

36 Green Street, Windsor



History and Description

Charles James was the first owner in 1877 of a pair of five-roomed brick houses in Green Street. He didn't live there but let No. 16 (now No. 36) to various tenants, including Edward Lewis in 1877,⁸³ William Powley, evangelist, in 1878,⁸⁴ and Charles Prescott, jeweller, in 1879.⁸⁵ In 1894-95, when James still owned both houses, he let No. 36 to Henry Kuschte, broker.⁸⁶

During the 1920s, this Victorian house was one of a number of properties in Green Street owned by Augustine Fallon. These included the Alaska Fur Co. Factory at 46-48 Green Street, other factory buildings occupied by the Alaska Fur Company and a manufacturer of shop fronts at 42 and 44 Green Street, as well as houses at 36, 38 and 40 Green Street.⁸⁷

The old house was described by City of Prahran Valuers in 1968 as a larger Victorian brick house in original condition with a neat exterior, and the interior not renovated. By this time the house had eight rooms.⁸⁸

The house is a highly ornamented triple fronted brick villa. A striking feature of the building is the intricate moulded fascia below the eaves which is echoed in the ornate chimney caps and the Corinthian capitals in the window architraves. The quoins are

83. Prahran Rate Book 1877 Vol. 2 No. 4466.

84. Prahran Rate Book 1878 Vol. 2 No. 4408.

85. Prahran Rate Book 1879 Vol. 2 No. 4643.

86. Prahran Rate Book 1894-95 Windsor Ward No. 9435.

87. Prahran Rate Book 1924-25 Windsor Ward Nos. 12514-12519.

88. City of Prahran Valuers records. Windsor Ward Book 18W.

moulded and rendered and together with the window dressing contrast with the dark brick walls. The verandah returns all the way along the facade and is supported by smooth cast iron columns with modest metal brackets meeting the cornice. Although the polychrome tiled verandah floor and slate trim is damaged, it is largely intact and complements a tiled path to the entrance gates. The fence with its cast concrete pillars probably dates from the inter-war years.



Significance

This intact Victorian house of the 1870s has state significance because of its historic importance as a residential survivor in an area of increasingly industrial character. It is an architecturally significant example due to its extraordinary degree of architectural ornamentation. Notable features are the tiled path to the entrance gates and the fence with its concrete pillars.

Sources

City of Prahran Rate Books, Windsor Ward.

City of Prahran Valuers records, Windsor Ward.

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Analysis & Recommendations

It is recommended that this property be retained at A1 level.