

NAME: Daughters of Charity
ADDRESS: 116-118 Nicholson St.
CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1888-1889
ALTERATNS./ADDITNS.: Parapet removed, ground floor and third floor loggia unfilled, northern entrance bricked up
ARCHITECT: Lloyd Tayler
BUILDER: Unknown
FIRST OWNER: Thomas Hewlett/
 Doctor
FIRST OCC./USE: Doctor's surgery/
 residence
PRESENT OWNER: Trustees of Sisters of Charity, 59-61 Victoria Parade,
 Fitzroy
PRESENT OCC./USE: Ditto/Residential accommodation
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Brick, cement render trim
INTACTNESS/CONDITION: Substantially intact, good condition
AREA/STREETSCAPE: Part of recommended area A1.



IMPORTANCE:

This building was constructed in 1888-89 as a residence for Thomas Hewlett, a well known doctor. The architect was Lloyd Tayler.

The red brick facade is decorated with cement render trim, but the distinctive character of the building derives from the stilted segmental arches which form a three storey loggia. This loggia provides a contrast to the narrower northern section which abuts the street.

The building is substantially intact, apart from removal of the parapet and glazing of the ground and third floor arcade. Internally some original features survive.

This building is of significance locally but it is considered that 5, 7 Collins Street provides a better example, using similar architectural elements combined to produce a more sophisticated solution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This building is recommended for addition to the Register of the National Estate and for specification under Clause 8 of the Town & Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

BUILDING ANALYSIS AND EVIDENCE:

This building was constructed in 1888-89¹ for Mr. Thomas Hewlett as a residence probably combined as a private surgery.

1. Fitzroy Ratebooks. 1889 Thomas Hewlett, doctor owner/occupier, 102 Nicholson Street, brick house 15 rooms, £200.

BUILDING ANALYSIS AND EVIDENCE (cont'd)

Hewlett was a well known doctor² and it is almost certain that he engaged services of Lloyd Tayler who called tenders in September, 1888, for a three storey dwelling, Nicholson Street.³ Tayler was a well known architect who established practice in Melbourne in 1855⁴ and designed many important Melbourne buildings, primarily in the classical tradition popular at the time. This building would have been late in his career and displays a more eclectic use of architectural vocabulary, materials and details.

The building can be compared with the terrace house pair, numbers 5 and 7 Collins Street, erected in 1884 to the design of Lloyd Tayler, which also utilise the stilted segmental arch to create a three storey loggia. However, the Collins Street building, of 1884, can be considered a more sophisticated building featuring face freestone (compared with face brickwork on the Nicholson Street facade), a detailed cornice treatment, a delicate acanthus string course at first floor level, and an intact parapet (with linked circle motif).

2. See Sutherland (ed) *Victoria and its Metropolis* 1888 Vol.2, p.520.
3. *Building Engineering and Mining Journal*
1.9.1888 supp. p.3; 29.9.1888 Supp. p.3 tenders accepted.
4. *Victoria and its Metropolis* op cit. Vol 2 p. 532.

NAME: -
ADDRESS: 122 Nicholson Street
CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1862
ALTERATIONS/ADDTNS: Later refacement, date unknown.
ARCHITECT: John B. Denny?
BUILDER: Unknown
FIRST OWNER: John Denny/architect
FIRST OCCUPIER/USE: Ditto/residence
PRESENT OWNER: M. Jacobs, 15 Morris Ave.Box Hill North
PRESENT OCC/USE: I. Hutchison/
Boarding House
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Rendered brick
INTACTNESS/CONDITION: Externally intact
AREA/STREETSCAPE: Part of recommended area A1

