
Residence

Location

70 West Fyans Street, NEWTOWN VIC 3220 - Property No 205695

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1530

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of early timber cottages, portion of which dates from the early 1860s, with additions in the 1879s and 1880s, has regional historical significance for a long association with the Pile family of builders, carpenters and stonemasons. The building trade was of great importance in the Geelong district from a very early time. James Pile, owner of the property in 1861, built the Noble Street Wesleyan Church, which has been described as quotone of the earliest and most substantial of the structures erected by the Wesleyan Methodists in the first two decades of settlement in victoriaquot. Building workers were associated with the pair of cottages at least until the 1930s. They have regional architectural significance as a remarkably intact pair of cottages, partly early, but illustrating the developing needs of one family over 50 years, with their various visible additions. Their unusual relationship to their site is of particular interest. They also evidence the settlement pattern of this part of Newtown 130 years ago.

References

Newtown rate book 1861-62, South Ward, Nos. 985, 986

Ibid 1870 Nos 902, 903

Ibid 1871 Nos 902, 903

Ibid 1873-74 Nos 902, 903

Ibid 1875-76 Nos 899, 900, 902, 903; 1877-78 Nos 899, 900, 902, 903

Ibid 1888-89 Nos 948, 949

Ibid 1890-91 Nos 998, 999; 1895-96 Nos 1138, 1139

Ibid 1911-12 Nos 1291, 1292

A Willingham, *Geelong Regional Commission Study*, Sheet 322

Gladys Seaton, *Model Borough*, City of Newtown, 1983, p34

Newtown Rate book 1916-1917 Nos 1433-34

Ibid 1919-20 Nos 1455-56

Ibid 1927 Nos 1766, 1767

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Newtown Urban Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1991;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	16653
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Physical Description 1

Description

Early timber hip-roof semi-detached cottages. They have generally slate roofs, with wide (200mm) Regency mould fine weatherboards and fine 12-pane double-hung windows. A side-window has a hood. It has an L-shaped plan, with a gable-facing attached to a hipped roof wing across which forms part of No. 72 and par No. 70. Behind this on the right-hand side is a hip-roofed perpendicular addition with a further skillion attached. These have corrugated iron roofs. Each of the three wings has a polychromatic internal chimney. There is a shared verandah in the angle. It is convex, with a bold scrolled fretwork end decoration. There is a further skillion partly-enclosed verandah in the right-hand corner angle.

The right-hand hip extension is brick and appears to be the earliest section built. The documentary evidence appears to contradict this and indicates this section as late 1880s. It has stone quoins, forming a double-fronted symmetrical cottage. The ogee spouting survives, but the brickwork is painted. This has a corrugated iron roof. It is all extraordinary close (300mm) to the right-hand boundary. Especially so, since the brick cottage section faces this direction.

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