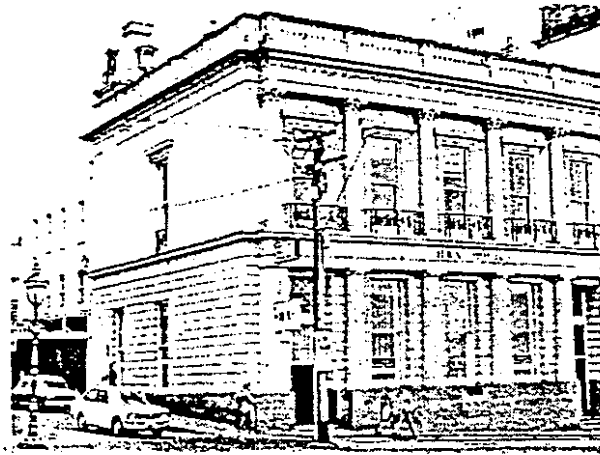


BUILDING TITLE H.B.A. HOUSE
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT

NATIONAL ESTATE PROJECT No.
DOCUMENTATION OF LISTED HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN VICTORIA

DESIGNATION H.B.P.C. REGISTER No. 109 NATIONAL TRUST (C) FILE No.

BUILDING TYPE FORMER BANK
 BUILDING NAME H.B.A. HOUSE
 STATE VICTORIA
 LOCAL GOVT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT
 STREET LYDIARD ST STH. No. 6
 SUBURB/TOWN BALLARAT C.B.D.
 CITY BALLAARAT POSTCODE 3350
 RURAL
 NEAREST CENTRE Km.



TITLE REFERENCE Vol Fol
 DIRECTORY
 NEGATIVE FILE FILM 1 / FRAME 33

PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION
 DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION JULY 1978

OWNERSHIP ORIGINAL UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA
 PRESENT HOSPITAL BENEFITS ASSOC. OF VICTORIA
 ADDRESS (PURCHASED BY H.B.A. 1951)

ARCHITECT/PRACTICE LEONARD TERRY
 BUILDER
 ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS 20 OCT 1863 REFERENCE ARGUS 20 OCT 1863
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
 ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE
 ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS ENTRANCE DOORS ALTERED.

BUILDING CITATION

A branch of the Union Bank was opened on July 1, 1857,¹ and this building was constructed in 1863-64 to the design of Architect Leonard Terry.² It was sold by the Union Bank to the H.B.A. in 1951.

There is limited information regarding this building. However it is one of Terry's finest designs with full Doric columns unmatched in any of his surviving works in Victoria, but which he had used in the London Chartered Bank in Melbourne (since demolished) and the Old Union Bank in Launceston of 1865. Here however the ground floor collonade is grandly matched by an upper collonade in unfluted Corinthian columns, resulting in a unique superimposed trabeated system. Behind the colonnades is a conventional Terry facade of ruled masonry courses at ground floor level and hooded windows in the piano nobile with projecting balconettes. The Gre revival character is maintained in the diagonal patterned transom lights above the door, and in the iron scroll work of the balconettes.

This building is in good condition and is relatively intact apart from the new front doors and inappropriate paint work. In the entrance hall the ceilings and cedar work are preserved. It is extremely important architecturally, and is possibly one of Terry's finest designs. It provides a strong streetscape element to the Lydiard Street precinct.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this building be retained on the Historic Buildings Register, the Register of the National Estate, and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

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ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT

SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING

LANDSCAPE/STREETSCAPE/ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PART OF RECOMMENDED
AREA A.I.1.

DOCUMENTATION JACOBS LEWIS VINES DATE SEPTEMBER 1978
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