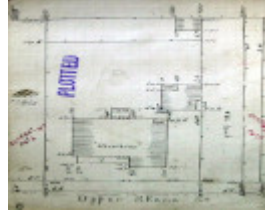


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## Dwelling - Mowbray



45 Upper Skene Street,  
Newtown



GWST Fieldbook, no.52, p.2,  
25 Sept 1916, Barwon Water.

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### Location

45 Upper Skene Street NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2005

### 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 45 Upper Skene Street formed lot 1 of Henry King's "Sunnyside" landholdings. This property was subdivided as the Newtown Tram Estate in 1912 and the site at 45 Upper Skene Street formed lot 1. It was acquired by Thomas Oliver O'Gorman. He sold the site to Henry Stephen Johnston, builder in 1913, who may

have built this house in late 1914 or early 1915, prior to selling it to Miss Kate Adcock of Geelong West in 1915. She lived there until her death in 1943.

Miss Catherine Adcock was born in c.1860, the daughter of William and Mary (nee McLennan) Adcock of 'Ferndale' farm, Noorat. It appears that Miss Adcock was raised at 'Ferndale'. Her father, William, died in 1885 and in 1889 her mother, due to ill-health running the farm, relocated to Dimboola, having leased the farm. It seems that Catherine Adcock followed her mother to Dimboola. On the death of her mother, Mary in 1911 and following the sale of the family farm, Catherine Adcock relocated to Upper Skene Street.

The asymmetrical, single storey, timber Edwardian styled dwelling largely reflects its original design as identified in the main hipped roof form, projecting minor gabled wing at the front, hipped roofed front verandah (formed as an extension of the main roof), paired timber framed double hung windows in the gable end, other timber framed double hung windows, moulded timber architraves, and the timber window sills, timber framed front door with sidelights and highlights. The timber verandah posts, fretwork and balustrading, and the timber verandah floor, have replaced original fabric (the new detailing being an interpretation of Edwardian detailing). There is an introduced, high pointed timber picket front fence.

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Newtown West Heritage Review 2016, D. Rowe & W. Jacobs, 2016;
Hermes Number	199420
Property Number	

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