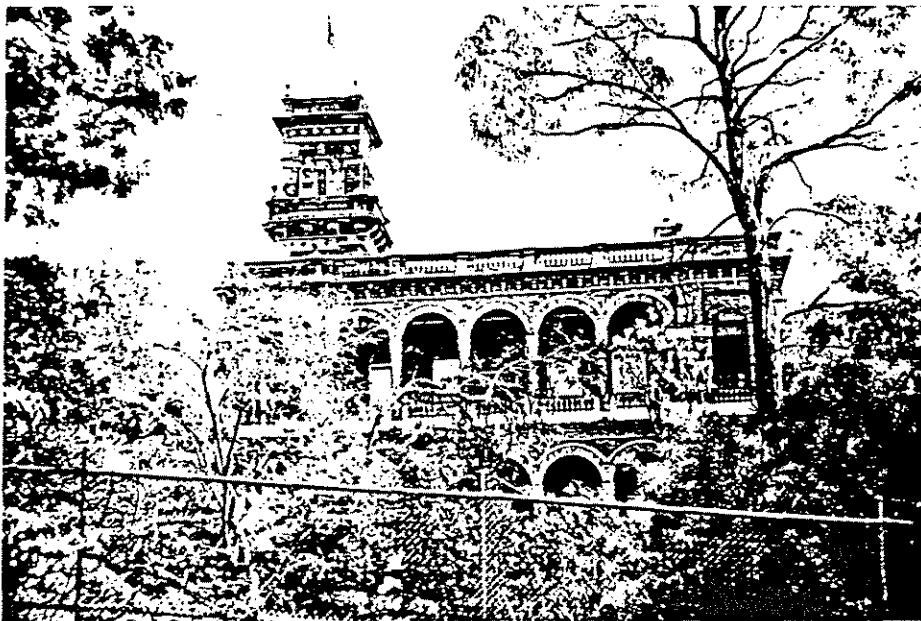


94 STUDLEY PARK ROAD, 'RAHEEN' (FORMERLY 'KNOWSLEY')

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Original Use: Residence  
Date of Construction: 1884<sup>1</sup>  
Architect: William Salway<sup>2</sup>

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#### HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Edward Latham of the Carlton Brewery was the first owner and occupier of this two-storey mansion<sup>3</sup> originally known as 'Knowsley'<sup>4</sup> and subsequently as 'Raheen'. Latham lived in the building until 1888 when, due to financial difficulties, an auction of all the furniture of 'Knowsley' took place<sup>5</sup> and the mansion was purchased by Sir Henry Wrixon, barrister and politician<sup>6</sup>. Wrixon's biography is recounted in detail in the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* and an account of his life at 'Raheen' is given in *Victoria's Representative Men at Home*. While it appears that the Wrixons added extensively to the house in 1888-89, this work has not been clearly referenced<sup>7</sup>. The ownership of 'Raheen' was transferred to the Roman Catholic Trusts Corporation in September 1917 and Archbishop Mannix became the new occupant<sup>8</sup>. Following Mannix, several other catholic dignitaries resided in the building<sup>9</sup>, and it has subsequently been resold.

The house is two storeyed and built in exposed red brick combined with exposed render detailing, in a manner advanced for its date of construction. The composition is dominated by the two storeyed loggia, and the four storeyed tower and draws on the Italianate for its styling.

## SIGNIFICANCE

Raheen is of significance as an early example of the use of red brickwork combined with cement render dressings, for its associations with Archbishop Mannix and for the landmark value it holds on this prominent hill on Studley Park Road.

## HERITAGE LISTINGS

HBR: Registered No.515.

GBR: N/A

RNE: Nominated

National Trust: Classified No.1194

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<sup>1</sup> Lewis, M., 'Raheen, 94 Studley Park Road, Kew', April 1985

<sup>2</sup> Architects' Index, University of Melbourne

<sup>3</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Lewis, *op.cit.*, p.13

<sup>5</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Rogers, D., *A History of Kew*, p.27

<sup>7</sup> Lewis, *loc.cit.*

<sup>8</sup> National Trust of Aust.(Vic), 'Research into Raheen...', 14 April 1981

<sup>9</sup> *ibid.*

Already registered as an Historic Building.