
House at 4 Ferguson Street



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WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons
Bay Heritage Study 2006

Location

4 Ferguson Street WILLIAMSTOWN, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO120

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house, constructed in 1865, at 4 Ferguson Street, Williamstown.

How is it Significant?

The house at 4 Ferguson Street, Williamstown is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as part of a small group of houses that illustrate the early residential development in Ferguson Street before it became the main commercial centre of Williamstown from the late nineteenth century onwards. It is also significant for its associations with individuals who were employed in maritime pursuits such as John Battersby and James Deane, thereby evoking Williamstown's important role as the main port of Melbourne during the mid to late nineteenth century. (AHC criteria A4, B2 and H1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a representative example of an early Victorian double fronted villa, which is notable for its relatively rare construction material and surviving external detailing. It is also an important part of the small group of Victorian houses at the eastern end of Ferguson Street. (AHC criteria B2, E1 and F1)

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Hermes Number 15051

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This double fronted and verandahed house is constructed of random quarry-face basalt and has a slated simply hipped roof. Simple timber joinery includes slim double-hung window sashes, with dressed stone sills, and a four panel front door with top light. The initial simple hipped roof form appears to have been extended to form an M-hip, with the early room additions.

The fence has been replaced as well as the verandah floor and posts, the classical revival columns being probably from the inter-war period. The original verandah may have been an early addition.

Integrity

External integrity and condition

Integrity - Moderate. Condition - Good.

Physical Description 2

Context

The house is a contributory part of a surviving early residential group at the commencement of Williamstown's main commercial centre which is connected in period detail, materials, maritime history, siting and overall form.

Historical Australian Themes

Making suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

John Battersby, James Deane

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