

Victorian Heritage Database Report

RIPPLEMERE



Location:

34 GREY STREET ST KILDA, PORT PHILLIP CITY

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H0747

Listing Authority: VHR

Heritage Overlay Number: HO143

Statement of Significance:

The St Kilda Hill on which Ripplemere is prominently located was considered one of the most

fashionable places to live in the nineteenth century. The land on which Ripplemere was built was first purchased by Henry Field Gurner, an important figure in legal circles early in Melbourne's history and a successful speculator in property in St Kilda.

Ripplemere was constructed c.1883-84 for Charles cart Arnell (1827- 1911) a tobacco merchant and a principal of the firm of Arnell and Dudgeon. The available evidence suggests that the architect was Frederick de Garis.

Ripplemere is of historical and architectural importance for the following reasons:

- as one of the most richly and unusually decorated examples of the 1880s "boom period" townhouse surviving in Melbourne

- as a representative and early surviving example of the work of the noted architect Frederick de Garis - for the quality of its detailing and construction - as a reflection of the lifestyle and aspirations of the wealthier citizens of Melbourne during the boom years of the 1880s.

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1883 - 1884
Architect / Designer	De Garis, Frederick
Municipality	PORT PHILLIP CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	1111
Property number	

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