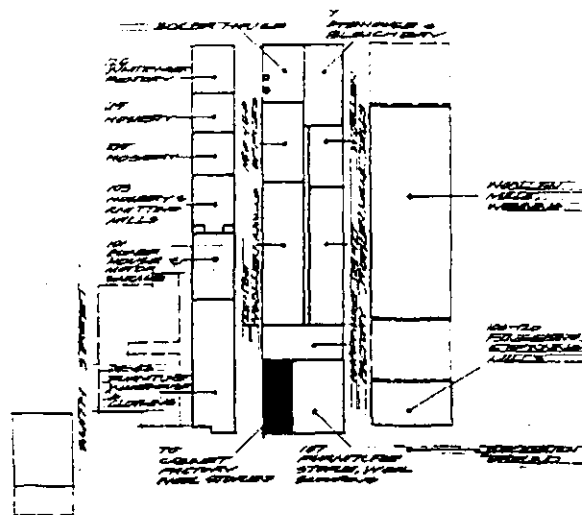


Building
70 Oxford Street



Allotment Reference

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National Trust Register

Under consideration

National Estate Register

Recommended

Historic Buildings Council Register

Recommended

Location within Precinct

Collingwood Slope

Photograph Date:

30.3.1988

<u>Grantee</u>	S.A. Donaldson
<u>Original Owner</u>	Foy & Gibson Pty. Ltd.
<u>Present Owner</u>	
<u>Original Use</u>	Cabinet Factory, Wool Stores and Sorting Rooms
<u>Present Use</u>	Sterling Clothing Co. and others
<u>Construction Date:</u>	1895
<u>Architect</u>	probably William Pitt
<u>Builder</u>	
<u>Description</u>	<p>A 4 storeyed plus basement brick building having a four storeyed facade to Oxford Street and arcaded basement facade facing west (internally to No. 107 Cambridge Street). The main (Oxford Street) facade has red tuckpointed brickwork with bays defined by pilasters rusticated above ground floor level and with a stuccoed string course (in cornice form) and a stuccoed parapet above ("Wool Sorting Foy and Gibsons Pty. Ltd. Wool Scouring") with raised central section conforming to typical details for Foy and Gibsons buildings. Inside, a cast iron column and concealed beam frame is typical with timber floors, and lanterns in the upper level roof.</p>
<u>Condition</u>	Good
<u>Integrity</u>	Good
<u>History</u>	<p>Previously occupied by houses, the cabinet factory was built on this site in 1895. In 1906, and probably earlier, it was serviced on the east side, facing Cambridge Street by a furniture timber rack and steam drying shed. In 1906, it was reported that "Furniture made by European labour only is well known and applying to that made by Foy and Gibson Pty. Ltd and this has earned for them a world-wide reputation for the high class of all kinds of furniture turned out by them". (<u>The Advertiser</u>, 15.10.1906).</p>

Significance

The former F & G cabinet factory forms a key building in the Oxford Street streetscape and is important also for its probable link with William Pitt, architect and City of Collingwood councillor. It terminates the Oxford Street (east side) street elevation at its south end and has been partially internally refurbished. This building is important also as the earliest confirmed remaining F & G factory in Collingwood, the date of construction of the three storeyed building at No. 79-93 Oxford Street having not been confirmed.

Recommendations

Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate and HBC registers and for planning scheme protection.

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