

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

32 Grove Road

TYPE

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Unit Res. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Outbuildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape feature | <input type="checkbox"/> Public building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> View | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

TITLE

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 []

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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 1886-1888

Architect

Builder

Elements

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Original or early hard landscape layout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Original or early fence |

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See attached

INTEGRITY	Good [X]	CONDITION	Good [X]
	Fair []		Fair []
	Poor []		Poor []

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden []

32 GROVE ROAD

History

This small villa was begun in 1886 for Charles Abbott, telegraph operator. In the 1886-87 Hawthorn rate book, Abbott was listed as the owner of a house in Grove Road, NAV twenty pounds.⁷ The following year, the NAV of Abbott's Grove Road house had doubled to 42 pounds,⁸ and in 1888 had increased further to 50 pounds.⁹ It was described in 1890 when Charles Abbott, telegraph operator, was the owner/occupier, as a brick house of six rooms.¹⁰

Grove Road was planned in the 1870s but most houses date from the late 1880s. At that time, the larger blocks were further subdivided, encouraged by "the proximity of the new Barker Station on the new Kew railway and the new horsetram across the new Barkers Road Bridge to meet the city cable trams".¹¹ Most houses were close to the street with no stables or drives and were intended for a middle income family. There were smaller detached houses at the west end, closer to town and transport.¹²

Description

A double fronted polychrome brick villa with full width verandah to the front, and a hipped slate roof. The polychrome is boldly executed in brown with cream and red diamonds, run along the base in a dado, at mid height on the wall and as modillions at the eaves. Quoins in cream and red define the corner and openings. The cast iron verandah incorporates twisted column shafts and a heavy cast iron pattern of bracket, frieze and straight. The glazing is grouped in threes in typical 1880s form.

Assessment

This house is remarkably intact externally. The brickwork has not been painted, the verandah tiles are intact and the cast iron verandah is complete with original roofing sheets. This form type is the common early 1880s villa form, clearly related to the common row houses of the inner suburbs. This building illustrates the transition between the suburban row houses e.g. 71 Hotham Street East Melbourne, to a suburban application. A simple transfer has been effected with the side parapet replaced by eaves and windows inserted along the side walls. The verandah has not yet returned to the side elevations and the bayed front form of the later villas which capitalises on the front garden aspect, has not been effected. This house is still largely two dimensional and street orientated.

7. Hawthorn RB 1886-87 No. 649.

8. Ibid. 1887-88 No. 680.

9. Ibid. 1888-89 No. 1348.

10. Ibid. 1890-91 Western Division. No. 1476.

11. *Grove Road Walk III*. Hawthorn Historical Society, Gwen McWilliam, 1988.

12. Ibid.

32 Grove Road continued

This building is amongst the best examples of early 1880s housing in Hawthorn illustrating the transfer of the inner city row house form to a suburban block.

Significance

1. Historically significant for its illustration of the effect of transport links and development.
2. Architecturally significant as one of the best examples of early 1880s housing in Hawthorn, illustrating the transfer of the inner city row house form to the suburban block.