

Building: Residences
Address: 51-55 Oxford Street



Allotment Reference: Lot 52
National Estate Register: Recommended
Historic Buildings Council Register: Recommended
National Trust Register: -
Location within Precinct: Collingwood Slope
Photo Date: June, 1987
Grantee: S.A. Donaldson, 13.2.1839
Original Owner: Henry Miller (1864)
Present Owner:
Original Use: Residential
Present Use: Residential
Construction Date: 1858 - 1864 (?)

Architect:

Builder:

Description:

A gable ended Victorian residential pair in bichrome brickwork with unpainted cast cement ornamentation acroteria the urns having been partially removed. The red body bricks are relieved with creams.

Condition:

Goods, some brick movement.

Integrity:

Good

History:

The original buildings on this site first appear on the Hodgkinson map of 1858. In 1864 Henry Miller owned three, three roomed brick terraced houses here which he let, (1864, RB). The properties had a series of owners and tenants the longest ownership being that of William Smith who purchased the houses in 1880. Smith continued as owner in 1895, (1880, 1896, RB) By 1900 The Modern Permanent Building Society owned the properties and the tenants were Mary Martin (No. 51), Christopher Alexander (No. 53), William Dobb (No. 55).

Significance:

The relationship between the buildings noted in the history above and the present nos 51-55 is unclear since they do not appear to be three dwellings. They may, however, be important on account of their age and are also of note for their use of bi-chromatic brickwork which makes a strong contribution to the architectural character of the Slope. Forms a visual unit with adjoining nos. 57-61 (q.v.).

Recommendations:

Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate Register, Historic Building Register and for planning scheme protection.

References:

Rate Books

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