HOUSE

Smith House or Sunnyside Fam

Place No.   83

ADDRESS	134-136 Atkinson Street
	Templestowe

Last Update

DESCRIPTION   A symmetrical, hip-roofed, timber, Italianate house with a skillion verandah extending around three sides. Two symmetrical canted bays (facing Atkinson Street) with their own hipped roofs project into the verandah. The verandah has cast-iron posts and a timber valance rail, decorated with cast-iron lace panels and brackets. The eaves cornice has panels between bracket pairs, and the chimneys have dividers over a bracketted cornice. The main entrance has side and fan lights. There is a recent catenary curved timber picket fence.

Condition	Excellent	**Integrity**	Intact
Threats		**Key elements**	
Designer	The office of Reed, Henderson		

HISTORY   The house was built for James smith in 1890 [1]. The Smiths were a large dairy-farming family (James' brother George built 'Ben Nevis').

The house was reputedly designed by the office of Reed, Henderson and Stuart [2], a major Melbourne architectural firm.

Architecturally, this building can be compared to (for example) site nos. 173.26; 173.35; 173.36; 174.18; 174.4.

SOURCES
[1] Listing citation, Register of the National Estate
[2] Listing citation, Register of the National Estate states that Joseph Reed was the architect; however, Reed designed very few houses and died in 1890.

Creation Date	c1890	**Change Dates**	
Associations		**Local Themes**	
James Smith; George Smith.		5.01 - Squatters, selectors & small farmer	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE   Of regional historical significance for its associations with the Smith family, and of architectural significance as an externally intact example of an Italianate villa rare in its locality (more commonly found in inner suburbs such as Hawthorn).

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
None Specified			

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	
Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:	
Outbuildings or Fences:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details
Description:		

Conservation Management

Extra Research

BIBLIOGRAPHY