

PLACE NAME: 'NEWTOWN BRAE' (Formerly 'Woolmers')

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Conservative Italianate (1885)

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Alexander Hamilton, architect
 Reference: Colac (1885)
 Geelong Advertiser, 28th February, 1885, additions to original residence

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 28th February, 1885
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre 1851 original single storey
 Reference: building 1885-2 storey additions to north side.

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

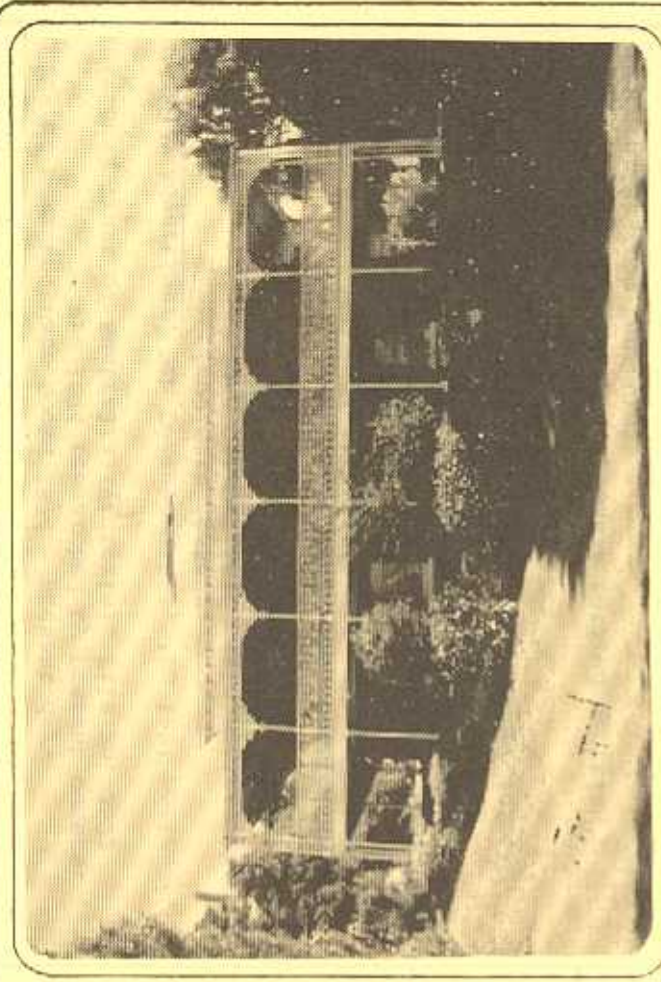
The original brick single storey brick building with cellar under was constructed on sandstone base construction. The additions of 1885 are brick first floor level on bluestone ground floor construction.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Joseph Lewis, 'Woolmers' James Alexander, 'Newtown Brae'

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

'Newtown Brae' remained in the estate of James Alexander after his death in 1887 until 1907

OTHER NOTES Joseph Lewis was an early Geelong settler who ran the Shearer's Arms Hotel in Aberdeen Street in the 1840's and later, the Victoria Hotel in Market Square.



NEGATIVE FILE:

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME 'Newtown Brae' (Formerly 'Woolmers')
 ADDRESS 13-15 Stephen Street, Newtown, 3220

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 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE _____

PRESENT USE Residence
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE G.R. & E.I. Parker
 ADDRESS 13-15 Stephen Street, Newtown, 3220
 TELEPHONE (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

City of Newtown, Rate Books 1874 - present day.
Pre 1874 researched by present owners.
National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 3622
Geelong Advertiser, 9th December 1851, 'to let' notice
'Woolmers' estate.
20th October 1876, sale notice, the
estate of the Late Joseph Lewis,
'Woolmers'.
12th August, 1863 - re: Joseph Lewis
proprietor, Victoria Hotel, Market
Square.
1st July 1878 - Sale notice, possibly
purchased by Me. Volum (owner c 1878 -
1883/4 according to rate books)
28th February 1885 - tender for
additions.

James Alexander, (1827-1887) was a retired Scottish
pastoralist from Peshurst.
Geelong Historical Society, early details of the identity
of Joseph Lewis of 'Woolmers'.

CITATION

'Newtown Brae' originally known as 'Woolmers' is a distinguished work of conservative Colac architect Alexander Hamilton, in a style derived from Italianate architectural traditions and which was consistently engaged for Hamilton's Western District homesteads. The original house of pre-1851, now merged with the 1885 additions, has notable connection with important early Geelong settler Joseph Lewis. The ornamental iron verandah is a distinctive feature. James Alexander a retired Scottish pastoralist who erected the 1885 additions lived in the house for only 2 years until his death in 1887.

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

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SIGNATURE DATE