

BUILDING TITLE COURT HOUSE
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF BALLARAT

NATIONAL ESTATE PROJECT NO.
DOCUMENTATION OF LISTED HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN VICTORIA

DESIGNATION

H.B.P.C. REGISTER NO.

NATIONAL TRUST (D) FILE NO

BUILDING TYPE COURT HOUSE

BUILDING NAME "

STATE VICTORIALOCAL GOVT AREA CITY OF BALLARATSTREET CAMP No.SUBURB/TOWN BALLARAT C.B.D.CITY BALLARAT POSTCODE 3350

RURAL

NEAREST CENTRE Km.

TITLE REFERENCE Vol Fol

DIRECTORY

NEGATIVE FILE FILM 6 / FRAME .30

PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION

DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION JULY 1978

OWNERSHIP

ORIGINAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTPRESENT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS

ARCHITECT/PRACTICE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (DRAWINGS SIGNED C.B.A.)
BUILDER ROBERT ARCHIBALD BROWN
ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS

REFERENCE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1903ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE £2045.00

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

BUILDING CITATION

The court house was constructed in 1903 to a design by the Public Works Department. The original drawings survive indicating that the building is substantially intact. It follows the traditional court house formula: a double storey central section containing the court room with flanking single storey rooms (the witness', prisoner's, justice's, clerk and police magistrates rooms). The only modification to the drawings is the parapet to the projecting vestibule which was originally to be curved, not horizontal as exists now.

The building is simple in conception with the red brick relieved by cement detailing: a string course at impost level surmounting a cement band, a cement cornice and plain cement lintels. The building is ashlar with a suggestion of Romanesque influence in the front vestibule window - otherwise windows are simple with flattened or horizontal heads.

The building provides a contributory element to the Camp Street precinct. While the design is not of great significance, the building is of importance in a local context and is worthy of preservation. It is in good condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of the National Estate and be specified under Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

- 01 GOVERNMENT RECORDS
- 02 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS
- 03 ARCHIVES/CATALOGUES
- 04 ARCHITECTS INDEX
- 05 ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS/ILLUSTRATIONS
- 06 PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS
- 07 NATIONAL TRUST FILE/ HISTORIC BUILDINGS PRESERVATION COUNCIL FILE
- 08 PRIVATE RECORDS

01 DRAWINGS HELD AT PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE:

- FRONT ELEVATION & SECTION SIGNED C.B.A. 25/5/03
CONTRACT SIGNED 27 JULY 1903 ROBERT ARCHIBALD BROWN
- SITE PLANS & LEVELS & 2045 (1903)
- ELEVATIONS & GROUND PLAN (1903)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- I. B. TRETHOWAN 'THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF VICTORIA, 1851-1900. A HISTORY', RESEARCH REPORT, B.Arch. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE 1975 (THERE IS NO MENTION OF THIS COURT HOUSE IN THIS THESIS)

ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT

SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING

LANDSCAPE/STREETScape/ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PART OF RECOMMENDED AREA A.I.I.

Barium Line C

Veranda:

B.D's Room
17' 0" x 13' 0"

Jashiccs Room
17' 0" x 13' 0"

Dais.

6' 0" x 7' 0"

Cozzies

16' 0" x 25' 0"

5' 0" x 6' 0"

Prioners Room

13' 0" x 8' 6"

Witness Room

13' 0" x 12' 5"

Chink of P.S.
21' 6" x 15' 0"

5' 0" x 8' 0"

J. R. Room

3' 0" x 8' 0"

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3' 0" x 8' 0"

Air Intake

3' 0" x 8' 0"

D.3

Datum line 0.00

EAST ELEVATION

Front Elevation

