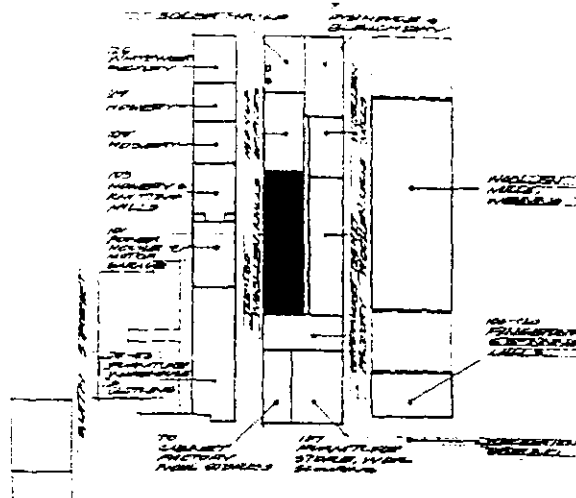


120 - 130 Oxford Street



<u>Allotment Reference</u>	68
<u>National Trust Register</u>	-
<u>National Estate Register</u>	Recommended
<u>Historic Buildings Council Register</u>	Recommended
<u>Location within Precinct</u>	Collingwood Slope
<u>Photograph Date:</u>	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>	Woollen Mills
<u>Present Use</u>	120-124 Emporium Knitwear 126 Abb Type 130 Al's labels (deliveries)
<u>Construction Date:</u>	1906-1908
<u>Architect</u>	probably William Pitt
<u>Builder</u>	
<u>Description</u>	A 21 bay single storeyed and semi-basement (to Oxford Street) factory using standard Foy and Gibsons details with raised parapetted section ("Foy and Gibson Pty. Ltd. Woollen Mills"). Inside, a timber saw tooth roof is carried on steel columns and the floor is timber.
<u>Condition</u>	Good, stucco fair
<u>Integrity</u>	Good
<u>History</u>	<p>The land upon which these mills were built was fully occupied by houses in 1898 (1899 RB). It was progressively acquired by F & G. commencing in 1899 (1900 RB), offices and woollen mills having been built there in 1906 (1907 RB), with 135 feet of vacant land between the furniture factory and the mills, 1908, this land was built on.</p> <p>By 1906, the woollen mills were manufacturing "woollen piece goods such as flannels, blankets, shirtings, tweeds, serges and dress goods" (<u>The Advance Australia</u>, 15.10.1906).</p>
<u>Significance</u>	<p>The former "Gibsonia" Woollen Mills manufactured the textiles etc. from which many F & G products were made. In this respect, the mill complex is important for its role in the production/retailing process.</p> <p>They form an integral part of the Oxford Street streetscape and are important also for their probable link with William Pitt, architect and City of Collingwood councillor.</p>

Recommendations

Recommended for inclusion in the National Est and HBC registers and for planning sche protection.

References

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