

Bluestone House, 2 Ford St, Clifton Hill, VIC, Australia

Photographs:



List: Register of the National Estate

Class: Historic

Legal Status: [Registered](#) (30/06/1992)

Place ID: 15571

Place File No: 2/11/012/0019

Statement of Significance:

This bluestone residence, having been built in the 1850s, has historical significance in being among Collingwood's early buildings (Criterion A.4). The house's bluestone construction is also important, for bluestone residences are relatively rare in Victoria and are limited to the early period of the State's development. Additionally, the bluestone reflects the original nature of this area (a quarry) and the owner's quarrying activities here (Criterion B.2).

Official Values: Not Available

Description:

Charles Brown first owned and occupied this house from some time after the land was acquired in 1850-51 and yet before the first Rates Listing of 1864. Kearney's map of 1855 shows buildings on the site so presumably the place was built in the early 1850s. Brown and his twin brother Henry were partners in the large contracting firm of Brown and Ramsden, quarry operators and this connection is reflected in the bluestone used for the house. Later owners of the residence included William Ford, William Cooper and Charles Batty. Batty was a timber merchant and it is thought that it was he who had a verandah added to the house during the Federation period. The house is a single storey rubble bluestone building with a hipped slate roof. It is symmetrical in design and has sash windows. Two chimneys rise from the roof. An extensive Federation period timber verandah runs along two sides of the house and a long rubble basalt wall to the side yard may have been built at the same time as the house.

History: Not Available

Condition and Integrity:

Apart from the addition of a new door and a verandah during the Federation period, the house's external integrity has been maintained. (1990)

Location:

2 Ford Street, Clifton Hill.

Bibliography:

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) file 4175.