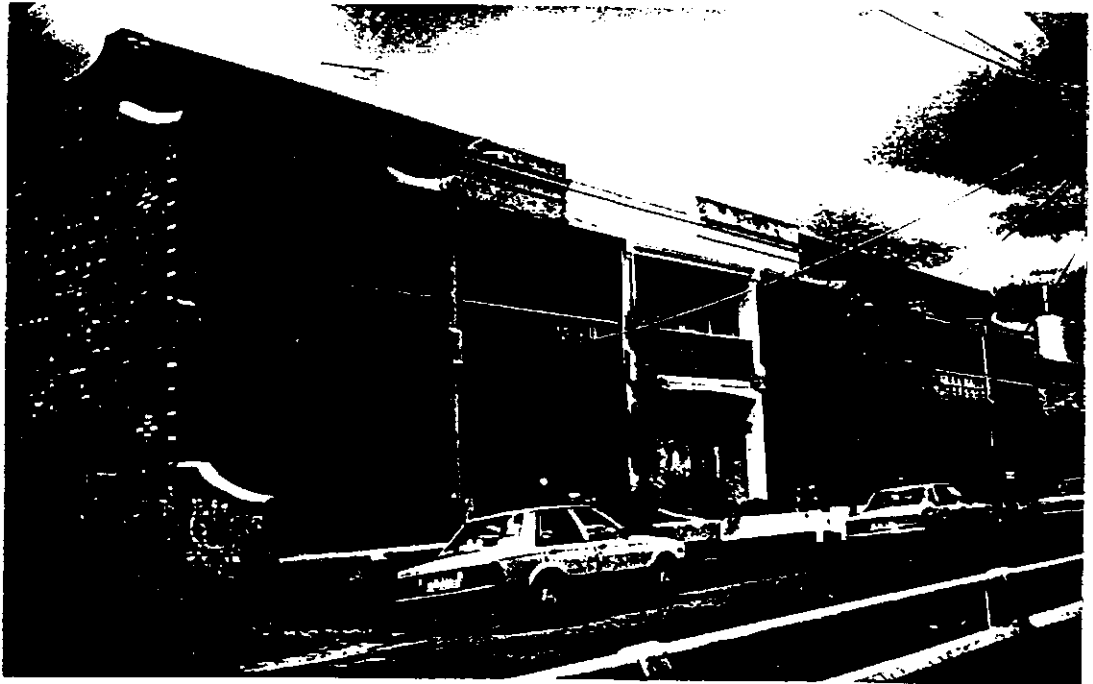


Building: "Railway Terrace"
Address: 19-31 John Street



Allotment Reference: Section 13, Lot 7
National Estate Register: -
Historic Buildings Council Register: -
National Trust Register: -
Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill Eastern Residential
Photo Date: November 1989
Grantee: M. Moss
Original Owner: William Inglis
Present Owner:
Original Use: Residence
Present Use: Residence
Construction Date: 1888
Architect:
Builder:

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- Description:** A row of seven two-storeyed cement rendered brick terraces of plain ornamentation with two storey verandahs. At ground floor level there is a single window and door each with narrow sidelights, and there are two pairs of half-glazed french doors to each upper floor. The verandah floors are concrete with bluestone edging.
- Condition:** Good
- Integrity:** Good. Nos. 27-31 all have their original cast iron balustrading, and No. 27 retains its original stained glass sidelights. Verandah bressemer possibly later.
- History:** In 1887, the east side of John Street between Spensley Street and Heidelberg Road was vacant land. In 1888 seven brick terrace houses were built in John Street on the north-east corner of Spensley Street. William Inglis, an agent, was listed as owner, and all houses had tenants.
- In 1891 William and John Vale were owners; the Sands and McDougall Directory for that year listing the properties as "Railway Terrace 1 to 7". By 1900 the properties were in the hands of the executors of the late Frank Spry. Six of the houses had tenants.
(RB 1887, 1889, 1891, 1901, S&M 1891)
- Significance:** A substantial speculative residential development associated with the later years of the land boom and recalling the social significance of the railway line to the extent that this building was erected in the same year as the railway was opened.
- Recommendations:** Recommended for planning scheme protection.
- References:** Rate Books
Sands & McDougall Directories
- Issue:** No. 1 December 1989