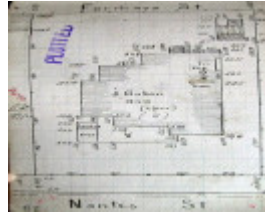


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## Dwelling



4 Nantes Street, Newtown



GWST Fieldbook no. 147, 11  
July 1912, p.13, Barwon  
Water

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### Location

4 Nantes 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

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#### History/Notes

The site at 4 Nantes Street originally formed part of a 3 acre landholding owned by George Alexander Stephen, merchant, in

1889. On his death in 1908, the land was subdivided into three allotments, with a large allotment fronting Nantes Street being sold to Daniel Organ McIntyre. In 1909, he subdivided the land into several allotments and lot 8 (the site at 4 Nantes Street) was sold to William McAdam. In 1911, he sold the site to John Robin, a traveller, and he had this house built in 1912-13.

John Robin was born in c.1882, the son of William and Nancy (neeTorode) Robin. He married Miss Joan Le Clere. Tragedy struck the family when they 'lost by death their little daughter Joan.' A traveller, John Robin's life was also cut short at the age of 54 in 1936. The Robin family appears to have relocated to Aphrasia Street by this time, the property at 4 Nantes Street having been sold to Daniel Tait in 1925. He had a room added to the dwelling by Berryman and Turnbull in 1932.

The front portion of the timber dwelling largely reflects its original Federation style design. This includes the main hipped roof form and the projecting minor gables at the front and east side (forming a return verandah), eaves overhang, gable infill, paired timber verandah posts with Art Nouveau timber brackets, verandah balustrades, timber framed casement windows (including the contextually unusual corner windows in the east gable) with leadlight highlights, leadlight portal window, front door opening with leadlight highlights and sidelights, timber bargeboards in the gable ends, brick chimney, and the gable infill (stucco panelling and timber brackets). At the rear are single storey hipped and gabled additions, and gabled attic additions. These alterations and additions were carried out in c.1991, 2001, and 2009.

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