

**Family Butchers Shop, 745 Nicholson St, Carlton North, VIC, Australia**

**Photographs:**



**List:** Register of the National Estate

**Class:** Historic

**Legal Status:** [Registered](#) (22/06/1993)

**Place ID:** 14943

**Place File No:** 2/11/033/0302

**Statement of Significance:**

The Butcher's shop at 745 Nicholson Street, North Carlton, is significant as one of the few nineteenth century shops with original butcher shop fittings both internally and externally. The shop retains its original, cast iron, post supported street verandah, a rare survivor of this design in Melbourne City and also various rare, internal, original fittings (Criterion B.2). The shop is very elaborately decorated and features an ornate side entrance and arched pediment with panels of blue and buff glazed tiles (Criterion F.1). The shop is a significant element in the Nicholson Street streetscape and, along with other parapeted and verandah fronted shops, adds to the historic character of the area (Criterion E.1).

**Official Values:** Not Available

**Description:**

The Butcher's Shop at 745 Nicholson Street in north Carlton, was constructed in 1895 in front of an 1887 house. Both buildings were erected for Stephen Mair and the first butchers to use the shop were Bennet and Woolcock Ltd. The single storey building has an elaborately detailed, rendered facade and face brick side walls, now painted. The front facade is mainly as originally designed, with bluestone base, a slightly off-centre entrance door, plaster work panels of coloured glazed tiles and elaborate roof parapet with a central arched pediment. The small elaborate arched opening at the side of the shops leads to the entrance door of the house at the rear. The side arch and the parapet are the most elaborate parts of the facade and include alternate buff and dark blue tiles set in panels. The original curved roof and cast iron pavement verandah with a central arched bay is one of the very few remaining examples of this design of verandah in Melbourne. The shop is also notable for the survival of the original internal fittings including the marble slabs for tables, floor to ceiling wall tiles, timber cashier's office and the barley sugar twist cast iron columns with rails and meat hooks for suspending carcasses. The shop is still used as a butcher, currently J A Beckwith and Sons who continue to use the original fittings as intended and also continue to use sawdust to cover the floors.

**History:** Not Available

**Condition and Integrity:**

The Butcher's Shop has a very high level of intactness and integrity and is in good condition.

**Location:**

745 Nicholson Street, Carlton North.

**Bibliography:**

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