

PLACE NAME: HOUSE, 2 SKENE STREET

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque Villa

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Edward Snell, architect and engineer, Geelong

Reference: National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

BUILDER:

Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:

Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1854

Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

The original building has been substantially altered

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Edward Snell, architect and engineer for Geelong to Melbourne railway

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

William Wiere, Geelong's first town clerk.

G.W. Bayley

George Morrison, c. 1867, used the house as his residence while he conducted the school next door in Knowle house

OTHER NOTES which later became Geelong College on their new site in Aphrasia Street.



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.

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME House,
ADDRESS 2 Skene Street,
Newtown, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Residence.

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE R. Durcan & L. Honnan

ADDRESS 2 Skene Street,
Newtown, 3220.

TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3623

Huddle, Lorraine, 'Architects in Geelong in the 1840's and 1850's', Humanities Research Report, Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1979, P Vol. 1. pp. 49-62, the architects, Snell, Kawerau and Prowse. Vol. II, pp. 47-51, Vol. III, pp. 123-130

Diary of Edward Snell - Latrobe Library Collection p. 339. includes sketch of house and photograph (undated) is included at rear of diary.

CITATION

The two storey brick residence of 2 Skene Street, Newtown, was erected in 1854 for Edward Snell, Geelong Architect and engineer for the Geelong-Melbourne railway. William Weire, Geelong's first town clerk, later occupied this house and in 1867 George Morrison, founder of the Geelong College, became the owner. This building has been substantially altered and improved with much of the original structure as designed by Snell concealed in later works. The residence survives as an early Geelong building.

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.

SIGNIFICANCE

LOCAL REGIONAL STATE NATIONAL WORLD

CONDITION

EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS

INTEGRITY

HIGH LOW ALTERED DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

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