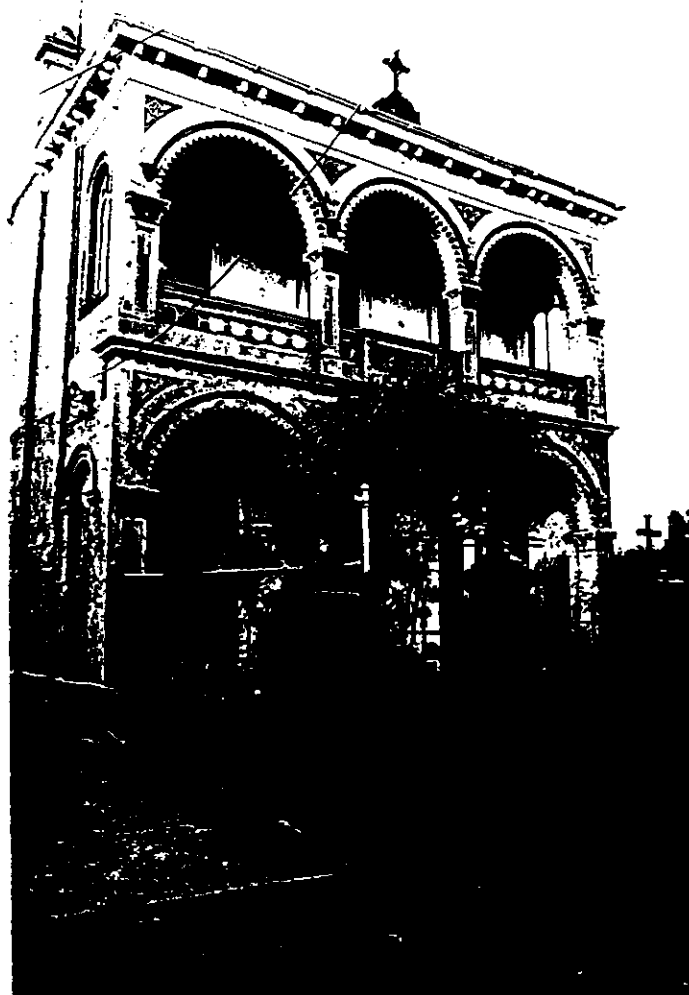


Building: Former "Wellington House", now St. Johns
Convent

Address: 12 North Terrace



Allotment Reference: Section 6, Lot 72

National Estate Register: Recommended

Historic Buildings Council Register: Recommended

National Trust Register: Recommended

Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill Western Residential Precinct

Photo Date: July, 1988

Grantee: C.S. Thomas

Original Owner: George Langridge

Present Owner:

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Convent

Construction Date: 1883-1884

Architect: -

Builder: -

Description: An arcaded and stuccoed Italianate villa in the terrace form with two storeyed verandah having cast iron columns to the lower level and stucco pillars and round arched arcading to both levels. The return walls of the verandah have round arched stained glass lights whilst the non-corrugated iron clad hipped roof is unusual in that it also forms the verandah roof. The gutters are cast iron with lions head jointed pieces and the eaves are bracketted. Ornamentation is generally incised in the spandrels, the upper level segmented headed windows having acroteria and the lower level being round arched.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good. Verandah floor now terrazzo, conversion to a convent is not intrusive, "Sisters of Charity" in fan light over door, double palisade cast iron fence and gate in situ along with lawn on east side. Edwardian bay window on east side, timber additions at rear.

History: In 1882 George Langridge, (1829-1891) builder and auctioneer, founder of the Langridge Mutual Permanent Building Society, Mayor of Colingwood 1867, 1872, Member Melbourne Water Supply Board, MLA (Collingwood) etc., owned 96' of land in North Terrace on which he commenced building a brick house for his residence in 1883. The house was completed in 1884 (1882-1884 RB). By 1886 Langridge had also purchased from William Niven, 95' of land adjacent to his house on the east side. Langridge remained in residence in 1892, (1884-1893 RB).

By 1898, John Woolcock had purchased the property and continued to own it in 1900. (1898, 1901 RB). During this period the land to the east was occupied by lawns and a tennis court - (MMBW litho).

On 25-3-1924 the foundation stone for the convent was blessed by His Grace The Most Reverend D. Mannix DD, Archbishop of Melbourne.

Significance:

No. 12 North Terrace is important at the State level as the home of George Langridge, and as a prominent villa facing the Darling Gardens. Its roof form which extends over the verandah is unusual, whilst the survival of the cast iron gutters is noteworthy.

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate and Historic Buildings Council Register and for Planning Scheme protection.

References:

- Rate Books
- La Trobe Library, 1886 view (LTA 537) in album entitled: "presented to the Hon. G.D. Langridge".

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