

NAME: House

ADDRESS: 96 McKean Street

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1892
ARCHITECT: unknown
BUILDER: Henry Rowe?
FIRST OWNER: Henry Rowe (builder)
PRESENT OWNER: M. & H. Sheslock
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: brick, galv. iron roof
CONSERVATION AREA: -



BUILDING CITATION:

This building constructed in 1892, probably by Henry Rowe, a builder, is notable for its roof line which extends out over the upper balcony leaving the eaves exposed at the front. There is masonry arcading to the upper and lower floor, separated by a frieze at the dividing line. At both levels the arcading is followed by label moulds terminated by foliated crockets.

Like 17 Delbridge Street, this arcaded two storey composition with the roof line projecting over the upper balcony, is an excellent example of this terrace type.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this building be retained on the Historic Buildings Register, the Register of the National Estate, and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

BUILDING ANALYSIS:

This two storey terrace house was constructed in 1892 by Henry Rowe, a builder.¹

There is masonry arcading on the upper floor and arcading supported on Corinthian iron columns on the ground floor. At the dividing line there is a frieze with palmette motifs, a balustrade with square sectioned balusters, square piers at the balcony level with debased ionic capitals and nail head moulding around the arch (a Norman motif). At both levels the arcade is followed by a label mould terminated with foliated crockets at either end. Below eaves line there is a frieze of acanthus brackets with panels of vermiculation between, and at either side consoles with masks and balls surmount the side walls at the roof level. The eaves are exposed with no parapet above. The door has interesting glass in the side lights and side transom lights which appears to be opaque glass with painting of birds and flowers on the inside. The main transom light is gone.

The main feature of this whole design is that the main roof extends out over the upper balcony and the eaves are exposed at the front. The arcade and frieze detailing is refined, and the front fence is intact.

1. Fitzroy Ratebook 1892. Brick house 5 rooms £40 Henry Rowe. Builder.