

diploma school.<sup>1</sup> Hoadley was awarded the order Commander of the British Empire in 1936 but is best known as Scoutmaster to the First Footscray Group and Chief Scout Commissioner of Victoria (1927-37), his name being still current in the Hoadley Hide camp at Gilwell.<sup>2</sup>

Another unusual aspect of Hoadley's life was as son to the founder of Hoadley's Chocolates Ltd., the producers of the famous 'Violet Crumble Bar' named by Hoadley's mother after her favourite flower<sup>3</sup>

#### Description

A large but typically styled brick Italianate suburban villa with a return convex-roof verandah and asymmetrical bayed plan. The roof is of patterned slate and the verandah construction is now timber but is likely to have been cast-iron. Other details include the window architraves, a niche, deep eaves brackets, encaustic tiles and bracketed chimney cornices. Extensive additions and alterations have been made to the site.

#### External Integrity

The verandah has been rebuilt, the bricks painted, fence replaced and openings altered. Large concrete paved areas in front of the house are intrusive.

#### Streetscape

One of a series of large houses symbolizing the residential elite of Footscray in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries, prior to the mounting blight to the amenity of Geelong Road caused by motor traffic.

#### Significance

Architecturally, a typical large conservatively designed suburban villa type with altered details. Historically, the home of prominent persons, particularly Hoadley who was known nationally and Hooper whose business once reached most parts of Victoria and whose name is foremost among Footscray's 19th and early 20th century commercial figures.

### House 38 Geelong Road

#### History

John Schutt began a prosperous career as a Spotswood dairy farmer looking for cheaper stock fodder. In 1913 he started a chaff cutting and oats crushing mill at the corner of Geelong and Williamstown Roads (now a service station). His partnership with C.E. Barrie (1916) preceded a move in the following year to a bigger and better disused quarry site at the opposite Geelong and Sunshine Roads corner, close to the West Footscray Railway Station goods yard. Schutt & Barrie, among other things, introduced green binding twine ('Green String Band') as well as winning recognition at Royal Agricultural Society shows and the British Empire Wembley Exhibitions of 1924, 1925, for the excellence of their bagged chaff. Challenge Brand Flour replaced horse feed as their staple product (given the decline in horse-power), after wheat gristing started in 1927. Wheat germ and semolina were valuable by-products.

John Schutt built this house in 1937, having lived previously at 377 Nicholson Street (demolished?). His architects were Cedric Ballantyne and Snedden.<sup>4</sup> Schutt died here in 1954 and was succeeded in business by his son, Ralph who, in public life, succeeded another Footscray notary and Geelong Road dweller, Charles Hoadley, as a prominent leader in the Boy Scout movement. Schutt senior had also served as a Footscray Councillor (1925-8), as did his partner's son, T.L. Barrie, but in Melton.<sup>5</sup>

F. N. Mann was another more recent long-term resident. He was connected with Swing Bridge Motors and co-founded Delphic Taxis<sup>6</sup>.

#### Description

Footscray's largest house in the Modern/Moderne manner, it is set in ample grounds, still possessing its landscaping (including a large camphor laurel) and decorative iron and brick front fence. It has a hipped roof, with Marseilles pattern tiles, in much the same form as previous styles. However the corner windows, horizontal steel-framed glazing and cemented window

1 V&R,V1,p.666; FFOY  
2 WWA1944,p.433  
3 Lack, Hoadley entry *ADB*, Vol. 9, p.312  
4 M.M.B.W. CF 62288.  
5 FFOY; D1935-55.  
6 R Cocks; D1970



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hoods are some of the accessories which made it decidedly new in its outlook, compared to the previous revival styles at the east end of Geelong Road (numbers 2-10). It was austere, had smooth rendered walls and no unnecessary ornament, except for the sand-etched design around the entrance door. Its massing also was measured and simple and its direct Footscray parallels were in the commercial sphere (see Metters offices, Gordon Street).

#### External Integrity

Generally original.

#### Streetscape

Separated from the other grand and interesting houses of the early 20th and late 19th Centuries, by unrelated multi-unit development, it is perhaps the last of the big houses erected by Footscray's elite prior to the blighting effects of Geelong Road traffic.

#### Significance

Architecturally, a skillful and restrained design in the Moderne manner, which here relies on understatement of detail and simple integration of geometric massing. Historically, The home of one of Footscray's prominent industrialists.

#### House

48 Geelong Road

#### History

Three well-known Footscray residents, the contractor Frank Shillabeer, James Johnson (engineer), his quarryman father (John C.), also his mother, Annie Johnson, were associated with this house. The Johnson family constituted Johnson & Sons, engineers and iron ship-builders, machinery merchants, boiler makers and mining machine manufacturers of the large established Tyne foundry on the Yarra bank, South



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