

Original Use: Residence  
Date of Construction: 1888<sup>1</sup>  
Architect: Frederick de Garis<sup>2</sup>

DESIGNATION A  
CITATION NO.19



#### HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Documentary evidence records that the original owner and occupier of this substantial two-storey house was architect Frederick de Garis<sup>3</sup>. In 1888 the property attracted an N.A.V. of £115<sup>4</sup> while by 1903 it was known as 'Mount View'<sup>5</sup>. The house is typical of the late Victorian period in it being clad in render and styled in the Italianate. It has an asymmetrical composition with polygonal bay windows extending up both floors, to each of the main facades. The ground floor is heavily incised with banded rustication, while the first floor is distinguished by the cast iron balconettes to each window. The fountain and pond in the garden appear to be those depicted in the 1903 MMBW plan of the property. As an example of de Garis's work, the house is relatively restrained in its ornamentation.

## SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Mount View' is of significance as the house built by the leading architect Frederick de Garis for his own use and for having remained in a substantially intact state. The bold use of the Italianate with the cast iron balconettes for decoration and the intact state of the fountain and pond are integral to the significance.

## HERITAGE LISTINGS

HBR: Recommended for inclusion on the register.

GBR: N/A

RNE: Recommended for inclusion on the register.

National Trust: Not currently listed.

---

<sup>1</sup> City of Kew, Rate Books, 1888

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *ibid.* This is contrary to information contained in D.Rogers that the house was originally built for John Inglis.

<sup>4</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> M.M.B.W., 'Plan of Kew - 1574', Scale: 40 feet to 1 inch, May 1903