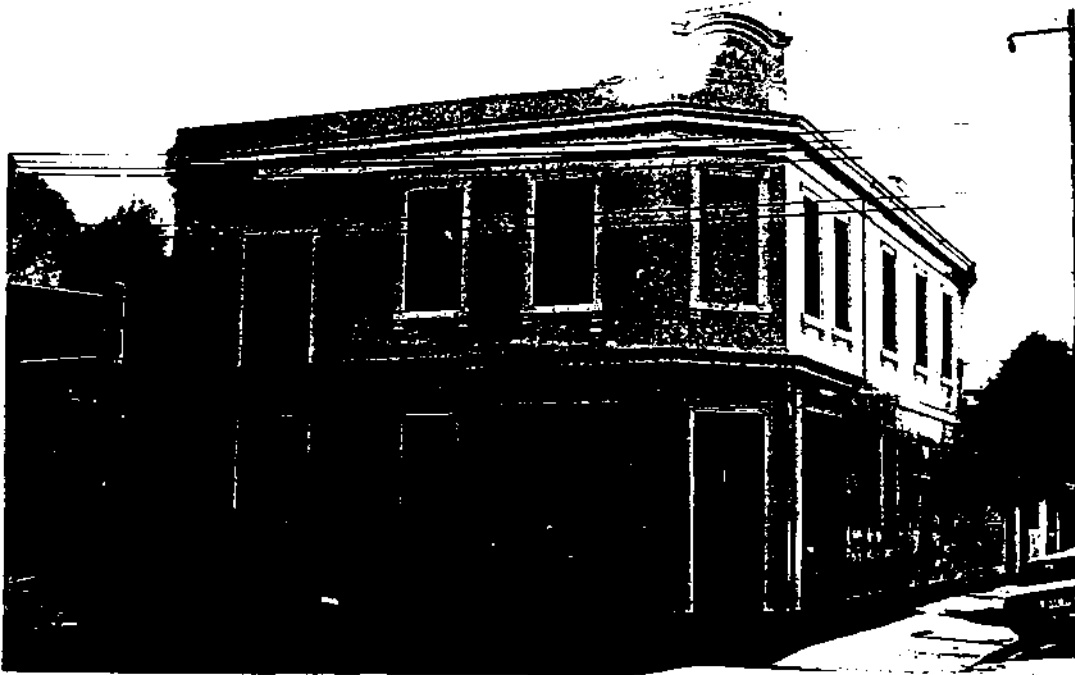


Building:

"Portsea House"
259 Wellington Street



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| <u>Allotment Reference:</u> | 81 |
| <u>National Trust Register:</u> | -- |
| <u>National Estate Register:</u> | -- |
| <u>Historic Buildings Council Register:</u> | -- |
| <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> | Edmond. Burn |
| <u>Present Owner:</u> | |
| <u>Original Use:</u> | Shop, bakery and residence |
| <u>Present Use:</u> | Residences |
| <u>Construction Date:</u> | 1876 |
| <u>Architect:</u> | |
| <u>Builder:</u> | |

Description:

A two storeyed brick building erected on the street alignment with former corner shop and residential entrances to Easey and Wellington Streets. The facade, with corner splay accommodating doors to former shop has a string course, cornice line with frieze and curved pediment enclosing, the name and date "Portsea House estd. 1858" in low relief. The shop is emphasised by means of pilasters and projecting cornice at string course level and retains its original door and arched timber windows.

The earlier middle section of the building is distinguished by a higher than elsewhere bluestone plinth and is c. 1 brick thickness off the main western property alignment. A pilaster to Wellington Street is suggestive of a building junction.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good, balcony (?) to Easey Street removed.

History:

The 1858 Hodgkinson map shows small building on this site, Wellington Street having not yet been formed.

By 1868 (RB) Edmond Burn, the baker, had a wooden shop here, described in 1875 (RB) as a wooden shop and bakery. In 1876 (RB) it is described as a brick shop and bakery with Burns as owner/occupier. By 1887 (RB) ownership had passed to William Cooksley, and by 1892, Frederick Lauer, baker, was his tenant.

Significance:

A prominent and substantially intact complex of residences, corner shop and former bakery (not sighted), construction details suggesting that it was built in stages.

Recommendations:

Recommended for Planning Scheme protection

References:

Rate Books

Issue No. 1:

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