
Dwelling



126 Aphrasia Street,
Newtown



T.C. Bragge's advertisement,
Geelong Advertiser, 19
October, 1925.



GWST Fieldbook no. 246, 21
May 1923, p.2, Barwon
Water.

Location

126 Aphrasia 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

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

Contributory Significance- Newtown West Heritage Area

History/Notes

The land at 126 Aphrasia Street formed lot 9 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 First World War appears to have

delayed much of the building development as part of this subdivision. The land was owned by Jacobs Cairns, plumber, in 1914. He sold it to Robert Hampton in 1920 and he in turn sold it to Mrs Annie Hibbins in 1923. This house was built at this time and immediately sold to Thomas C. Bragge, hairdresser and tobacconist, and his wife, Jessie. They lived there for over 25 years.

Thomas Clutton Bragge was born at Ballarat in 1873, the son of Thomas Clutton and Catherine (Nee Buchanan) Bragge. By 1893, T.C. Bragge had become a professional billiard player in Melbourne as *The Age* reported on his win at the Victoria Hall against Heslop. There was a boom in intercolonial billiard tournaments at this time. In 1911, he opened a hairdressing salon and billiards parlour in Geelong, relocated to the newly- built Solomon's Building, Market Square, Geelong, in 1913. Two years later in 1915, Fred and Walter Lindrum, well-known professional billiard players, played at Bragge's parlour. Bragge operated his business in Geelong until his retirement in December 1953. *The Sporting Globe* gave the following obituary on Bragge's death in 1954: 'Mr Thomas Clifton Bragge, one of the best-known business and sporting personalities in Geelong for more than 40 years, died last week from injuries received in a street accident in Melbourne. he was 81. ... He was an outstanding cueist and played in exhibition games against Walter and Fred Lindrum.'

The existing brick dwelling is predominantly intact, as identified in the principal gabled roof form (with decorative gable infill), projecting flat- roofed front verandah supported by brick piers and squat round concrete Doric columns, banks of timber framed double hung windows with flat- roofed hoods, front entrance doorway and broad eaves. Early chimneys have been removed and a colorbond corrugated roof cladding installed. The front fence with low stone base and tubular steel posts and rails, and woven wire, appears to be early.

References:

Victorian Births, Deaths & Marriages Indexes, Dept. of Justice.
Newtown Rate Books, 1923-1950, Geelong Library & Heritage Centre.
The Age, 21 March 1893, p.7.
The Argus, 27 June 1905, p.7.
Geelong Advertiser, 27 April 1912, 16 April 1913, 8 July 1915, 12 July 1916, 19 October 1925.
North Melbourne Advertiser, 3 March 1893, p.2.
Sporting Globe, 16 October 1954, p.9.
Certificates of Title, vol. 2785, fol. 924, vol. 3789, fol. 747, vol. 4405, fol. 944.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Newtown West Heritage Review 2016, D. Rowe & W. Jacobs, 2016;
Hermes Number	199342
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