

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

192 Auburn Road

TYPE (converted to flats?)

- Single Residence
- Shop
- Office
- Landscape feature
- View
- Multiple Unit Res.
- Outbuildings
- Industrial Building
- Public building
- Other

TITLE

"St. Albans"

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR [] GBR [] AHC [] NT [] VAS []

STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1 [] 2 [X] 3 []
SIGNIFICANT [] SIGNIFICANT []
STREET TREES KERB & GUTTERS

GRADING

A [] B [X] C [] D [] E []
KEYNOTE BUILDING []

RECOMMENDED FOR

HBR/GBR [] AHC [X] URBAN CONSERVATION AREA [X]
VAS [] PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION [X]
CULTURAL LANDSCAPE [] OTHER []

SURVEY DATE Dec. 91.
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Title
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THEME

- Early Settlement
- Mansions
- Victorian Garden Suburb
- Municipal dev.
- 1870s growth
- Garden villas
- Working enclaves
- Commercial Centres
- Edwardian Prosperity
- Interwar Housing
- Flats and Offices

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Date 1886
Architect
Builder
Elements -
House and garden.



- Contributing garden ^(A substantial element) ~~cats~~
- Landmark tree
- Original or early hard landscape layout
- Original or early fence

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See attached

INTEGRITY Good [X]
Fair []
Poor []

CONDITION Good [X]
Fair []
Poor []

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden []

192 AUBURN ROAD

"ST. ALBANS"

History

"St. Albans", a brick residence (once known as 190 Auburn Road) was built in 1886-87 for Miss Georgina Phibbs of the pioneer Phibbs family. George Phibbs owned a house in Auburn Road in the 1860s.¹ In the 1886-87 Hawthorn rate records, Georgina Phibbs was listed as the owner of a new brick building and land in Auburn Road, a new house rated at 38 pounds.² By 1887, the valuation had increased to 100 pounds.³ Later, in 1891-92, when the property was described as a brick house of thirteen rooms, NAV 134 pounds, Miss Phibbs let it to Christopher Williams, agent.⁴ Williams was there still in 1892.⁵ By the turn of the century, the 1880s house had become the home of Dr. Mary Stone.⁶ Dr. Stone was killed tragically in 1910.⁷

Description

A two storey Italianate villa with projecting gabled wing and recessed cast iron verandah. A subdued bichrome pattern is incorporated into the brickwalls. The verandah columns are paired standard straight, brackets and balustrade panels are used, although the straight is in a timber frame. In the central city combined cast iron bracket, frieze and straight was usually employed by this date. The windows extend to the floor to provide access to the verandah.

The building is substantially intact.

Assessment

A standard two storey villa design, common in Hawthorn. This is amongst the more intact examples. The place is primarily significant for its association with Dr. Mary Stone.

Significance

Metropolitan

1. The home of pioneer woman doctor Mary Stone.
2. Locally significant as a substantially intact example of its two storey villa type, common in the 1880s boom in Hawthorn.

1. Hawthorn RB 1868-69 No. 74 (house of four rooms, NAV 40 pounds).
2. Ibid. 1886-87 No. 3430.
3. Information supplied by Gwen McWilliam.
4. Hawthorn RB 1891-92 No. 2748.
5. Ibid. 1892 No. 2739.
6. Melbourne Directories.
7. *Auburn Village*, Hawthorn Historical Society Walk VII, Gwen McWilliam, 1988.



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