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1_Wattle House Jackson
Street St Kilda Front View
Nov 1985



Wattle House Jackson Street
St Kilda Detail of Front
Window Nov 1985



Wattle House Jackson Street
St Kilda Entrance Portico Sep
1991



Wattle House Jackson Street
St Kilda View of Roof Nov
1985



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jackson st st kilda large

Statement of Significance

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Wattle House, which was Samuel Jackson's own residence from the 1840s until the 1860s, has both architectural and historical significance because of its associations with this important colonial architect and with the earliest history of St Kilda. The building has both state and national significance as one of a very few pre-gold rush buildings which have survived in Victoria and may be St Kilda's oldest residence. It is reputedly constructed of pre-fabricated materials. Wattle House is notable also for its detailing which includes decorative timber bargeboards, its many gabled roof and stained glass window bays which impart a Gothic revival character.

A number of mature trees around the boundaries are the remnants of an exotic garden. The row of trees along its northern boundary includes two mature and very large Dutch elms (*Ulmus x hollandica*) which date from the c1850s period, and a tall pepper tree (*Schinus molle*).

It has been a local landmark from the 1840s in the prestigious St Kilda Hill area. Despite twentieth century additions at the rear, Wattle House is remarkable for the intactness of the external appearance of Jackson's 19th century residence fronting Jackson Street.

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](#).

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| Construction dates | 1840, |
| Architect/Designer | Jackson, Samuel, |

Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 1114

Property Number

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 632, Wattle House, 53 Jackson Street, St. Kilda to the extent of the whole of the Wattle House Building and the whole of the land in Volume 6646 Folio 124.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 80 1 October 1986 p. 3789]

[now vol 10050 fol 431]

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/>