

Building: Residence
Address: 40 Abbotsford Street



Allotment Reference: Lot 76
National Estate Register: -
Historic Buildings Council Register: -
National Trust Register: -
Location within Precinct: -
Photo Date: June, 1988
Grantee: C.J. Garrard, 13-2-1839
Original Owner: Thomas Wilson
Present Owner: M.L. & M. Etherton,
1 Johnston Street, Balnarring
Original Use: Residence
Present Use: Residence

Construction Date: 1867

Architect:

Builder: Thomas Wilson

Description: An unusual two storeyed Gothic styled timber cottage with attached gable roofed single storeyed section on west side and having distinctive bay window with slated roof and timber valance (compare Easey Street). The main gable roof is slated and a gabled hood overhangs the east facing window.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Good

History: In 1866 Thomas Wilson owned land on the north side of Abbotsford Street midway between Hunter and Patterson Streets, (1866 RB). In 1867 Wilson, a builder, built a two roomed weatherboard house as his residence. In 1868 the house had been extended to four rooms (1867, 1868 RB). Wilson continued as owner/occupant in 1873, (1873 RB). By 1900 Wilson still owned No. 40 renting it to James Meyer, a gentleman, (1901 RB). It remained in the Wilson family until World War I.

Significance: No. 40 Abbotsford Street is an unusual Gothic styled cottage, its picturesque design being associated possibly with its owner's Scottish origins. The valance detail is especially fine. Also refer No. 42 Abbotsford Street.

Recommendations: Recommended for Planning Scheme protection.

References:

- Rate Books
- The Melbourne Times, 23-2-1977
- The Age, 5-3-1977
- National Trust file

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