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Site Name: Outbuilding

Project File No: 0996

Address: 245-247 Malop Street Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1854c

Integrity: Low

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

The outbuilding at 245-247 Malop Street, Geelong, may have been constructed as early as 1854, as part of the development of the two storey shop and residence on this site. The two storey building was designed by the Geelong architect, John Young for Martyn Ryan, with tenders being called in the Geelong Advertiser on 2 May 1854 for "several works". The Geelong Rate Book (Bellerine Ward) for 1854-55 lists Martin Ryan as the owner of an existing 2-roomed house that was occupied by Hugh Graby and Jeremiah Dawley. By 1860-61, the two storey shop and residence had been completed, with the property then being listed as a stuccoed two storey, 6 roomed building with kitchen and servant's room.

This outbuilding at the rear of the two storey shop and residence therefore appears to have been constructed as the kitchen and/or servant's room. Kitchen and/or servant's outbuildings were often separate structures at the rear of the main buildings in the mid 19th century, and given that no other building can be identified in the Rate Books for the period fronting Swanston Street, this outbuilding is most likely to have been part of Young's original architectural design.

By 1860-61, the property had been sold to John Barber and had a Net Annual Value of 70

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pounds (compared to 16-20 pounds during construction in the mid 1850s). It was occupied by Henry Plumstead and Charles Reeves. By the mid 1860s, a Thomas Barber was owner, and his ownership continued until at least 1896. By 1899, Solomon Jacobs, a draper, had purchased the property, and by 1910 it was jointly owned by Solomon and Morris Jacobs. In 1915, Charles Frederick Belcher, solicitor, had taken over the property, but in 1920 it was owned by Francisco and Theresa Arcard, storekeepers. They continued to own and occupy the property for a number years until the late 1930s, when the Estate of Francisco Arcard leased it to Robert Blackney and Jean Allen and Mavis Dougal respectively. By the 1960s, the property was owned by Ivan Desmond Bodey and leased to Myrtle and Leslie Godfrey, confectioners.

Description

The outbuilding at 245-247 Malop Street, Geelong, is situated behind a two storey c.1850s shop and residence at the corner of Malop and Swanston Streets. The outbuilding has a large frontage to Swanston Street, with a high timber paling fence along the boundary.

The single storey, partially rendered brick, Victorian vernacular styled outbuilding is characterised by a simple hipped roof form clad in early slate tiles. An early and altered unpainted brick chimney with terra cotta pots adorns the roofline. No eaves are another early feature of the roofline.

Other early features of the design include the single window and doors openings, timber window and door frames, and the rendered masonry sills.

The cement rendered base walls appear to have been a later addition.

The outbuilding is almost ruinous in condition and exhibits numerous signs of deterioration including the substantial wall cracks, spalling render, missing window glazing, rising and falling damp, and the missing and loose roof slates.

Statement of Cultural Significance

The outbuilding at 245-247 Malop Street, Geelong, has significance as part of the commercial development of the two storey shop and residence in the mid 1850s. Probably designed by the Geelong architect, John Young in 1854, the complex as a whole is a legacy of early commercial developments in Malop Street. This outbuilding is in very poor condition, with evidence of substantial deterioration.

The outbuilding at 245-247 Malop Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although altered and in poor condition, it still demonstrates some original design qualities of a Victorian vernacular style. These qualities include the simple hipped roof form clad in slate tiles, rendered Geelong red and blue brick wall construction (albeit substantially spalled), unpainted brick chimney with terra cotta pots, eaveless roofline, single window and doors openings, timber window and door frames, and the rendered masonry sills. The architectural significance of this outbuilding also relies on the retention and conservation of the two storey shop and residence fronting Malop and Swanston Streets.

The outbuilding at 245-247 Malop Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with commercial developments in Geelong at a very early period in the town's growth in the mid 1850s. In particular, this outbuilding probably has associations with Martyn Ryan, original owner who instigated its construction and the erection of the two storey shop and residence in 1854. The outbuilding may have further associations with the early Geelong architect, John Young.

Overall, the outbuilding at 245-247 Malop Street is of LOCAL significance.

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