

Building: "Bohemia Cottage"

Address: 2 William Street



Allotment Reference: Lot 58

National Estate Register: -

Historic Buildings Council Register: -

National Trust Register: -

Location within Precinct: Collingwood Flat Precinct

Photo Date: August, 1988

Grantee: W. Bradley, 13.2.1839

Original Owner: William Burne

Present Owner:

Original Use: Residence

Present Use:

Construction Date: 1880

Architect:

Builder:

Description:

A stuccoed Italianate villa with cast iron porch verandah, balustraded and pedimented porch and symmetrical front facade. The stucco ornamentation is the same as nearby No. 1 (q.v.). Also note unusual colonettes and tooth decoration to front door.

Condition:

Good

Integrity:

Good

History:

In 1877 Henry Hawthorn owned 650ft. of land on the east side of William Street between Victoria and Mollison Streets, adjacent to Presbyterian Church, (1877, RB). In 1881 George Burke purchased 33ft. of land adjacent to the church from Hawthorn, (1879, RB). A brick house was built there in 1880, owned and occupied by William Burne, a plasterer, (1880, RB). By 1891 Stephen Burne resided there, ownership passing to him in 1899, (1891, 1899, RB). In 1900 Stephen Burne continued to occupy the property at which time it was rented to Richard Opelt, a jeweller, (1901, RB).

Significance:

No. 2 William Street is distinctive at the street level for its comparatively rich ornamentation, probably the work of its first owner, William Burne, plasterer. Its interest is enhanced by its similarity to nearby No. 8.

Recommendations:

Recommended for planning scheme protection.

References:

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