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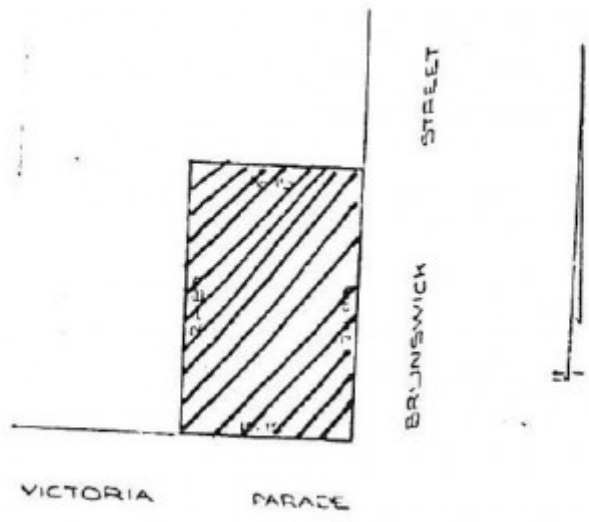
1 former eastern hill hotel victoria parade
fitzroy corner view



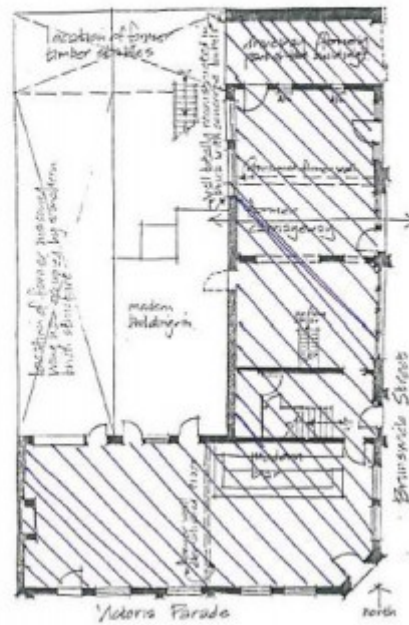
former eastern hill hotel victoria parade
fitzroy front view



former eastern hill hotel victoria parade
fitzroy rear view



H0816 H0816 plan



H0816 Building Plan

Location

77 VICTORIA PARADE FITZROY, YARRA CITY

Municipality

YARRA CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0816

Heritage Overlay Numbers

VHR Registration

September 5, 1990

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 20, 1999

What is significant?

The Former Eastern Hill Hotel, originally known as the Belvidere Hotel, was most likely designed by Joseph Burns and constructed 1854-1856 for Thomas McClelland. The classical facade of the three-storey rendered brick building remains almost exactly as it was when built. Alterations to the hotel in 1866 and 1877 seem to have affected the rear and interior. While the ground and first floor interiors have been substantially altered over the years, the third floor retains a largely intact 19th century layout.

How is it significant?

The Former Eastern Hill Hotel is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it Significant?

The Former Eastern Hill Hotel is of historical significance as one of only a small number of gold-rush era hotels to survive in Victoria and for its associations with the Victorian Eight Hour Day movement. The Former Eastern Hill Hotel is one of the largest and most intact of the few remaining 1850s gold rush era hotels left in inner Melbourne. As such it provides important evidence of the impact of the gold rushes on Melbourne's development. In 1856 and subsequent years the building provided the venue for many functions and meetings concerned with, and allied to, the eight hour day movement. The building unionists supporting the eight hour day, who used the hotel as their headquarters, were known as 'belviderites'. The eight hour movement played a very significant role in the early industrial and political history of the colony, and of Australia, and is still celebrated by the union movement.

The Former Eastern Hill Hotel is of architectural significance as one of the most substantial, elegant and externally intact remaining hotels of the early 1850s and for its connections with two prominent early Victorian architects, Joseph Burns and A.F. Kursteiner. Burns seems likely to have been the original architect. The hotel is a valuable representative example of his extensive hotel work from the gold rush period. The renovations from 1866 and 1876 were the work of A.F. Kursteiner, who was also responsible for several other buildings in Fitzroy, most notably the precinct of 33 single and double storey workers houses in Greeves Street Fitzroy, a most unusual example of 19th century speculative development.

Construction dates	1854,
Architect/Designer	Burns, Joseph,
Heritage Act Categories	Heritage place,

Other Names EASTERN HILL HOTEL,
Hermes Number 489
Property Number

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 816:

Eastern Hill Hotel, 77 Victoria Parade (Cnr. Brunswick Street), Fitzroy.

(The whole of the land shown hatched in map, in Certificate of Title Volume 9884 Folio 383 and the buildings shown hatched in Appendix A.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G35 3 September 1990 p.2699]

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