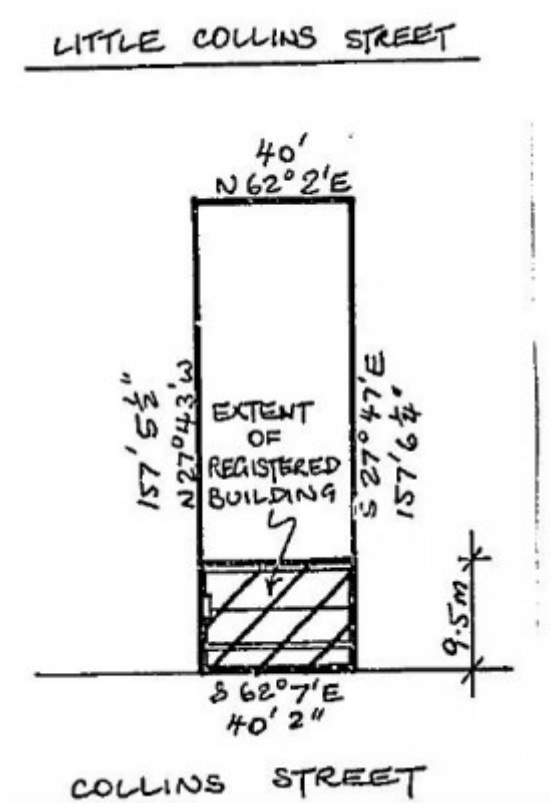


MELVILLE HOUSE



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Location

52-54 COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE, Melbourne City

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0607

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO566

VHR Registration

December 11, 1985

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 2000

What is significant?

Melville House assumed its current facade in 1881 when alterations and additions to an existing building were designed by Billing & Son architects for the owner Dr Ray. The work was carried out by the builder Henry Yeo. Melville House consists of a pair of three-storey, stuccoed brick structures that originally served as residences and professional premises. Stuccoed details include the first floor round-headed windows framed by columns, and at second floor level the decorative band beneath the windows and the hoods. The surviving original portions of the facade of Melville House are typical examples of domestic so-called Boom Style architecture. A balustraded parapet completes the composition. New shop fronts were incorporated into the ground floor in 1927 and the two buildings were linked at an unknown date.

How is it significant?

Melville House is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

Melville House is historically significant as one of the few surviving nineteenth century residences in the central city area. It is representative of the more domestic scale buildings that were occupied by professionals such as doctors and lawyers at the top end of Collins Street.

Melville House is architecturally significant as an excellent example of the so-called Boom Style architecture of 1880s Victoria. The lavish use of stucco decoration is typical of the style but is a rare surviving example of the type in the city.

Construction dates 1881,

Architect/Designer Billing & Son,

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 716

Property Number

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 607 Melville House, 52-54 Collins Street, Melbourne (to the extent of the interior and exterior of that part of the building between the Collins Street boundary and the northern extremity of the front gable roof and the land as entered in the Register Book as Volume 6175 Folio 132).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 122 11 December 1985 p. 4592]

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