

Building:

"Royal" Hotel

Address:

South-West corner, Berry and Spensley  
Streets



Allotment Reference:

Section 13, Lot 14

National Estate Register:

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Historic Buildings Council  
Register:

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National Trust Register:

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Location within Precinct:

Clifton Hill Eastern Residential Precinct.

Photo Date:

July, 1988

Grantee:

T. Upton, 22-8-1871

Original Owner:

Josephine Anderson

Present Owner:

Original Use:

Hotel

Present Use:

Hotel

Construction Date: 1889-1890

Architect:

Builder:

Description: A three storeyed Italianate stuccoed hotel with rusticated lower section with round arched openings. The corner splay has a bayed configuration at the first and second floors which also has a recessed round arched porch surmounted by a pediment with face and bearded face in entablature and tympanum respectively. Pilasters have Corinthian capitals at third floor and Ionic at second floor levels, whilst the pediment treatment is repeated on the east elevation. A roof lantern is concealed from view.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good

History: In 1887 William Niven owned land lot 1 on the south-west corner of Spensley and Berry Streets. The land had a 44ft frontage onto Spensley Street (1887 RB).

In 1888, Josephine Anderson purchased the land and in 1889 commenced building the "Royal" Hotel on the site. The hotel was completed in 1890 (1889-1891 RB).

Josephine Anderson, a licensed victualler, continued as owner/occupant of the "Royal" Hotel in 1900, (1901 RB).

Significance: The "Royal" Hotel is a landmark building within the Clifton Hill Eastern Residential precinct and is representative of several richly decorated Italianate hotels in Collingwood and metropolitan Melbourne.

Recommendations: Recommended for Planning Scheme protection.

References: Rate Books

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