

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

6 Hepburn Street

TYPE

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

TITLE

EXISTING DESIGNATION

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

STREETSCAPE LEVEL

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

GRADING

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

RECOMMENDED FOR

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

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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 c1885
 Architect Billing (possibly)
 Builder
 Elements -
 House, garden.



- Contributing garden
- Landmark tree (large peppercorn at rear)
- Original or early hard landscape layout
- Original or early fence

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See Butler, Upper Hawthorn Study.
 See attached

INTEGRITY Good [
 Fair []
 Poor []

CONDITION Good [
 Fair []
 Poor []

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden []

LOCATION: HOUSE AND FORMER SURGERY,
6 HEPBURN STREET
MMPS ZONE: Residential C
BUILT: 1888

HISTORY - John Sayer Nicholl (Sometimes Nickoll) of South Australia, arrived in Hawthorn in 1882, going into partnership with Dr. W.A. Sparling of Auburn Road in 1883.¹ In 1888, he had a house built in Hepburn Street on the south corner of Minona Street.² He died in 1891, aged 38,³ and the house passed to another doctor, John F. Andrew Hawthorn Health officer, who stayed there until well after the turn of the century.⁴ The area was very popular with doctors and 6 Hepburn Street remained a surgery occupied by Dr. Leslie Kirsner until the 1960s. (see also 534 Burwood Road).

The gates of number 6 are said to have been those belonging to Sir Charles Gavan Duffy's house on lot 56 once next door.⁵ It had an address in Burwood Road, from the 1850s, but was given the address Hepburn Street after the subdivision of the Hepburn Hill Estate (1885).

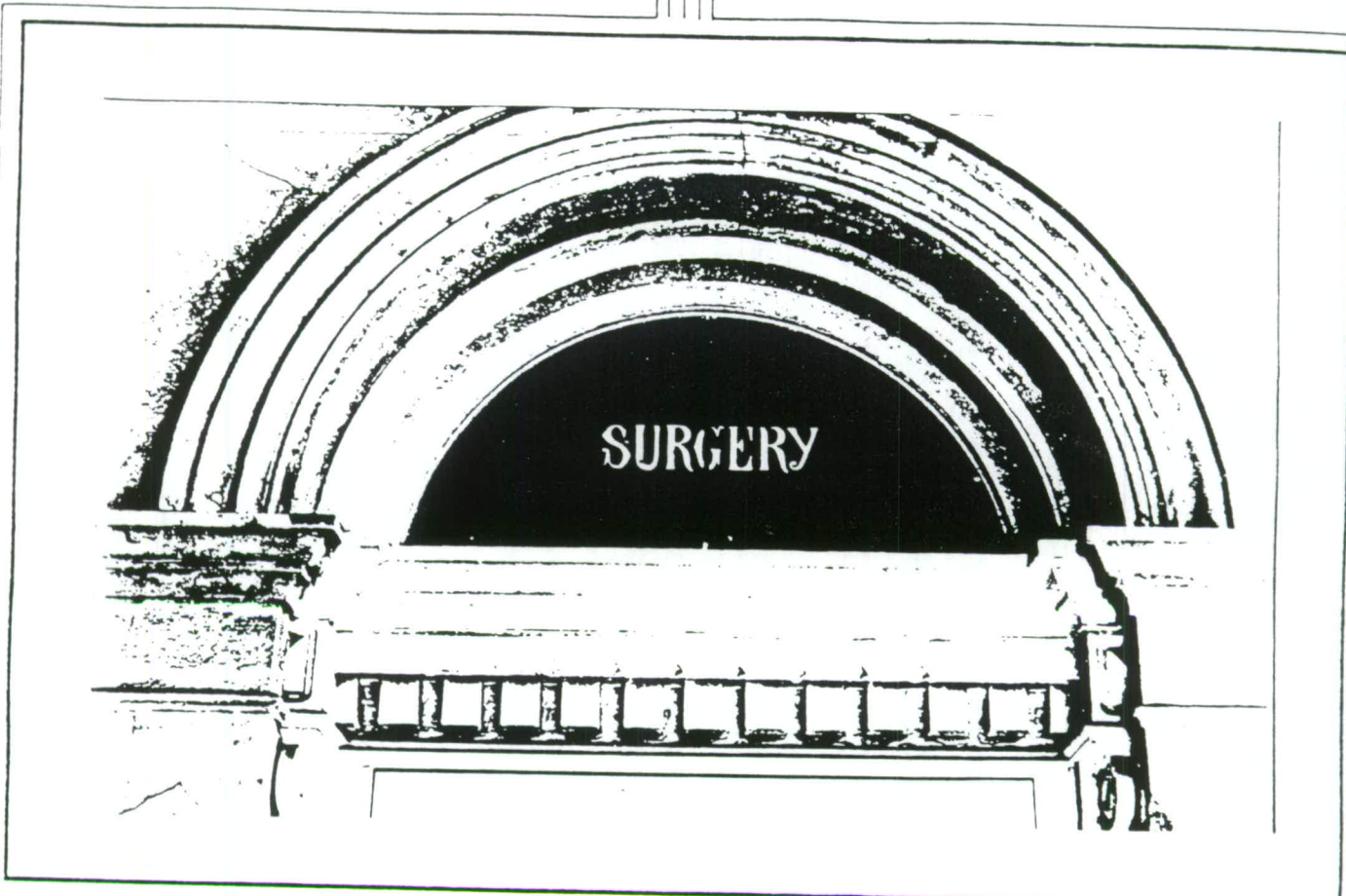
DESCRIPTION - A two-storeyed, stuccoed, hipped and slated roof villa, set on an asymmetrical bayed plan and possessing a two-level cast-iron return verandah which is set on a basalt plinth.

