

Building: Shops and Residences
Address: 24-30 Spensley Street



Allotment Reference: Section 15, Lot 9
National Estate Register: -
Historic Buildings Council Register: -
National Trust Register: -
Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill, Eastern Residential Precinct.
Photo Date: July, 1988
Grantee: D. Henry, 5-12-1871
Original Owner: Brewer Brothers
Present Owner: 24 I. & Z. Spartiatis
103 Fyffe Street, Thornbury
Original Use: Shops and Residences
Present Use: Shops and Residences

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Construction Date: 1888-1889

Architect:

Builder:

Description: No. 24 is a two storeyed Italianate shop with residence over and having distinctive flanking Doric order pilasters either side of a renewed shop window.

The remaining shops and residences which extend to Grant Street have similar details at first floor level, but the ground floor shop fronts have been entirely rebuilt.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Poor. Verandah removed, new shop fronts.

History: In 1888, Brewer Bros. owned the land and properties on the north-west "wedge" of Spensley and Berry Streets. The western most of these, number 24, was a brick shop, commenced in 1888 and completed in 1889. The shop was let to John McNeilance, a grocer, (1889, 1890 RB).

By 1892, Annie Brewer owned the four shops which had been built and continued to do so in 1900, (1892, 1901 RB).

Significance: Nos. 24-30 Spensley Street have local significance for their prominent location at the Berry Street intersection and for the unusual pilaster design to the shop fronts, remaining only at No. 24. The building's association with the Brewer Brothers of W.J. Brewer's timber and iron merchants business in Grant Street is of interest (refer also 28 Berry Street).

Recommendations: Recommended for Planning Scheme protection.

References: Rate Books

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