

Camberwell Conservation Study 1991 BUILDING CITATION

House, 16 Muswell Street, Glen Iris



Study Grading: A
Construction Date: 1925
First Owner: Plaisted, Oswald V., sales
Architect: Plaisted, A W
Builder: Plaisted, O V

History

Oswald Victor Plaisted, a builder and engineer, constructed this residence in 1925 on land previously owned by Jane Black¹. Arthur W. Plaisted designed the stucco and weatherboard dwelling of six rooms. Oswald Plaisted, the builder Walter Benjamin Plaisted of Malvern, and architect Arthur W. may have been related. Arthur Plaisted designed many houses and flat blocks in Melbourne during the 1920s-1940s such as flats in East Malvern built by W.P. Plaisted and a brick residence in Union Street, Surrey Hills for Dr. J.L. Blaikie². Oswald and Annie A. Plaisted owned and occupied this property at least until 1974³.

Description

Bungalow in form but with Spanish/Mediterranean overtones, the house is an unusual and early example of a style (Spanish) which was heralded as new when the same architect designed the Dr. Thomas house at 9 Rochester Road (1924-6)⁴. The Cordova pattern roof tiles, the parged stucco, Mission detailing on the chimney, and the window hoods are among the unusual elements on the house. The Far Eastern style pergola gateway is notable and the adjoining rubble fence may be original. The landscape is of the period.

Comparative Examples

The following Camberwell sites may be compared with this site.

19, THE RIDGE, 1916
 12, HUNTER ROAD, 1918
 9, SEFTON PLACE, 1919-20
 6, CHRISTOWEL STREET, 1919
 718, RIVERSDALE ROAD, 1919
 33, BROADWAY, 1920
 158, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1920
 11, PRETORIA STREET, 1920
 23, SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, 1920
 286, UNION ROAD, 1920
 44, CURRAJONG AVENUE, 1920c
 6, IRAMOO STREET, 1920c
 17, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1920c
 65, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1920c
 42, SPENCER STREET, 1921-3
 899, TOORAK ROAD, 1921
 930, BURKE ROAD, 1922
 210, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1922
 16, ALMA ROAD, 1923
 648, BURKE ROAD, 1923
 21, CANTERBURY ROAD, 1923
 31, DEEPPENE ROAD, 1923
 7, WARWICK AVENUE, 1923
 90, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924-5
 168A, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924-5
 9, ROCHESTER ROAD, 1924-6
 630-638, BURKE ROAD, 1924
 322-394, CAMBERWELL ROAD, 1924
 12, MONT ALBERT ROAD, 1924
 10, FITZGERALD STREET, 1924c
 11, ALMA ROAD, 1925(?)
 269, UNION ROAD, 1925-6c
 10, DONNA BUANG STREET, 1925
 2, MARTIN ROAD, 1925
 4, ST. ANDRIES STREET, 1925
 1, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1925
 931, TOORAK ROAD, 1925
 118, WATTLE VALLEY ROAD, 1925
 55, BATH ROAD, 1925c
 77, GREYTHORNE ROAD, 1925c
 1, THREADNEEDLE STREET, 1925c
 359, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1925c
 513, WHITEHORSE ROAD, 1925c
 146, YARRBAT AVENUE, 1925c

External Integrity

Generally original.

Streetscape Contribution

Contributes to a Bungalow era precinct.

Significance

Architecturally, one of the State's earliest Mission Style Bungalows and in near original condition with supporting landscape and notable gateway also contributory to a Bungalow precinct: of State importance.

Historically, significant as an example of the work of O.V. Plaisted, a central figure in the local building industry: of regional interest.

1 RB 1920-21, 1944; RB 1925-26, 23187; BA 1947, 221; D1930
 2 CCS, 1986, p.47; *Building*, V17, No.99, p.59; *Building*, V20, No.112, p.74
 3 D1974; ER 1938; ER 1931; D1962
 4 see 1986 CCS