Form and detailing such as the bracketted eaves, a top and side-lit doorway, arched and architraved windows, spandrel panels, a dentillated string-mould and a plain impost mould to the lower storey, determine the style as 'Italianate' or deriving from rural villas of the Italian Renaissance (see also (2) Goodall Street). The stucco is painted in a self-colour which approaches the original finish type.

Surrounding the block is a pierced spade-head picket fence, presumably the original and sympathetic hedge planting. The original serpentine line of the asphalted garden path has been maintained and mature Cypress rows and other exotics (Pepper Tree) complete the sympathetic garden setting. The carriage entrance in Minona Street has large capped posts and panelled timber gate which lead to the stables, located well to the rear of the house (reputedly Duffy's).

Other details include the side surgery entrance, denoted as such in the leaded fanlight and the faded surgery sign over the bell-push. The cast-iron lamp standard is also linked to the house's medical past.

Internally, notable features include a large coloured stair light, depicting bird life.



LOCATION: HOUSE AND FORMER SURGERY,
6 WEPBURN STREET

INTEGRITY - Cast-iron friezes and brackets gone from verandah; rainwater gutters replaced; caps to fence/gate posts gone.

STREETScape - Prominent corner building which contributes to the civil-residential precinct (2) adjoins the former Hawthorn College and faces the important former Wesleyan complex, mature landscaping being a notable part of the former relationship.

SIGNIFICANCE - Architecturally: an incomplete in detail, but otherwise original villa in a common form, but possessing an unexpected period landscape environ, for its proximity to commercial areas, and valuable original details which complete the setting and link with its original specialised use: of regional importance.
Historically: one of a group of physician-linked houses in this area which of all most communicates its original use: of high local importance.

ENHANCEMENT - Restore verandah iron; repaint trim and fence in original or typical colours; investigate stucco colour to ascertain date and repaint as above, if not original finish; record fence details for restoration data; and maintain mature planting.

REFERENCES: (Abbreviations Key: Appendix 5)

1. Biographical Index (SLV);
HBI
2. RB 1888, 4998
3. Biographical Index (SLV)
4. Dew p.77;
D 1895, 1919;
RB 1896-
5. Verbal reminiscences of occupants of flats replacing Duffy's house (1983); subdivision plan (HHS)