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## HOUSES



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### Location

2 & 4 CHURCH STREET, FLEMINGTON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO49

### Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

The houses, constructed in 1889 for William F. Salmon, at 2-4 Church Street, Flemington are significant. This pair of two storey of identical, but mirror-image, houses each have an unusual scalloped roof gable which is set above a parapetted projecting window bay which descends two levels and is encased in a two-level return verandah with wooden posts and iron ornament. Impost, string, cornice and head moulds delineate the openings and storeys within the stucco work whilst the overall French manner is reinforced by the foliation in the gables. The cast iron palisade fences on bluestone base along the front boundary also contribute to the significance of the

place. The houses are in good condition and have a relatively high degree of external integrity, when viewed from Church Street.

Non-original alterations and additions to the houses are not significant.

#### **How is it significant?**

The houses at 2-4 Church Street, Flemington are of local historic, architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

#### **Why is it significant?**

Architecturally and aesthetically, they are significant as an unusual villa pair with rich detailing which relate to the adjoining 38 Wellington Street, and make an important contribution to an historic Victorian era streetscape. The significance of the places is enhanced by their relatively high degree of external integrity and the cast iron front fences. (Criterion E)

Historically, they are significant as investment houses but here serving the upper social levels and characteristically sited beside the speculator's own house. (Criterion A)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Overlay Places Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2012; Moonee Valley - Flemington and Kensington Conservation Study, City of Melbourne, 1985;
Construction dates	1889,
Other Names	Review,
Hermes Number	23848
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

Built at around the same time as 38 Wellington Street (q.v.) as not quite a trio, this pair of two storey houses share the unusual scalloped roof gable which is set above a parapetted projecting window bay which descends two levels and is encased in a two-level return verandah with wooden posts and iron ornament. Impost, string, cornice and head moulds delineate the openings and storeys within the stucco work whilst the overall French manner is reinforced by the foliation in the gables. Iron picket fences enclose the gardens.

The houses are in good condition and have a relatively high degree of external integrity, when viewed from Church Street. The 1985 Study noted the following changes to no.2:

- Upper verandah has been altered and the iron replaced with a non-matching pattern
- Centre-upper window has been replaced and the verandah access door altered.

The front fence to no.2 has also been modified to accommodate a driveway.

The houses are within the Wellington Street, Flemington heritage precinct. As part of a trio which faces an open forecourt formed by the oblique street corner and the important St. Brendan's Catholic Church complex directly opposite, this group is a fitting termination to the highly notable streetscape commenced by the former court house (q.v.) further south.

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