

CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS *170 Aberdeen Street*

Type
residence

Original Use
residence

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE
N. A.

EXISTING
DESIGNATION

HBR

GBR

NER

GRPS

NATIONAL TRUST

Classified

Recorded

Reg.No.

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607

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CONSERVATION AREA
No.

Name

Ashby

Survey Date
23.6.86

Neg. File
046-019

PERIOD

pre 1860

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1860 - 1879

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1880 - 1899

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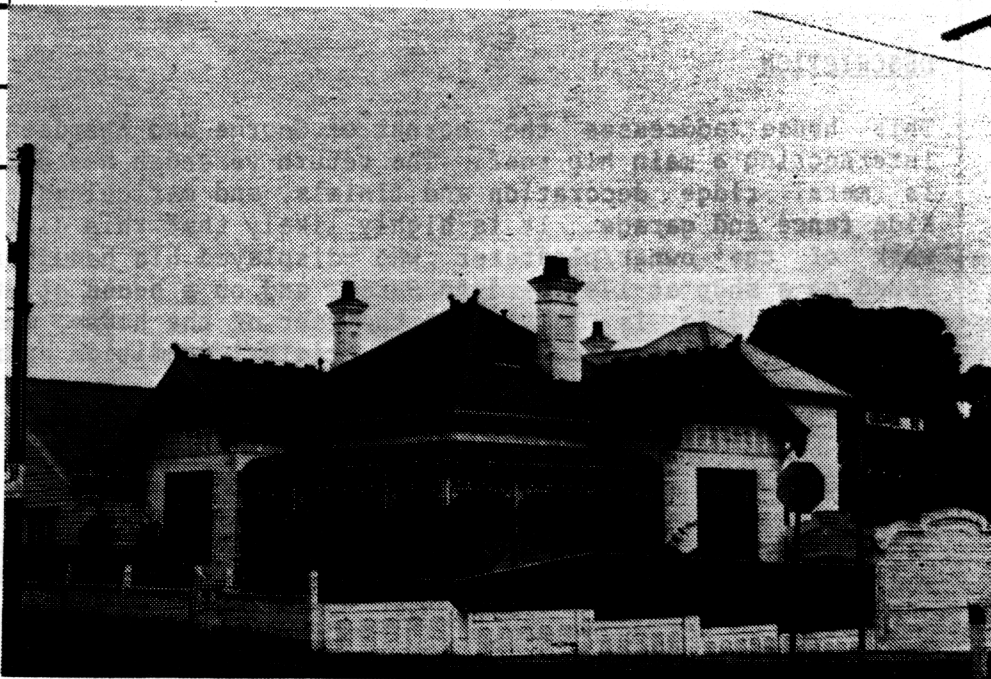
1900 - 1919

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1920 - 1939

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post 1940

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MATERIALS

walls

stucco

roof

corrugated iron

CONSTRUCTION DATE
not known source

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

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early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish

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ornamental wall detailing

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original doors, windows, hoods

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intact verandah / porch structure

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original parapet

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original roof form and finish

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original chimneys

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eaves, roof or gable decoration

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intact verandah decoration

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early fence *part only*

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early garden

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other prominent contributing elevations

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2 storey building at rear

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INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

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good

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fair

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poor

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HISTORY

The residence at 170 Aberdeen Street appears to have been built for and/or by John C. Palmer, contractor and plasterer, of Aberdeen Street. In 1897-8 John C. Palmer is listed as a plasterer of Aberdeen Street near to George Street. This may have been at 174 Aberdeen Street which has similar plaster work to 170. However it is unlikely that 170 Aberdeen Street was built before the first decade of the twentieth century. The 1928 Directory lists Harold D. Palmer as the owner. It is suggested that J.C. Palmer, already a resident near this part of Aberdeen Street, built the house for his relative, H.D. Palmer.

DESCRIPTION

This house addresses the corner of George and Aberdeen Streets with gabled roofs intersecting a main hip roof. The return verandah has cast-iron decoration, the is metal ridge decoration and finials, and meticulous stucco decoration to house, side fence and garage. It is highly likely that this distinctive decoration is the work of the owner/plasterer who displayed his handiwork. Similar decoration is found on a shop at 174 Aberdeen Street and on a house at 40 Albert Street. A two storey building is located at the rear of the house, and could pre date the front part of the house. The house is in original condition apart from some alterations to the fences.

SIGNIFICANCE

An extremely good example of a decorative stuccoed residence dating from early in the twentieth century and exhibiting the skill of a local tradesman. It is of regional significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

National Estate Register, G.R.P.S.

REFERENCES

Wise's Victoria Post Office Directory, 1897-8.

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