

Building:

68 Keele Street,
"Shamrock Villa"



Allotment Reference:

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National Trust Register:

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National Estate Register:

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Historic Buildings Council Register:

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Location within Precinct:

Collingwood Flat Precinct

Photograph Date:

18.8.87

Grantee:

Hughes and Hoskins

Original Owner:

Paul Murphy

Present Owner:

Original Use:

Residence for dairy

Present Use:

Residence

Construction Date:

1892

Architect:

Builder:

Description:

Symmetrical stuccoed brick villa with concave cast iron verandah and hipped roof with cement brackets. The verandah iron work incorporates cockatoo and sparrow (?) motifs with foliage whilst columns have foliated shafts. The windows have fluted colonnettes and the name "Shamrock Villa" is painted with parrot, wren and sparrow (?) figures and foliage in the fan light. The encaustic tiled verandah floor incorporates a shamrock motif and extends with bluestone margins to the palisade iron fence and gate.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good, terra cotta tiled roof

History:

In 1891 James Hacking owned "enclosed land" at this location (RB). In the following year he sold to Paul Murphy, dairyman, who built "Shamrock Villa" in that year as his residence. It remained in his possession in 1895 (RB). By 1907, F. Hildebrand, ran his dairy from this location and by 1919, Albert Wright, dairyman, was in business there (S & M dir. 1907, 1919).

Significance:

"Shamrock Villa" is of interest as a substantially intact villa residence in Collingwood. The decoration is noteworthy and includes the painted name and birds on the fan light, cockatoos and birds in the verandah lacework and the shamrock motif in the encaustic tiled verandah floor.

Recommendations:

Recommended for Planning Scheme protection

References:

Rate Books

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