

Revell, 9 Toorak Avenue
Architect: Edward F Billson

1920: E H Pearse Esq. Dwelling Toorak Avenue, Malvern Edward Fielder Billson Architect,
395 Collins St. Melbourne (Malvern Building Plan 2238)

This two storey residence has a low pitched hipped roof with a wide, low chimney on the ridge line. It has boxed eaves with exaggerated overhangs. The simple repetition of casement windows and vertical piers provides a character common to most Prairie style houses. The roof is clad in unglazed cement tiles and the walls have a rough cast finish. The planked timber fence adds to the building's character. The building is apparently intact other than the modern terracotta tile roof and the painting of the building a uniform white colour that detracts from its compositional elements.

Edward Fielder Billson, who practised in the inter-war period, is best known for his working association with Walter Burley Griffin. In conjunction with others of the office, such as J.F.W. Ballantyne and Eric Nicholls, as well as Griffin himself, this group established the Prairie school in Melbourne.

9 Toorak Avenue, designed by Edward Billson in the Prairie style, is of state significance as one of the most important surviving examples of the Prairie style school in Melbourne.

