

NAME: -
ADDRESS: 8 Spring Street
CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1882
ALTERATNS./ADDITNS: -
ARCHITECT: Unknown
BUILDER: Unknown
FIRST OWNER: Robert Harrison
FIRST OCC./USE: Ditto/Cordial Factory
PRESENT OWNER: P. & A. San Vicenti
PRESENT OCC./USE: F. & G. Delivery Service
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Red brick, bluestone foundations, galvanised iron roof.
INTACTNESS/CONDITION: Substantially intact
AREA/STREETSCAPE: Part of recommended streetscape A25



IMPORTANCE AND EVIDENCE:

This factory was built for Robert Harrison, a cordial manufacturer, in 1882 who established himself in Fitzroy in 1866.² It replaced an earlier weatherboard factory.³ In 1884 the factory was extended,⁴ and an early illustration of 1898⁵ shows the building as a one gable structure to Spring Street, with a small house serving as the office, and a double gabled structure running parallel to Spring Street. Subsequent to this date an additional two gables have been added resulting in the present building.

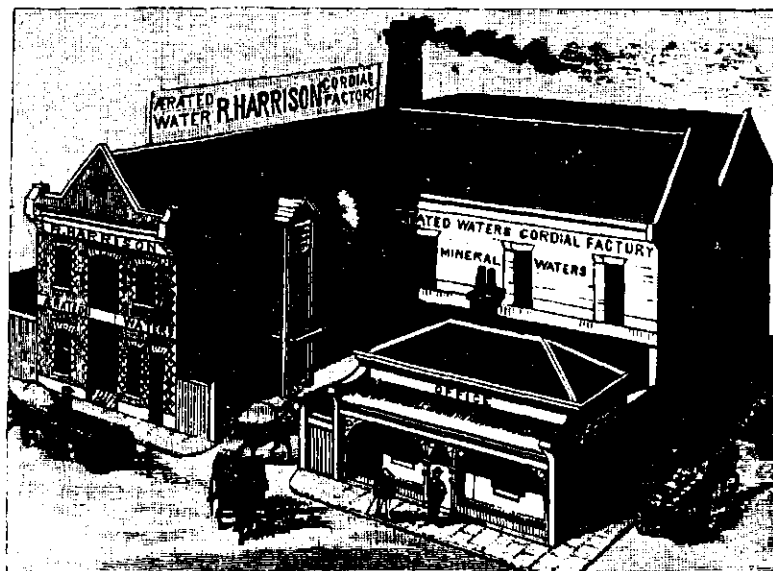
In 1889, Harrison built the adjoining terrace houses 2,4,6 Spring Street, and rented the properties out.⁶

This triple gabled warehouse provides an excellent example of a substantially intact polychrome brick warehouse and appears to be unique to Melbourne and possibly Victoria. It provides a dominating corner element to the two narrow streets (Spring and Argyle) and is in an excellent state of preservation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this building be added to 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).

1. Fitzroy Ratebooks first entry 1882 Robert Harrison, Cordial Manufacturer, Brick Cordial Factory £ 72.
2. A. Sutherland *Victoria and its Metropolis* Vol. 2 p.672.
3. 1881 Ratebook Robert Harrison, Cordial Manufacturer, Weatherboard Cordial Factory £ 40.
4. Fitzroy Ratebook 1884 (as in 1 above) but nett annual value £ 130.
5. *Victoria and its Metropolis* op. cit. p.672.
6. Fitzroy Ratebooks. First entry 1890 Three buildings: Brick house 6 rooms £ 40.



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MR. ROBERT HARRISON'S CORDIAL MANUFACTORY, SPRING STREET, FULZROY.