

In contrast to the extravagant use of space in the main machine hall, the switch rooms on the south are a series of concrete cells served rather dangerously by a series of steel ladders. A recessed balcony on the first floor level with a simple cast iron baluster crossed with a circle motif provides an intriguing refinement for this extraordinary building.

1. Contract Book Vic. Rail lists 20 drawings of this substation. However only 6 were located and consulted. Contractor: Swanson Bros. signed 16.6.1915

NAME: House ADDRESS: 17 Delbridge Street

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1890  
ARCHITECT: unknown  
BUILDER: unknown  
FIRST OWNER: Mark Allen (photographer)  
PRESENT OWNER: A.T. Bebonis  
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: rendered brickwork  
CONSERVATION AREA: B9



BUILDING CITATION:

This two storey house was constructed in 1890 for Mark Allen<sup>1</sup>, a photographer. It has an arcaded front with the gable running out over the balcony level and the parapet at the front line. It is possibly the best example of this type in North Fitzroy, although the present paint colours are not appropriate. The most distinctive feature of the house is the frieze band of tiles surmounting the upper arcade. The parapet, supported on a dentillated cornice, consists of an interlocking balustrade, square name plate framed by large scrolls and balls. The composition is pleasing and the arcading at both levels is finely detailed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

1. Fitzroy Ratebook 1890: Brick house, 7 rooms £50. Mark Allen Photographer.