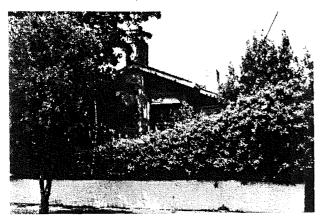
Camberwell Conservation Study 1991

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. Blaikie⁴. 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, DEEPDENE 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, UNTON 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, 1925a 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.

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