



PLACE NAME: "RAITH" (FORMERLY "MALBOONA" AND "ATLANTIS HEIGHTS")

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque Victorian Villa

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: 1st Stage 1854 Shell & Prowse
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser
 2nd Stage 1881 Joseph Watts
 (attributed only)

BUILDER: Not known
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: 18 September 1854, 4 March 1881
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser

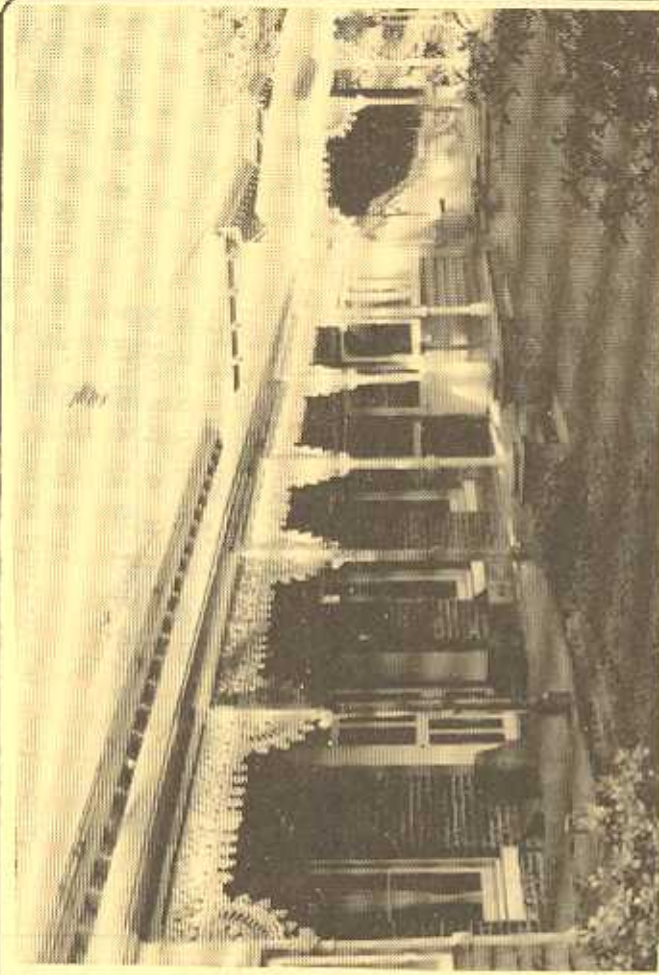
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1854-55, 1881
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS
 This property has not been inspected. Permission to inspect and photograph refused by current owners.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Frederick Bauer prefabricated house importer and general merchant.
 SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS J.H. Grey, Solicitor, Mayor of Newtown, named property "Atlantis Heights" - 1880

OTHER NOTES The landscaped garden and garden structures including an arbour in a rustic design were once important elements in this picturesque villa design.



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.

National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No. Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 210

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME "Raith"
 ADDRESS 2 Raith Terrace, Herne Hill 3218

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Residence
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE R. E. & M. M. Davis
 ADDRESS 2 Raith Terrace TELEPHONE
 Herne Hill 3218

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Historical Records Centre photograph "Malboona" No. 3058 by W.H. Watts, Geelong n.d.

Brownhill, W.R., A History of Geelong and Corio Bay Wilke and Co. Melbourne 1955 p. 106 reference to J.H. Grey, Mayor of Newtown and his residence "Atlantis", Herne Hill. pp. 331-332 details of F. Bauer's business operations.

Geelong Advertiser 18 September 1854 - Shell and Prowse, Architects, advertise tenders for dwelling house on Herne Hill near Pyansford for F. Bauer, Esq.

4 March 1881 - Architect, Joseph Watts, advertises tenders for alterations and additions to a villa residence at Herne Hill.

Aitken, Richard, "Leisure and Pleasure Buildings of Geelong" - thesis Architectural Division, Deakin University, Waurn Ponds, 1980 - for details of garden shelter and arbour (now demolished).

Sutherland, A., Victoria and its Metropolis, McCarron Bird, Melbourne 1888 2 volumes Vol. 2 p. 153 - biography of Joseph Henry Grey.

CITATION "Raith", formerly "Malboona" and "Atlantis Heights" was erected in stages, firstly as a modest dwelling house designed by Shell and Prowse, Architects, in 1864, for Frederic Bauer, local importer and merchant. In 1881, Joseph Watts designed extensive alterations and additions including an encircling iron verandah for J.H. Grey, partners in the firm of Taylor, Buckland and Gates, solicitors and nine times Mayor of Newtown and Chilwell. The polychromatic brick building, asymmetrically planned and with distinctive iron verandah, is an important late 19th century villa in the Geelong region with interesting historical associations.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE
 its creative and/or technical accomplishment
 its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised.
 in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest
 its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
 its townscape and/or landscape value.
 its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE
 LOCAL REGIONAL STATE NATIONAL WORLD

CONDITION
 EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS

INTEGRITY
 HIGH LOW ALTERED DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES
 Geelong Regional Commission Register
 Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate
 National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register
 Historic Buildings Council Register