

NAME: "Boston Villa"
ADDRESS: 119 George Street
CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1865.
ALTERATNS/ADDITNS: Unknown.
FIRST OWNER: William Candy/Botanist
FIRST OCC./USE: Ditto. / House
PRESENT OWNER: J. Finnigan,
 117 George Street
PRESENT OCC./USE: Ditto. / house.
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Rendered masonry.
INTACTNESS/CONDITION: Unknown
AREA/STREETSCAPE: Part of recommended area A5.



IMPORTANCE:

Inspection of this house was not possible due to locked gate and heavy foliage in front of the house, but the rendered parapet with (possibly) ornamental stonework decorations are of interest. It was constructed in 1865 for William Candy, whose son, William Candy, Junior, was a monumental mason. It is likely that the parapet decorations were stone works from William Candy (Junior's) business.

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 & Country Planning Act. It is of interest for the stonework parapet decorations, but a fuller investigation of this unusual building is recommended.

BUILDING ANALYSIS AND EVIDENCE:

This single storey house was constructed for William Candy, a botanist who owned occupied the property from 1866-1897; his son William, a filter maker, also is noted as owner and occupier.¹

The ornamental parapet with stone decorations is of interest, and it is probable that these decorations came from Candy's monumental works. In 1855, Candy's monumental works was at 26 Napier Street and was advertised as providing grave stones²; in 1856, Candy was advertised as producing window sills, hearth stones, steps and contracting for erection iron fences.

A full external investigation of this property was not possible, due to a locked gate and heavy foliage at the front. It appears to be an unusual design and is set well back off the street; the association of an early craftsman with this dwelling makes it of local importance.

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1. Fitzroy Ratebook entries. First entry 1866. William Candy, botanist, brick house 4 R. £40.00.
 2. *Australian Builder* No. 1. 2.8.1855, p.1, 3 *ibid* No. 18 2.7.1856 p.146.