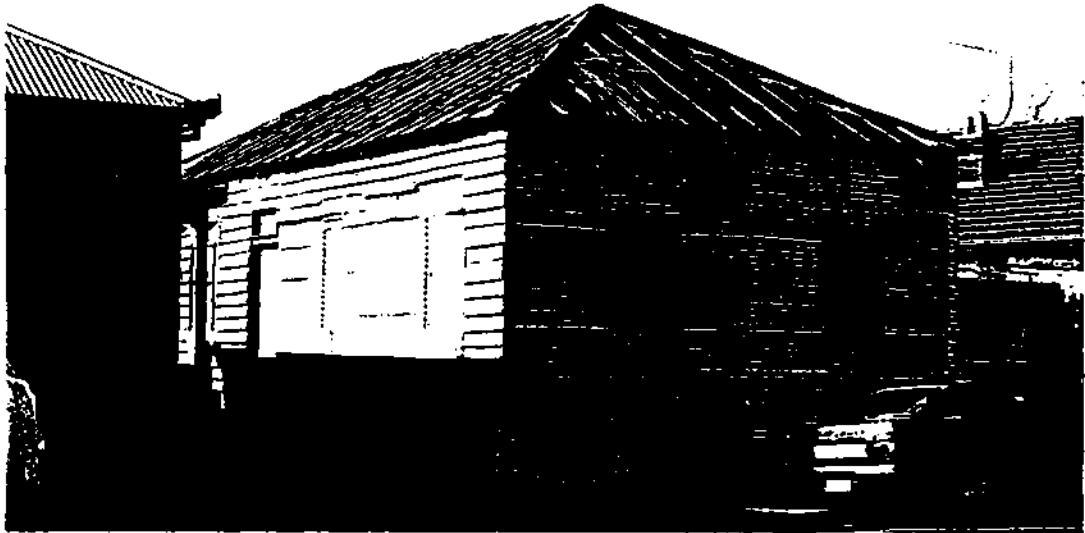


Building:

"Singapore House"
136 (?) Sackville Street



<u>Allotment Reference:</u>	80
<u>National Trust Register:</u>	--
<u>National Estate Register:</u>	Recommended
<u>Historic Buildings Council Register:</u>	Registered
<u>Location within Precinct:</u>	Collingwood Flat Precinct :
<u>Photograph Date:</u>	18.8.87
<u>Grantee:</u>	Hughes and Hoskins
<u>Original Owner:</u>	C.F. Griffin
<u>Present Owner:</u>	
<u>Original Use:</u>	Residence
<u>Present Use:</u>	Vacant
<u>Construction Date:</u>	1853
<u>Architect:</u>	
<u>Builder:</u>	C.F. Griffin

Description:

A rectangular timber framed, hip roofed portable and pre-fabricated building with part corrugated iron and part beaded timber linings, window frames removed, and flat galvanised iron interlocking roof tiles.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good

History:

Built in 1853 for Charles Featherstone Griffin, builder and owner, and situated in Hoddle Street, East Melbourne near Wellington Parade, it was relocated to Warrigal Road, Mentone, in 1899 prior to construction of the railway to Clifton Hill. In 1984, it was purchased by Andrew Muir and relocated to its present address.

Significance:

The "Singapore House" is a very early and extraordinary pre-fabricated house imported from Singapore during the Gold Rush period. It was one of a number of similar buildings now believed to be partly or totally demolished. The Chinese characters incised in some of the timbers offer direct evidence of its origins.

Recommendations:

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

References:

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