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Location

46 DRUMMOND STREET CARLTON, Melbourne City

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0408

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO37

VHR Registration

July 27, 1977

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Rosaville, at 46 Drummond Street, Carlton, was built in 1883 for Abraham Harris to the design of the architect Nahum Barnet. Rosaville, an exotic example of so-called boom style classicism, is a symmetrical two storey terrace residence constructed of brick. The elaborately stuccoed brick wings of the two storey verandah are divided by a cast iron balustrade panel and frieze. The stucco detailing is extremely Mannerist in style, expressed as a restless surface combining a range of classically derived elements such as pilasters, elaborate capitals, rustication, festoons, swags and dentillated segmental pediments. The openings on the two storeys are treated as contrasting segmental and round arches. Additional decorative variety is given by the ornamental tile insets to the uppermost pilasters and by keystone faces. The parapet to the roof has a nameplate beneath a segmental arch pediment. An iron palisade fence between brick piers divides the small front garden from the street.

How is it significant?

Rosaville is of architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Rosaville is architecturally significant as an excellent example of so-called boom style classicism in 1880s Melbourne. The highly ornate and mannered treatment of the verandah contrasts to the more conventional polychrome brickwork of the bulk of the house behind. Rosaville demonstrates the prevailing 1880s domestic architectural expression of wealth, opulence and confidence amongst the successful business classes.

Construction dates	1883,
Architect/Designer	Barnet, Nahum,
Heritage Act Categories	Heritage place,
Hermes Number	209
Property Number	

History

Contextual History:

The Wesleyan Immigrants' Home occupied the whole of the northern third of Drummond-Queensbury-Rathdowne-Victoria Streets block until 1882 when the buildings were demolished and the land subdivided. This area was largely redeveloped by Jewish owners. Carlton in the 1890s was a Jewish stronghold and W S Law, architect, undertook many commissions for Carlton Jewish clients in the 1880s. (National Trust notes)

The property was rated for the first time in 1883. In 1884 it was described as an eight room brick house, with

bathroom, scullery, balcony and verandah, tessellated pavement and woodhouse. Tenants included Frederick McCubbin in 1901-2. Rosaville was leased by the Royal Melbourne Nurses Home from 1909-1912. The State Government bought Rosaville and neighbouring Benvenuta in the late 1930s for 15,000 pounds. It presented both houses to the University of Melbourne in 1952 for use as student accomodation.

Associated People: Frederick McCubbin (tenant 1901-02)

Extent of Registration

No. 408 Rosaville, 46 Drummond Street, Carlton.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 64 July 27, 1977 p.2480]

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