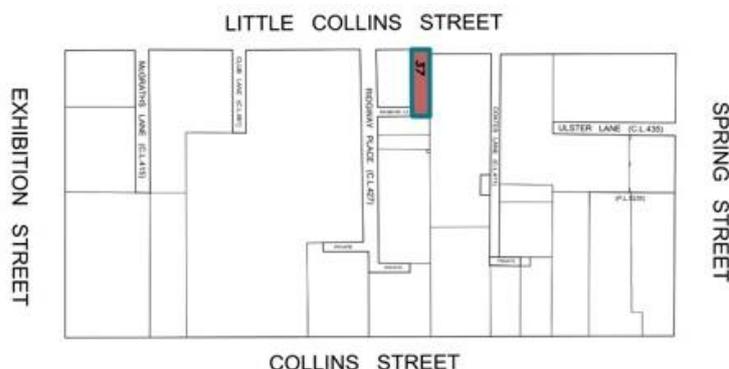


STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Heritage Place: Shop



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What is significant?

37 Little Collins Street, built c1906, and designed by architects H W & F B Tompkins.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The building's original external form, materials and detailing;
- The building's high level of integrity to its original design (upper façade);
- Loadbearing face brickwork;
- Engaged brick piers with stone base and moulded cornices;
- Parapet and rendered cornices; and
- Eight-paned timber framed arch-headed window, concrete spandrel and rounded rendered cornice.

Later alterations to the street level façade are not significant.

How it is significant?

37 Little Collins Street is of local historic, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Melbourne.

Why it is significant?

The building at 37 Little Collins Street is historically significant for its association with retailing, warehousing and manufacturing in the City of Melbourne in the early twentieth century. It is significant for its association with tea importation, firstly by the Salvation Army from 1908-1920 as the Hamodava tea depot, and later by a succession of tea merchants until 1933. (Criterion A)

37 Little Collins Street is a fine and representative example of a commercial building type from the early twentieth century period. The buildings are reasonably intact, with detailing still evident to the upper façade. It is also significant as a fine example of the works of architect brothers, H W and F B

Tompkins, who established their architecture practice in Melbourne in 1898 and became a leading architectural firm. (Criterion D)

The building at 37 Little Collins Street is significant for its aesthetic qualities. Its Federation-style red brick façade is aesthetically distinguished and comprises features such as a wide semi-circular window opening, bordered with several courses of end bond brick work and a rounded rendered cornice; a marble spandrel; engaged brick piers running up each edge of the building and intersecting with a brick parapet featuring rendered cornices that contribute to its picturesque composition. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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