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# "Cottage Craft"

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## Location

21 Pleasant Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 204133

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1627

HO1375

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This rendered brick cottage has regional historical significance for its early associations with Geelong's important building trade, and was constructed c1865 for, and most probably by, Elijah Seeley, well-known Geelong bricklayer and building contractor, and the father of the Geelong architect, Thomas Federick Seeley. It has regional historical significance as a surviving Conservative Classical cottage which has some architectural pretensions. These are expressed in quoins, architrave moulds and keystones. It is a design full of interesting elements including: architrave pendants, round headed recessed entry, fretwork barges, perimeter glazing bars and octagonal chimneys. Its development is illustrated by the sequence of additions.

### References

Newtown rate book 1865-66, North Ward, No 256.

R Aitken, "Edwardian Geelong: An Architectural Introduction", unpublished thesis, Deakin University, 1979.

Newtown rate book 1865-66 No. 255.

Ibid 1885-86 No 253. The first constable operated from there in the early 1860s. In 1909 a police station was listed in Aphrasia Street, replacing the building in Pleasant Street.

Ibid 1865-66 Nos 255, 256

Ibid 1866-67 Nos 255, 256

Ibid 1870-71 Nos 255, 256

Ibid 1871-72 Nos 255, 256

J.H Bottrell, Newtown Hill and Round About, in Geelong Advertiser, 19 January, 1929

R Aitken, "Edwardian Geelong: An Architectural Introduction", unpublished thesis, Deakin University, 1979; and Cyclopedia of Victoria, vol. 2, pp 452-453

Newtown rate book 1885-86 nos 255, 256

Ibid 1888-89 Nos 297, 298

Ibid 1895-96 Nos 380, 381

Investigator, March 1979, pp 18-24

Newtown rate book 1919-20 No 474, 1935 No 558.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Richard Peterson, 1997;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

A symmetrical, doublefronted, Conservative Classical cottage, with parallel gables across the site. It has a rendered front, of a central roundheaded opening with a keystone, in which the door is recessed. This and the particularly large windows have a moulded architrave which splays at the sill, as pendants. The windows have fine perimeter glazing bars. The front chimneys are octagonal the roof is slate. There are wavy fretwork bargeboards. There are two similar gable extensions, the middle one being recessed to form a courtyard. The interior plan and some elements (cornices, fireplaces), appear intact.

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