

## PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

## ADDRESS

79 Oxley Road

## TITLE

"Tantallon"

## EXISTING DESIGNATION

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

## STREETSCAPE LEVEL

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

## GRADING

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

## RECOMMENDED FOR

HBR/GBR [X] AHC [X] URBAN CONSERVATION AREA [X]  
VAS [ ] PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION [X]  
CULTURAL LANDSCAPE [ ] OTHER [ ]SURVEY DATE May 91  
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## THEME

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

## CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Date 1894  
Architect  
Builder  
Elements

- [ ] Contributing garden [ ] Original or early hard landscape layout  
 [ ] Landmark tree [ ] Original or early fence

## NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See Butler, Upper Hawthorn Study  
See attached

INTEGRITY Good [X]  
 Fair [ ]  
 Poor [ ]

CONDITION Good [X]  
 Fair [ ]  
 Poor [ ]

## CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden [ ]

LOCATION: TANTALLON, HOUSE  
79 OXLEY ROAD  
MMPS ZONE: Residential C  
BUILT: 1894

HISTORY - 79 Oxley Road was built as a seven room brick house and stables in 1894 for Annie Cameron, wife of Alexander Cameron, a slater of South Melbourne.<sup>1</sup> Called Tantallon, it was first occupied by James Perugia, modeller, who was possibly related to moulders, modellors and ornamental metal workers, Antonio Perugia and Sons who may have executed the cast plaster.<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Cameron was listed as occupying the house in 1896, but was soon replaced by Thomas Dodson, a manager.<sup>3</sup> By 1899, the owner was Robert Short, woolbroker of 27 Yarra Street and owner of properties in Yarra Grove, Burwood Road and Morang Road.<sup>4</sup> Langton was a tenant<sup>5</sup> followed by J.T. Eckersall, who was presumably the draper (who moved to 2 Elmie Street by 1909) with a shop in Burwood Road.<sup>6</sup> In 1919, James Gleeson lived here and he stayed until the Second World War.

DESCRIPTION - A single storey, double-fronted dichrome (black and cream) brick Italianate villa with a timber return verandah, high-hipped and slated (two-colour) roof and tall dichrome brick chimneys. Details include the cement swags and deep scrolling to the eaves entablature, a scalloped verandah valence, and saltire-cross verandah brackets which are seated on circular timber posts, with pressed zinc capitals.

Distinctive elements in the external and internal hall decorative scheme are the cement statuary in niches set on corbelled bases. The diagonally boarded verandah, soffit lining, and encaustic floor tiles which extend into the hallway, mark a higher than normal standard of finish as does the slate roof to the verandah (?), which is further underscored by the cruciform hallway, with its four-way arches, and statuary niches.

Another unusual and notable element is the multi-sided entrance canopy, with finial, which projects from the verandah.

A sympathetic picket fence exists at the frontage and the stable at the rear.

INTEGRITY - Generally original, except at rear elevation (verandah gone) and the new rain-water gutter profiles; possesses sympathetic paint colours.

STREETSCAPE - Contributive to the civic-residential precinct (2), as one of a group of individually important buildings.



