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42 Heyington Place, Toorak



History & Description

This two-storeyed brick residence was built for Colenso Blogg, chemist, and completed in 1926.¹²⁹ It was described in the Prahran Rate Book of that year as an eleven-roomed brick house with the substantial valuation of 300 pounds.¹³⁰ Blogg's house was located near the Heyington Railway Station on land owned by Blogg in 1925.¹³¹

The designer was the distinguished Melbourne architect, Cedric Ballantyne,¹³² noted for his domestic, commercial, and theatrical work during the inter-war period.¹³³ The original design included a garage at the rear of the allotment,¹³⁴ an important addition at a time when the motor car was gaining popularity among the wealthy.

This house illustrates the innovative use of Old English domestic architecture in a design which also utilises several more modern forms such as the long vertical window in the shingled upper storey and the large tapered chimney with ornamental cap. The house reflects a blend of Craftsman Bungalow and English Cottage styles for which Ballantyne became well known.¹³⁵ The large roof is clad in pan tiles and is divided into several hip roofed sections. The porch entrance is unusual with heavy timber forked supports framing the irregularly shaped alcove. A new bay window

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129. MMBW House Cover No.152107. Dated 12 April 1926.
 130. City of Prahran Rate Book Toorak Ward No.1517.
 131. City of Prahran Rate Book 1925-26 Toorak Ward No.1480.
 132. MMBW House Cover No.152107
 133. Miles Lewis, *Australian Architectural Index*.
 134. MMBW House Cover No.152107.
 135. Peter Cuffley, *Australian Houses of the '20s and '30s*, 1989, p.59.

