
Fentongrove building



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Location

3 Staley Street, CALIFORNIA GULLY VIC 3556 - Property No 186283

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO329

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, the house has unusual brick details and an unusual parapeted form, with a multi-gabled side parapet profile which suggests sequential construction, although there is no supporting evidence for this. It also possesses notable terra- cotta chimney pots.

Historically, it was located next to some major mine sites and presumably this reflects Phillips' occupation.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - Eaglehawk & Bendigo Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1993;
Construction dates	1873,
Hermes Number	34402
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Physical Description 1

Asymmetrically planned, double-fronted and constructed of three- colour brickwork, the house stands out from other similarly aged houses because of its parapeted form, more typical of inner urban Melbourne. The corrugated iron roof is in a W-form, with expressed gabled parapets on its east side, while the parapet to the projecting room bay has a semi-circular pediment with acroterion atop. Openings and corners are typically trimmed with cream bricks and dark brown bricks are used, alternately with the creams, to provide a chequer effect along the cornice, as a fascia or dentils.

The verandah roof is convex in form and hipped, whilst posts are timber with moulded metal capitals, other applied mouldings and stop-chamfering to corners. Front windows are generally three-light with spiralled colonettes.

The cast-iron pattern used is similar to an 1888 patent, but was more popularly used in Melbourne during the Edwardian period. However, the most unusual decorative elements are the cream terra-cotta chimney pots to all but one of the six remaining shafts.

Integrity

External - The bricks have been painted; one chimney pot and the front fence (presumed timber picket) removed, and a reproduction of the verandah adapted for use as a side carport.

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