

Mossvale, 225 McKean St, Fitzroy North, VIC, Australia

Photographs:



List: Register of the National Estate

Class: Historic

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

Place ID: 15322

Place File No: 2/11/020/0083

Statement of Significance:

This 1891 house exhibits very well the characteristics of a two storey, polychrome, Victorian Mannerist style terrace house (Criterion D.2). It is also important for its associations with the fellmongery-related trades of the area and its original Jewish owner (Criterion A.4).

Official Values: Not Available

Description:

Henry Hyams, a Collingwood bootmaker, was the owner of this house in 1893. However the original owner is thought to have been Moses Isaacs (also a Collingwood bootmaker) in 1891 as corroborated by the parapet date. Some connection between the two owners is probable. The building is a two-storey Victorian Mannerist style terrace with patterned and coloured brickwork, an elaborate cemented parapet (consisting of swags and guilloche pattern detail, balustrading and urns), cast iron verandah ornament and an iron picket fence with pineapple post crestings. The verandah roof is of a bull-nose profile. Reputedly there is a Jewish prayer affixed to the front entrance (the house was blessed by a Rabbi when built). The front door has intact wood-graining, including walnut simulation and coloured glass side-lights. A slate and marble tile path is intact.

History: Not Available

Condition and Integrity:

In 1952 the house was converted into four flats but alterations were minor. The external condition of the house is good. (1990)

Location:

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Bibliography:

Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, "North Fitzroy Conservation Study", Fitzroy 1978.