

The second bedroom back has a white marble chimney piece, and a mirror with a broken pedament over the top. The ceiling in original colours, is in relief, with no Art Nouveau screen across the window. On the landing there is a bathroom with its original ceiling and tiled walls. The bath has a marble surround and timber panelled sides with marbling in the panels.

The room behind is totally tiled, with another good ceiling and a built-in wardrobe in a variety of timbers. There are some intact timber window venetians and a simple marble fire place.

This house provides a unique expression of Art Nouveau architecture in Melbourne. The exterior is intact with the original unpainted vermiculated cement work, and ornate timber and cast iron decorative work. The interior has some intact features, and the overall impression is extremely lush.

NAME: House ADDRESS: 67 Alfred Crescent

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1890
ARCHITECT: unknown
BUILDER: unknown
FIRST OWNER: Alfred Mills, Fruiterer
PRESENT OWNER: J. & J. Addis
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: rendered brickwork, slate roof
CONSERVATION AREA: A5



BUILDING CITATION:

A large two storey dwelling of a comparatively chaste design for the period (1890)¹ perhaps forshadowing the later depression. It comprises a simple hipped slate roof with eaves brackets over a square massing with a projecting wing on the right hand side which is terminated by a projecting bay - also finished with a hipped roof.

The cement rendered facade has maintained its original natural finish and has little decorative treatment except string mouldings at the springing height of the arcuated windows and cornices. A two storey verandah with intact iron lace is constructed in the space subtended by the projecting wing. The whole building is notable for its intactness, including the cast iron double palisaded fence, as well as for its streetscape value created by its scale, small setback and relationship to the adjoining neighbouring buildings.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this building be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

1. Fitzroy Ratebook 1890: Brick house 7 rooms and workshop £60 Alfred Mills, Fruiterer.