

3 - 5 Mercer Road - S

1890: Walker, Robert gent. owner Bk. hse. 11 r. erecting. Walker, Robert gent. owner Bk. hse. 11 r. erecting (Malvern Rate Books)

1903: Owner, S Schuhkrafft (by his attorney Robert Mayston, 411 Lonsdale St. Melb) (MMBW Drainage Plan 37543)

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1892: Birrell

1893-95: Watkinson, Percy

1896-97: Norman, William J.

1899: Lukey, Mrs Mary

1900-01: Livingstone, Joseph. 'Laloma'

1902-03: Despard

1904-05: Elliott, Edwin

1906-07: Despard, Mrs Meta

1908-09: Evans

1910: Thompson, Wilfred

1911: McFarland, John

1917: Johnstone, Miss A

1924-29: Miss Margaret Mercer, music tchr.

1942: Bennett, Miss Bessie

1959: Fortuin, W E

1969: Morrison, Mrs J

(Sands & McDougall Directories)

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1891: Vacant

1892: Nipper, George

1894-97: Walker, Will. G

1899-1901: Stewart, Mrs M J

1902: Pumphrey, Mrs Mary

1904-06: Lukey, Mrs Mary

1908-17: Mayston, Robert

1924: Round, Mrs A L

1927: Hemmons, Melson

1929: Round

1942-52: Laver, Mrs M

1959: Murphy, Mrs C

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An unusual pair of terrace houses built in an architectural style not normally associated with this building form. The pedimented parapets have an unusual Jacobean/Free Style character and the arcaded balconies on both levels are unusual in the irregularity of the archway openings. The slate roof, terracotta ridging and brick chimneys with rendered bands fully identify the architectural era as does the turned timber balustrades on the upper level. The building retains a section of original fence at 3 Mercer Road and is basically intact otherwise, except for the painting of the brick work and cement render thus losing much of the original design expression.

3 - 5 Mercer Road are of state significance as early example of the Jacobean/Free Style in Victoria. They form an unusual pair of terrace houses built in an architectural style not normally associated with this building form.