

PLACE NAME: "EMERALLA"

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque villa

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Attributed to Joseph L. Shaw  
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser 25 August, 1856  
 29 May, 1858

BUILDER: Not known  
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES  
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: 25 August 1856, 29 May 1858  
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION  
 Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

**SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS**

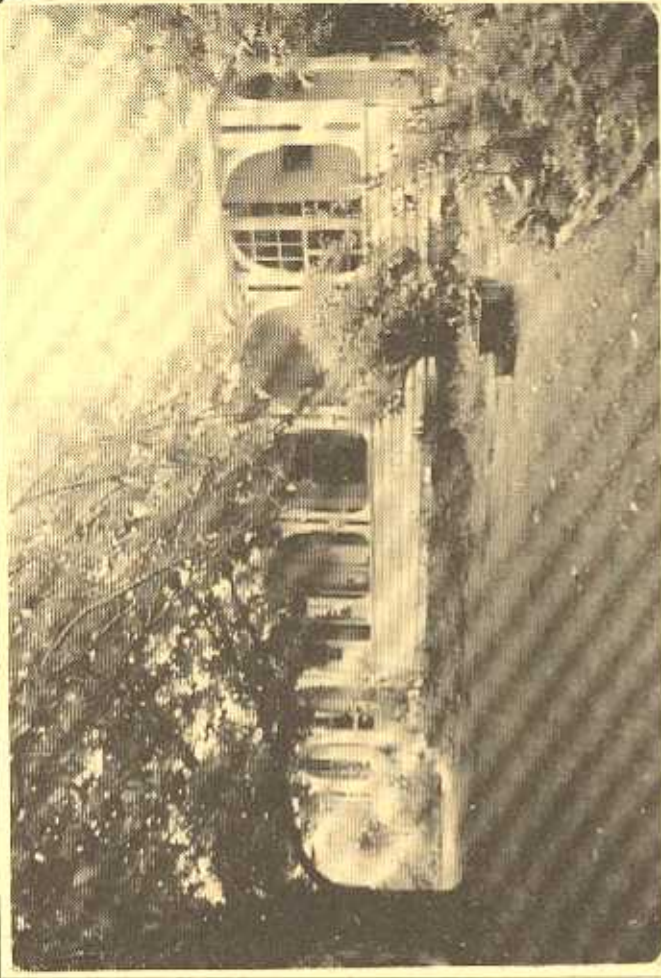
Erection of additions in 1856, 1858. Later alterations to rear outbuildings, fenestration. Timber verandah constructed early 20th century.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) James Simson

**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS**

Later used as the Victoria College for Boys. Harold Heriot, who probably gave the name 'Emeralla'.

**OTHER NOTES** James Simson was active in establishment of private schools in Geelong in the period 1855-1870.



**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. 135

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

PLACE NAME "Emeralla"  
 ADDRESS 35 Skene Street  
 Newtown, Victoria 3220

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown  
 TITLE INFORMATION

**MAP REFERENCE**

PRESENT USE Residence  
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE M.A. & M.E.White  
 ADDRESS 35 Skene Street,  
 Newtown 3220

TELEPHONE

PLACE NAME "EUMERALIA"  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Brownhill, W.R.

A History of Geelong and Corio Bay  
Wilke and Co., Melbourne 1955  
pp. 152, 153, 188, 193 for details  
of James Simson's involvement with  
the Church of England Grammar  
School and the Geelong College.

Geelong Advertiser

25 August 1856 - Architects  
Shaw and Dowden call tenders for  
erection of small addition to house  
of James Simson Esq. in Skene St.

29 May 1858, Joseph L. Shaw,  
Architect, advertises tenders for  
additions to residence of  
James Simson at Skene Street.

Huddle, Lorraine

"Architects of Geelong in the  
1840's and 1850's", Humanities  
Research Report, Department of  
Architecture, University of  
Melbourne - 3 vols. 1979 for  
details of career of Architects,  
Shaw and Dowden.

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Rate Books.

CITATION "Eumeralla", a single storey villa in the picture-  
esque mode was erected prior to 1856 for early Geelong  
settler James Simson. Additions were constructed in 1856  
and 1858. The majority of the 19th century work was under-  
taken by Architect, Joseph L. Shaw, in partnership with  
Richard Dowden. This slate roofed rendered brick villa has  
interesting associations with early Geelong and the develop-  
ment of the City of Newtown. "Eumeralla" was probably  
named after "Eumeralla", a pastoral station at Macarthur,  
in Western Victoria.

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

DOCUMENTATION -

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North Fitzroy. 3068. Tel: 03 489 8492.

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