

House, 118 Queens Pde, Fitzroy North, VIC, Australia

Photographs:



List: Register of the National Estate

Class: Historic

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

Place ID: 15305

Place File No: 2/11/020/0078

Statement of Significance:

This 1860s house is of interest for its use of bluestone, as bluestone houses are rare in Melbourne and are confined to particular areas and eras (Criterion B.2). The structure is also significant for its association with Fitzroy's nineteenth century history (Criterion A.4).

Official Values: Not Available

Description:

Samuel Brailsford, a prolific local road contractor, was the first owner-occupier of this bluestone house in 1864-65. By the 1870s an extra room and stables had been added to the original four-room house. During the 1880s-1890s Brailsford carried out many street improvement contracts for Fitzroy Council, some exceeding 4000 pounds. Upon his death in 1898 the property went to his widow Rebecca. By 1918 the British United Shoe Machinery Co owned the building and presumably commenced the changes which turned the interior into a commercial premise. Built of rubble bluestone, the house has a simple hipped roof and a later verandah with an ogee roof-line and cast iron frieze in a late nineteenth century pattern (built during Brailsford's occupancy). The verandah floor and pathway are tiled and there is a new door but with original glass above the doorway. Both the house and verandah possess a corrugated galvanised iron roof. Chimneys are symmetrically placed and cemented, with slim cornices. A side gate leads into the premises of the present owner Nathan and Wyeth Pty Ltd. The wire fence dates from the 1920s and was presumably built by the shoe firm mentioned above.

History: Not Available

Condition and Integrity:

The exterior is virtually unchanged since Brailsford's last addition. On the other hand the interior has been gutted and converted into office and storage space. (1990)

Location:

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Bibliography:

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) file 3531