

BUILDING ANALYSIS AND INVESTIGATION (cont'd)

stilted gothic arches with raised decoration is unusual on an industrial building.

Internally some original cast iron columns and fittings survive.

After 52 years of service, the Johnston Street Engine House was closed on 15th April, 1939. The building is an important streetscape component to the Johnston Street/Brunswick Street precinct. It is considered by the consultants, that the Nicholson Street Engine House provides a superior example of this building type.

NAME: -
ADDRESS: 120-122 Johnston St.
CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1886
ALTERATNS./ADDITNS: ground floor and verandah altered.
ARCHITECT: Unknown
BUILDER: Unknown
FIRST OWNER: Samuel Peacock
FIRST OCC./USE: Ditto/Doctors residence and possibly surgery.
PRESENT OWNER: Various.
PRESENT OCC./USE: Various offices
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Rendered brick, scalloped slate roof.
INTACTNESS/CONDITION: Verandah altered, upper floor facade intact/good condition.
AREA/STREETScape: Part of recommended area A7



IMPORTANCE AND EVIDENCE:

This building was constructed in 1886 for Samuel Peacock, a doctor.¹

The building is very grand and provides a landmark for the area. It is of an unusual, possibly unique, three storey single terrace house design with a steep mansard roof and windows walk. The original gas fittings survive to the facade.

Unfortunately the building has been substantially altered at the ground floor, with the verandah infilled to the street frontage. The original balustrading to the upper floors and the verandah roof have been removed. An early photo survives of the original facade² showing the original verandah and cast iron balustrading.

1. First ratebook entry: Samuel Peacock (owner/occupier), doctor, Brick house 12 R X120.
2. La Trobe Collection, State Library of Victoria H36145 Meade Collection c1930.

120, 122 Johnston Street (Cont.)

This building is of considerable interest for the imposing scale and detailing of the upper floor facade and roof. It provides a landmark to this commercial precinct, and would greatly enhance the area if the original verandah and roof were reinstated.

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 (3rd Schedule).



(22) Johnston Street looking west, c1930