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# Brown Bros. Warehouse (former) including interior



11-19 Mercer St Geelong - Streetscape.jpg

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## Location

19 Mercer Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 216200

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0742

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO238

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 6, 2018

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Brown Brothers British and Foreign Warehouse was manufactured as a prefabricated iron structure by an unknown foundry and imported and erected in 1854 for G and WH Brown, importers and outfitters. Situated on the corner of Ginn and Mercer Streets, Geelong, this two storey iron structure clad with 5" pitch corrugated iron contained Brown's shop and residence above. The facade originally consisting of cast iron and timber components has been altered. The upper segmental facade survives intact. This iron building is principally of importance as a rare surviving example of a once common industrialized building type of the mid nineteenth century. It is of great archaeological significance.

## RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Trust.

Historic Buildings Council Register

## REFERENCES

Brownhill, W. R. - A History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke & Co., Melbourne, 1955, pp. 331, 557 including illustrations p. 331.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) File 1068. 'Research Into Iron Store Corner and Ginn Street, Geelong' - September 1976.

Historic Buildings Preservation Council File G/2/17.

Geelong Historical Society - 'Information Relating to the Prefabricated Iron Storey' - PF Alsop, 6 September 1976 - Summary of Research Notes.

Geelong Historical Records Centre - Commercial Memento Collection.

Invoice dated March, 1859 - with illustrations of building as letterhead. 'Brown Brothers Importers and Outfitters 104-106 Mercer Street'

Illustration reproduced in Brownhill p.331.

Herbert, Gilbert - Pioneers of Prefabrication, The British Contribution in the Nineteenth Century, John Hopkins University Press Baltimore 1978.

For a general history of prefabricated iron buildings and particularly the work of Charles D Young and Co. pp. 159-161, 164-165.

Removed from City Fringe Heritage Area (HO1639)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study Volume 1, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995; Geelong City Fringe Heritage Area Review, RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants, 2018;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	19908
Property Number	

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