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# ASCOT HOUSE



50 Fenton Street.JPG



Moonee Valley Heritage  
Review 1998

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## Location

50-52 FENTON STREET, ASCOT VALE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO54

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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"Ascot House" at 50-52 Fenton Street, Ascot Vale, was built for the entrepreneur and politician, John Thomas Smith in c.1859-60. It is historically important (Criterion A) and rare (Criterion B) as a very early and substantial surviving villa residence recalling the first phase in the settlement of the area. It is important for its associations with John Thomas Smith and subsequently Arthur A. Fenton (Criterion G) and as a possible work of noted architect and son of J.T. Smith, Sydney Smith. The building has aesthetic importance (Criterion E) for its unusual cast iron lace work and is further distinguished by the survival of interior fittings and silverware and by its

landscaped setting

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998;
Construction dates	1859,
Architect/Designer	Smith, Sydney W. (Snr.),
Hermes Number	23866
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A substantial two storeyed Italianate villa having a single storeyed facade formerly with a driveway to Mount Alexander Road. The upper level is stuccoed in the Italianate manner with a niche by the main entry but in other respects plainly treated in the fashion of the mid Victorian period. The verandah, extended to approximately twice its original width, has cast iron columns and lacework with unusually restrained ballustrading using quatrefoil motifs. The lower level is principally of bluestone with brick dressings although there are over painted face brick additions and an east facing two storeyed bay.

## Integrity

Condition: Sound. Integrity: High, later rear additions, includes interior fire surrounds, ceiling roses, furniture, silverware, and early Majolica (?) fireplace.

## Historical Australian Themes

4.6 Remembering significant phases in the development of towns and suburbs.

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