

# CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

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BUILDING ADDRESS **6 Bendigo st** Type **R** Original Use **R**

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE **"Riversdale"**

EXISTING DESIGNATION & FILE No. HBR No.  NER No.  NTC FN.  GRC No.

GRADING A  B  C  D  E  S

STREETSCAPE LEVEL 1  2  3  CONSERVATION AREA

SURVEY DATE **23/6/86**

NEG. FILE **047-012**

PERIOD  
 Early Victorian   
 Victorian   
 Late Victorian   
 Edwardian   
 Inter War   
 Post War



MATERIALS  
 walls **render** roof **c**

CONSTRUCTION DATE **1854?** source **RB**

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish <input type="checkbox"/>	ornamental wall detailing <input type="checkbox"/>
original doors, windows, hoods <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	intact verandah / porch structure <input type="checkbox"/>	original parapet <input type="checkbox"/>
original roof form and finish <input type="checkbox"/>	original chimneys <input type="checkbox"/>	eaves roof or gable decoration <input type="checkbox"/>
intact verandah decoration <input type="checkbox"/>	early fence <input type="checkbox"/>	early garden <b>(verandah)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
other prominent contributing elevations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

INTEGRITY RATING **?** excellent  good  fair  poor

ALTERATIONS & SPECIFIC GUIDELINES					
No.	Sympathetic	S.G.	Inappropriate	S.G.	Extremely Inappropriate
			<b>verandahs</b>		<b>high fence</b>

o : reinstate original design r : remove  
 s : reinstate sympathetic alternative ram. remove by approved method

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**CITATION & HISTORY**

appears on 1854 map (Taylor)

PB. 1854-60 Villamanka Ward.

No.	Ratepayer	St.	Desc	NAV.
1840	Sydney Smith	Bendigo St E	Bk WGR Stable garden	£56
PB. 1855-6 680	Kardinia Rd Smith, Sydney	W. Aberdeen St.	Bk GR WB det. kitchen	£80.
PB 1854-5	Reeves, Robt		Bk GR	£250.
PB 1854 430	Kardinia Rd Reeves Robt.		stone BR + altars.	£300

**Statement of Significance**

X NOTE See Section p +21 - Riversdale  
63 destroyed by  
fire in 1858 &  
rebuilt.

**REFERENCES**

Brownhill pp. 141, 273, 426, 486

Higgins Collection. Reeves Robt.

562	8	83	18??
"	10	26	"
"	2	40	1853
"	9	84	1854
"	1	40	1855
"	1	75	"
"	3	29	"
"	8	29	"
"	9	99	"
"	1	86	1857
"	2	33	1896

Riversdale was built before 1854 for Robert Reeves and was a substantial house of its time consisting of 8 rooms of stone with cellars. Sydney Smith owned the property in 1856 and a subsequent owner was Arthur Fields. The site grounds of Riversdale do not appear to have changed substantially or reduced in size. The present Riversdale ~~was~~ <sup>has</sup> been rebuilt after a fire in the 1860s and it is unclear how much of the <sup>existing</sup> remaining building relates to the early period.

**Sources of early photographs**

G.H.P.C.: ph no. 279 flashlit taken from entrance Geelong Exh. buildings when dem. + unfixed at Mr Arthur Fields House [Riversdale] in Bendigo St W. Geelong.