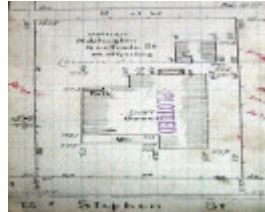


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## Dwelling - Devon



14 Stephen Street, Newtown



GWST Fieldbook no. 147, 15  
July 1912, p.21, Barwon  
Water

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### Location

14 Stephen Street NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2006

### Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

Contributory Significance- Newtown West Heritage Area

### History/Notes

The land at 14 Stephen Street formed lot 2 of the Devon Estate advertised for sale by public auction on 30 March 1912. The estate had earlier been owned by Lloyd Hooper, grocer. The existing dwelling at 14 Stephen Street

was built by Henry Stephen Johnston, a builder of Geelong West, in 1912. It seems Johnston constructed the dwelling as an investment property and named it 'Devon'. It was first occupied by J.S. Spencer, a carpenter, who built the dwelling at 8 Stephen Street as his family home in 1915-16.

The original owner and builder, H.S. Johnston, was born in c.1867 at Launceston, Tasmania, the son of William and Charlotte Sophia (nee Buck) Johnston. It is not known when Johnston arrived in Geelong, but he invested in land in the Fairmont Estate, Newtown, in 1906, this being one of several property developments he carried out in the early 20th century. Johnston died in 1948 at the age of 81.

At 14 Stephen Street, the original timber Edwardian design includes the main hipped roof form, projecting front minor gabled wing, front hipped roofed verandah and the rear minor hipped wing. Other original details include the brick chimneys, timber framed windows, front timber framed door and the gable infill. The trussed metal verandah posts have been introduced, as has the small recessive hipped bay on the east side. The front timber picket fence has also been introduced.

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Newtown West Heritage Review 2016, D. Rowe & W. Jacobs, 2016;
Hermes Number	199310
Property Number	

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