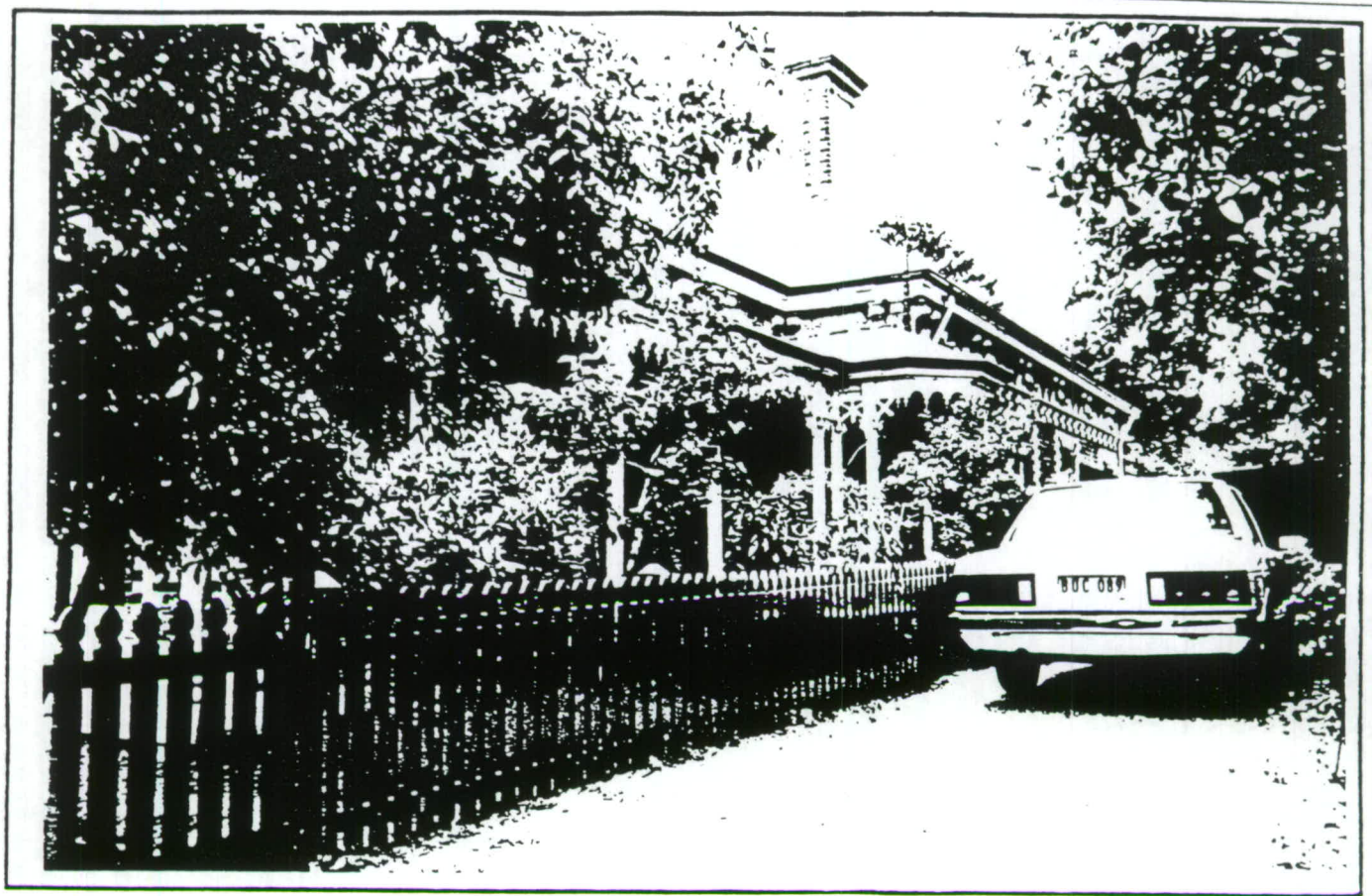
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SIGNIFICANCE - Architecturally, a near original example of a common residential form but possesses unusual decorative elements inside and out, and a high finish standard, also part of a civic-residential precinct : of high regional importance.

Historically, of local interest as unusually well finished for a speculative residence.

ENHANCEMENT - Replace spouting with ogee profile; consider restoring fence as typical or original. (note : current fence is sympathetic.)





REFERENCES: (Abbreviations Key: Appendix 5)

1. NT File, 2423;  
RB 1894-5, 3525-6
2. D 1889
3. RB 1896-7,  
RB 1898-9
4. HBI
5. RB 1900;  
McWilliam, Burwood Park (unpublished manuscript, 1979)
6. D 1919
7. D 1919;  
D 1939





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