

## RESIDENCE



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1 residence 193 george street  
east melbourne front view  
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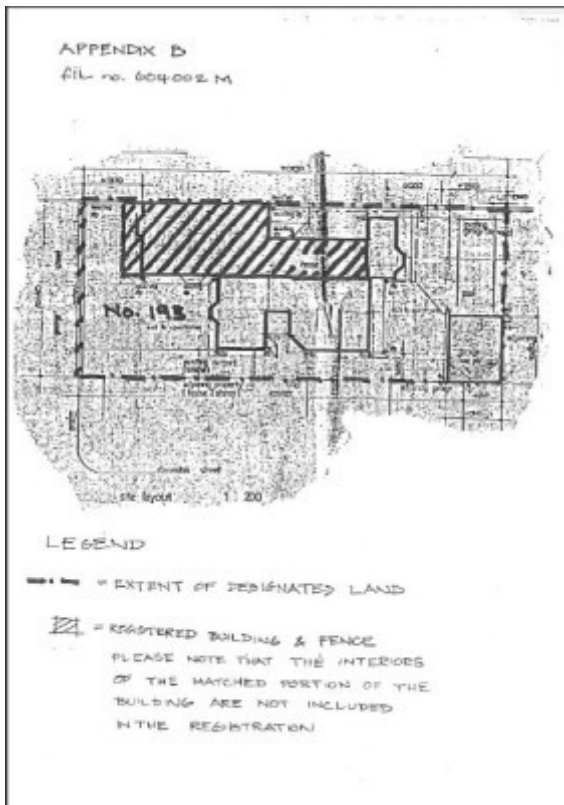
residence 193 george street  
east melbourne detail of  
entrance may1983



residence 193 george street  
east melbourne front gates  
may1983



residence 193 george street  
east melbourne top floor  
detail may1983



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## Location

191-197 GEORGE STREET EAST MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0565

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO136

## VHR Registration

August 21, 1985

## Amendment to Registration

October 25, 1989

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 19, 2000

What is significant?

The residence at 193 George Street is a two storey residence built by William Ireland for the Benjamin family to the design of Charles Webb in 1864. The facade is asymmetrical, with a portico entrance, bayed ground level windows and a bayed verandah. The parapet is balustraded, using a guilloche pattern, in cement. The balustrade piers are panelled and a cornice-mould, with dentillation, runs underneath. It is likely that each pier had a cement orb, as per porch. The major window, at first level, is a group of three, echoing the bayed window at ground level. This window is balustraded at sill level, matching the balustrading to the porch parapet; the top rail being taken around the building front as a string moulding. The window has a projecting, bayed hood, with a keyhole fretted timber valance. The verandah roof is finished at the perimeter with a scrolled iron frieze between timber rails, and carved timber brackets. The porch has a dentillated cornice with a Doric entablature and attached Doric columns. The entrance door is arched, matching the porch opening with architrave and keystone. The fanlight has radiating glazing bars to the border glazing, and a secondary fanlight, inside a timber arch.

How is it significant?

The residence at 193 George Street is of architectural and social significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The residence at 193 George Street is architecturally significant as a fine example of the residential work of noted architect Charles Webb, the designer of many significant Victorian buildings including the Windsor Hotel, Melbourne Grammar School, Burlington Terrace and the Royal Arcade. The house does not possess a symmetrical facade composition as was so common at the time, but rather a skilful asymmetrical disposition of elements and details to achieve a homogeneous and balanced design.

The residence at 193 George Street is socially significant for its association with the Benjamin family. The Benjamins were an early Jewish migrant family who played a significant role in establishing and organising the Melbourne Jewish community. They were prominent in civic, philanthropic and financial affairs and were one of the largest buyers of the original Crown allotments in East Melbourne.

### Permit Exemptions

#### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a

determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1864,
Architect/Designer	Webb, Charles,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	362
Property Number	

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## History

Contextual History:

The allotment was sold at Crown Land Sales in 1853 to Moses Benjamin. The Benjamins were an early Jewish migrant family to Victoria, and one of the more affluent. They played a significant role in establishing and organising the Melbourne Jewish community, were prominent in civic, philanthropic and financial affairs, and were the largest original buyers of East Melbourne Crown Allotments. A distinguished resident was Sir William Mitchell, who while president of the Victorian Legislative Council lived here in the early 1880s until his death in 1884.

Associated People: Benjamin family  
Sir William Mitchell

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 565, 193 George Street, East Melbourne. The whole of the building excluding the interiors and recent additions as shown on the attached plan, the front fence and the whole of Title Volume 6961, Folio 158).

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G42 25 October 1989 p. 2741]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*