

PLACE NAME: FORMER SCHOOLROOM

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Colonial Vernacular

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Attributed to John Matthews
Reference: speculative builder and architect. National Trust of Australia (Victoria) File 2342

BUILDER: Attributed to John Matthews, speculative
Reference: builder and architect in Geelong National Trust of Australia (Victoria) File 2342

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c 1861
Reference: G.R. Seaton, private research notes, Kate Books and National Trust of Australia (Victoria) File 2342
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

Only minor alterations to the interior have been effected since c 1861. The brick facade has been painted.

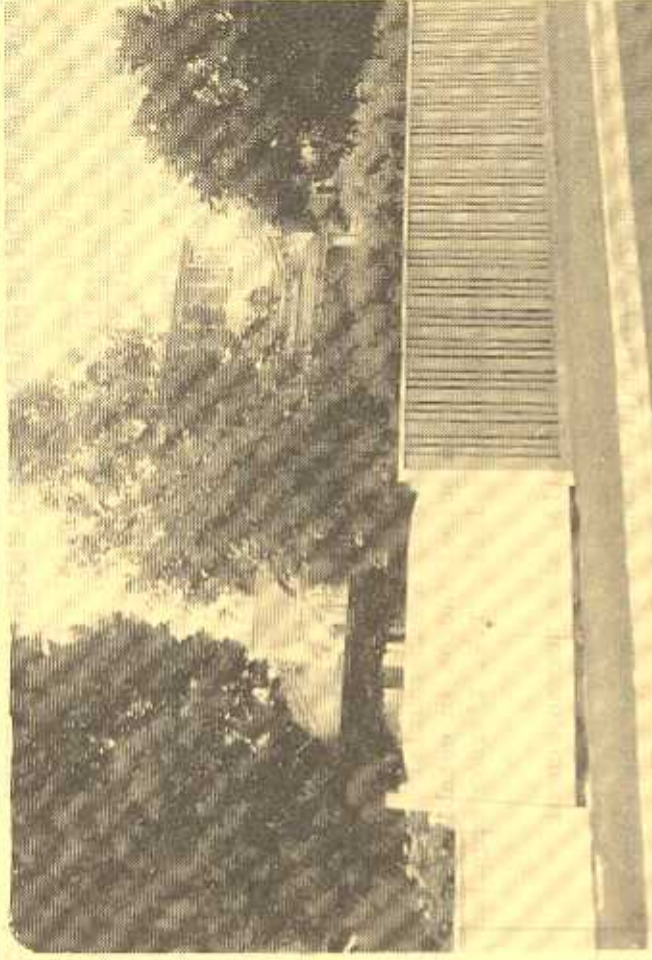
ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Thomas William Pearson, music teacher 1861--c 1870-1880

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

David Cartier teacher c 1870-1880
 1882 Miss Norman, Kindergarten teacher

OTHER NOTES David Cartier d. 14 December 1891, aged 80 years; wife Eliza d. 2 August 1876, aged 62 years.

Buried in Eastern Cemetery, Geelong



NEGATIVE FILE:



Australian Heritage Commission
 Register of National Estate



Historic Buildings Preservation Council
 Register No.
 File No.



National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
 Recorded 2342
 File No.



Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No.

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME

ADDRESS

At rear of 3 Skene Street, Newtown 3220

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

City of Newtown

TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE R.W. and G.D. Seaton

ADDRESS 3 Skene Street

Newtown 3220

TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 2342
Survey and Identification Data Form, compiled by
G.R. Seaton, July 1969.

Brownhill, W.R., The History of Geelong and Corio Bay
Wilke and Company, Melbourne, 1955, p. 202

Geelong Advertiser, 20 April 1970, 'Building to be preserved'

City of Geelong, Rate Books 1855-1858

City of Newtown Rate Books, 1859-1898 for details of owner-
ship

The rate valuation of 1861 indicates a substantial increase
in rates, this being the principal factor in establishing
the date of construction as - 1861. T.W. I'erson acquired
the property at this time.

Geelong Directory 1882-83, p. 113, Miss Norman school
mistress.

The house which originally stood in front of the school
room was acquired in 1898 by A.E.J. Trotter. The present
house on the site at No. 3 Skene Street was erected in
1908 by Trotter.

CITATION

The former Schoolroom at the rear of 3 Skene Street, Newtown,
was erected - 1861 for music teacher, Thomas William I'erson.
In 1869, David Cartier acquired the building and combined
general school classes until the early 1880's when the
brick schoolroom is in use as a kindergarten. This rectangu-
lar plan gable structure is of brick, relatively unadorned
and with a slate roof and timber ceiling. The design of
this schoolroom has been foremostly attributed to
John Matthews, an early builder and architect in Geelong,
known to have erected adjacent buildings at No. 1 Skene
Street and at 256-258 LaTrobe Terrace. The building is
important as an early private schoolhouse in the Geelong
region.

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

DOCUMENTATION -

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