

Identifier "Hillhome"

Formerly unknown



Heritage Precinct Overlay HO3
Heritage Overlay(s)

Address 174 Bank St
SOUTH MELBOURNE

Category Residential:row

Constructed 1881

Designer unknown

Amendment **C 74**

Comment [Location map correction.](#)

Significance (Mapped as a Significant heritage property.)

'Hillhome' is of significance as a substantially intact example of one of the few larger houses in South Melbourne, that does not lie in the areas of more substantial building stock such as St Vincent Place, Kerferd Road or Albert Road, with an attention to detailing in both its cast iron and render decoration.

Primary Source

Allom Lovell Sanderson Pty. Ltd., South Melb Conservation study vol. 2, 1987

Other Studies

Description

Original Use: Residences

Date of Construction: 1881 (1)

Thomas McCall, an engineer, was the owner of vacant land in Section 15, Bank Street East by 1880 (2). In 1882 he had erected a two storey brick house of eight rooms, with an N.A.V. of £76 (3). McCall occupied this house for eight years until 1890 and its N.A.V. against the normal trend of the boom period, remained unchanged during this time (4). Five years later and presumably as a direct result of the 1890s depression, the property only rated at £40 (5). By that time Agnes McCall, presumably a close relative, was listed as the owner and occupier of 'Hillhome' (6).

It is one of the most substantial two storeyed houses built in a terrace form in the area. Its wide front façade is clad in render and embellished with a two storeyed verandah decorated with intact cast iron. The wing walls are decorated with bold console brackets and the bracketed cornice and parapet with name plate are intact. The walls are decorated with moulded architraves to the ground floor windows with nail head mouldings around them and the front door is set within a deeply moulded surround. The first floor verandah

is intact but is filled-in with later timber construction. The brick rear façade is of little distinction and is typical of an 1880s terrace, however it appears to be substantially intact.

History

see Description

Thematic Context

unknown

Recommendations

A Ward, Port Phillip Heritage Review, 1998

recommended inclusions:

Schedule to the Heritage Overlay Table in the City of Port Phillip Planning Scheme

References

1 City of South Melbourne Rate Books, 1880-82

2 *ibid.*, 1880/81

3 *ibid.*, 1881/82

4 *ibid.*, 1881-1891

5 *ibid.* 1985/96

6 *ibid.*