

29 SACKVILLE STREET, FORMERLY 'BERRINGTON'

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Original Use: Residence  
Date of Construction: 1888-1890<sup>1</sup>  
Architect: Unknown

DESIGNATION B  
CITATION NO.20



#### HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

Documentary evidence records that in 1888 Job Smith, builder, was the first owner of this substantial two-storey house<sup>2</sup>. The property was given an initial N.A.V. of £125<sup>3</sup> and it is possible that Smith was the contractor for his house. The building is a large two storeyed house typical of the late Victorian period. It remains substantially intact with a cast iron verandah dominating the front and side facades, that has the added distinction of a fine cast iron frieze that at ground floor level has two tiers. Behind the verandah, the facade is asymmetrical. There is a central six panelled door with a fine semicircular fanlight, and segmentally arched windows to the ground floor and on one side of the door there is a polygonal bay window that extends up the two floors. The eaves and chimneys are decorated with Italianate brackets.

By the turn of the century 'Berrington' was identified as having thirteen rooms and an N.A.V. of £130<sup>4</sup> while the house remained in the hands of the Smith family until the late 1930s<sup>5</sup>. The new owner at that stage was a Mrs Pederson who converted the house into three flats<sup>6</sup> while in 1951 it was further subdivided to become seven units<sup>7</sup>.

## SIGNIFICANCE

'Berrington' is of significance as a typical and intact late Victorian mansion and as such is one of the key Victorian buildings to have been built in Kew. It is integral to the significance of the concentration of Victorian mansions along Sackville Street.

## HERITAGE LISTINGS

HBR: Not Recommended for inclusion on the register.

GBR: N/A

RNE: Recommended for inclusion on the register.

National Trust: Recorded No.1676.

- 1 City of Kew, Rate Books, 1888-1890
- 2 *ibid.*, 1888
- 3 *ibid.*
- 4 *ibid.*, 1903
- 5 National Trust of Aust.(Vic), 'Research into 'Berrington'...', 10 June 1980
- 6 *ibid.*
- 7 *ibid.*

This building, typical for its time and one of a number of such homes in Sackville Street, appears to be of regional or local rather than state significance - it should be graded B and protected through UC1 controls.