

**Houses, 13, 15 James St, Richmond, VIC, Australia**

**Photographs:**



**List:** Register of the National Estate

**Class:** Historic

**Legal Status:** [Registered](#) (21/03/1978)

**Place ID:** 5398

**Place File No:** 2/11/044/0008

**Statement of Significance:**

The pair of stone houses in James Street, Richmond, is comparatively rare surviving examples of immediate post Gold Rush era Domestic architecture in inner suburban Melbourne and clearly deriving from stylistic developments in Colonial New South Wales and Tasmania. The stone structures are of significance to the history of the city of Richmond as perhaps The oldest buildings in this area, although somewhat defaced.

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**Official Values:** Not Available

**Description:**

The semi-detached two storey stone houses of four rooms and kitchen at 13-15 James Street, Richmond, were erected in 1857 for Eneas Mackenzie, civil servant. The originally identical houses are constructed of locally quarried basalt with an iron roof, loopy Gothic barge boards, French windows and single storey curved verandah in a simple and picturesque colonial style.

**History:** Not Available

**Condition and Integrity:**

The exterior of the semidetached houses has been considerably defaced since 1857, although the original character can still be determined. The verandahs to both houses have been inappropriately reconstructed, the barge boards replaced and the upper level windows altered.

**Location:**

13, 15 James Street, Richmond.

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