
"St Albans" homestead including interior

Location

6 Homestead Drive, WHITTINGTON VIC 3219 - Property No 263317

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0741

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO378

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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St Albans homestead at Whittington, a single storey 10 room brick mansion was erected in 1873 for noted race horse breeder and trainer James Wilson. Melbourne architect James T. Conlon designed the extensive homestead in the fashionable polychromatic mode with an elaborate cast iron verandah by Geelong foundrymen Humble and Co.

'St Albans' is a most distinctive work of J.T. Conlon and of significance as one of the leading horse racing studs in Australia in the later 19th century. Many Melbourne Cup runners were trained on the 'St. Albans' track. The derelict gatehouse is also of interest.

References

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Sutherland A., Victoria and Its Metropolis, Past and Present, Vols I and II, McCarron, Bird & Co., Melbourne 1888. Vol. II, p. 152 - biographic sketch of John Crozier. Vol. II p. 158 - reference to the "renowned training stables of James Wilson."

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; |
| Hermes Number | 21569 |
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