

**Factory (former) and Terrace Houses, 10, 12-24 Waltham Pl, Richmond, VIC, Australia**



**Photographs:**

**List:** Register of the National Estate  
**Class:** Historic  
**Legal Status:** [Registered](#) (21/03/1978)  
**Place ID:** 15731  
**Place File No:** 2/11/044/0024

**Nominator's Statement of Significance:**

The three storey brick factory at 10 Waltham Place is of utilitarian design located on a site owned by prominent landholder, Henry 'Money' Miller at the end of Waltham, Richmond, was erected in 1881 and leased to local shoe manufacturer, John Bedgood. The factory was extended in 1890. The seven unadorned adjacent two storey brick terraces were erected in 1890 by Edward Miller as a speculative venture. Bedgood's shoe factory, now the Pinacotheca Art Gallery, is functional, unpretentious industrial building characteristic of inner suburban Melbourne of the 1880s. John Bedgood is of local historical importance as a prominent citizen for many years associated with the adjacent Wesleyan Methodist Church. The factory is closely related to the neighbouring terraces and with the church, contributes to the unique and important Waltham Place environs. The seven, two storey red brick terrace houses at 12-24 Waltham Place, Richmond were erected in 1890 as a speculative Venture for Edward Miller, son of the late Henry 'Money' Miller, the prominent Victorian landowner and politician. The site is adjacent to the former Bedgood Shoe Factory and part of a large parcel of land acquired by Henry Miller in June 1845. The Waltham Place Terraces, purportedly erected as accommodation for workers employed at the Bedgood Shoe Factory, are unusually austere and utilitarian working class houses which, as in Britain, are products of the ambiguous philanthropy of the industrial magnates who owned them. The five room houses are enhanced by modest ornamentation and contribute to the character of the Waltham Place environs.

**Official Values:** Not Available

**Description:**

**History:**

10 Waltham Place is a factory built to the design of architect J A B. Koch for prominent millionaire landholder and politician, Henry 'Money' Miller in 1881, and leased to local shoe manufacturer, John Bedgood. Bedgood was a prominent local citizen, for many years associated with the adjacent Wesleyan Methodist Church. The factory was extended in 1890.

The seven terrace houses at 12-24 Waltham Place were erected as a speculative venture for Edward Miller, son of Henry 'Money' Miller. The architect was H M Parlett. The site is adjacent to the former shoe factory, and part of a large parcel of land acquired by Henry Miller in 1845. The houses were purportedly erected as accommodation for workers employed at the Bedgood Shoe Factory.

**Description:**

10 Waltham Place is a three storey brick industrial building, unpretentious in style and characteristic of inner suburban Melbourne of the 1880s, and closely related to the neighbouring terrace houses.

The seven houses at Nos 12-24 are two storey brick residences, unusually austere and

utilitarian with modest ornamentation. They have been partially defaced by painting of ground floor walls and by the removal of iron friezes and fences.

The factory, the adjoining terrace houses and former Wesleyan Methodist Church contribute to the unique and important character of Waltham Place.

**History:** Not Available

**Condition and Integrity:**

The factory building at Waltham Place, Richmond, has been sensitively adapted to an art gallery use internally, with the external character intact. The Waltham Place terraces have been partially defaced by painting at the ground floor verandah level and by removal of the iron friezes and fences. The terrace is, however, mostly intact, although somewhat depressed. (1986)

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**Location:**

10, 12-24 Waltham Place, Richmond.

**Bibliography:**

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