

11 Russell Street - S

Architects: Oakley & Parkes

1929: Plans prepared and lodged (Malvern Building Plan 10330)

1930: 'An Artistic Georgian House, The New Home of Mr & Mrs T H Roberts in Russell Street, Toorak' describes in an extended article with numerous illustrations in *Australian Home Beautiful*, June 1930, pp.9-12.

1947-59: Flockart, occupier (Sands & McDougall Directories)

This Georgian derived design features a simple hipped roof projecting forward to create a front wing. The house has simple window facings with shutters and a front porch with Tuscan columns. A simple wrought iron balustrade creates a deck above. The walls are finished in rough cast cement, rendered smooth for the classical detailing of the porch and banded work on the main building. In 1992, the building appeared to retain the original front timber gates and possibly the original fence within the ivy hedge. This has now been replaced with a new timber fence of a sympathetic design. A central pedestrian gateway and axial approach to the front entry has replaced the winding asymmetrical path to the front door. This building is apparently intact externally.

11 Russell Street is of state significance as an important example of the work of this distinguished firm and has a number of similarities with their design for the Prime Minister's Lodge in Canberra, in particular the entry porch and iron balustrade above. The firm's domestic work is also reflected in the Calthorpe House in Canberra, now a house museum.