

Building: Residences and Corner Shop  
Address: 57-69 Spensley Street, (se corner Abbott  
Grove)



Allotment Reference: Section 14, Lot 3  
National Estate Register: -  
Historic Buildings Council Register: -  
National Trust Register: -  
Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill Eastern Residential Precinct.  
Photo Date: July, 1988  
Grantee: T. Smith, 3-12-1873  
Original Owner: Charles Abbott  
Present Owner: 57 P. & J. Roymbas  
59 Ian Moran  
Original Use: Residence and Shop  
Present Use: Residence

Construction Date: 1888

Architect:

Builder:

Description: A late Victorian stuccoed terrace of six dwellings with a seventh former corner shop and dwelling over.

Verandahs are two storeyed cast iron with extended party walls decorated with consoles, flutes and faces. A foliated cast cement string course to both levels is unusual, whilst the steeply sloping pedimented treatment with shell ends in the "tympana" are distinctive. The corner shop retains its windows and corner splay with inset door.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good. Iron palisade fencing, cement tile roof, minor changes.

History: In 1887 Charles Abbott owned land on the south-east corner of Spensley Street and Abott Grove, with a 98 foot frontage to Spensley Street. In 1888, Abbott built a brick shop on the corner and six adjacent brick houses which he leased out, (1887, 1889 RB).

By 1892 the properties were owned by William Carroll and by 1898 they were owned by Peter Langwill who remained as owner in 1900, (1898, 1901 RB).

Significance: Nos. 57-69 Spensley Street form a comparatively unusual development in the municipality in that they compare with similar combined residences and corner shop developments on the Flat, but are more richly decorated.

Recommendations: Recommended for Planning Scheme protection.

References: Rate Books

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