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BUILDING TITLE ST. JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL (BAILEY'S HOUSE)  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT

DOCUMENT FILE No.

NATIONAL ESTATE PROJECT No.

DOCUMENTATION OF LISTED HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN VICTORIA

DESIGNATION

H.B.P.C. REGISTER No.

NATIONAL TRUST ~~(S)~~ (R) FILE No.

BUILDING TYPE HOSPITAL

BUILDING NAME ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL

STATE VICTORIA

LOCAL GOVT AREA CITY OF BALLAARAT

STREET DRUMMOND No. CNR MAIR

SUBURB/TOWN STREET

CITY BALLAARAT POSTCODE 3350

RURAL

NEAREST CENTRE

Km.

TITLE REFERENCE

Vol

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DIRECTORY

NEGATIVE FILE FILM 3 / FRAME 8



PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION

DATE OF SURVEY/INSPECTION JULY 1978

OWNERSHIP

ORIGINAL WILLIAM BAILEY / RESIDENCE

PRESENT NUNS OF ST. JOHN OF GOD INCORPORATED  
ADDRESS DRUMMOND ST.

ARCHITECT/PRACTICE CASELLI AND FIGGIS

BUILDER

ARTISANS/TRADES

TENDERS

REFERENCE

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1883

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE \$14,000

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS VERANDA+ REPLACED. DATE UNKNOWN

WING, RHS OF TOWER LATER ADDITION. DATE UNKNOWN

SLATE ROOF REPLACED WITH TILES. DATE UNKNOWN

#### BUILDING CITATION

This imposing mansion, the southern wing and tower constructed in 1883 for William Bailey, is an example of a large Victorian boom style residence. The north wing was added later to complete the design, and the original cast iron balcony replaced by the present balcony. The building is an important local landmark and streetscape component with its elaborate tower and intact fence.

#### 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
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05 VERNON COLLECTION: ALTERATIONS TO ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL - NO NAME OR DATE.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1. D. SAUNDERS, HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF VICTORIA. P.126.
- 2. MIDDLETON'S DIRECTORY 1885-86. P.14.
- 3. SUTHERLAND, VICTORIA AND ITS METROPOLIS. V.2. P.195  
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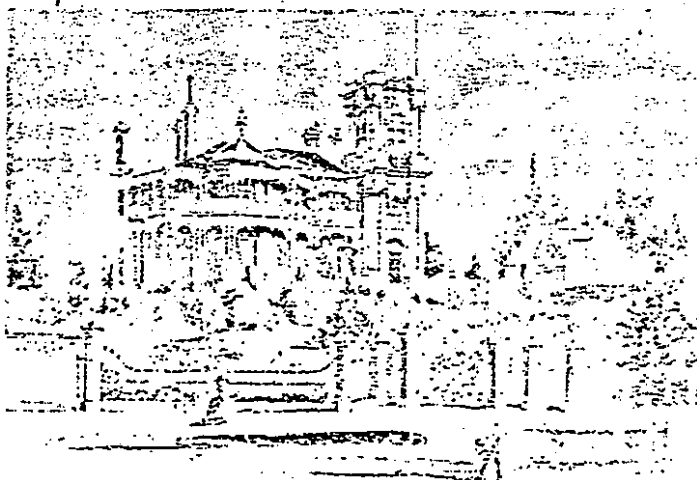


Illustration from VICTORIA AND ITS METROPOLIS, 1888.

## ASSESSMENT OF LISTING

CONDITION/INTEGRITY OF BUILDING TOWER AND FACADE INTACT. FENCE ORIGINAL  
SIGNIFICANCE OF BUILDING  
LANDSCAPE/STREETSCAPE/ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PART OF RECOMMENDED  
AREA A3.4.

DOCUMENTATION JACOBS LEWIS VINES DATE SEPTEMBER, 1978.  
ARCHITECTS

ST. JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL, CNR. MAIR AND DRUMMOND STREETS

BUILDING ANALYSIS AND DESCRIPTION

The southern wing, tower and fence were completed in 1883 for Mr. William Bailey as a private residence. Bailey arrived in Port Phillip in 1848 and worked as an overseer on a sheep station before joining in the gold rushes in 1851, after which he was engaged in mining pursuits. He then became a land owner and bred merino sheep at his Terrinallum (sic.) station. The residence, including fencing, cost over £14,000 and the building was constructed entirely by Ballarat skill and labour;<sup>1</sup> the architects being Caselli and Figgis.<sup>2</sup>

At a later date the northern wing was constructed to balance the southern wing and possibly at the same time the original two storied cast iron verandah and balcony was replaced by the existing heavier verandah of giant order doric columns rising through two storeys at the verandah bays with single storey doric and ionic columns supporting the rest of the verandah.

More recently the slate roof has been replaced by an unsympathetic tile roof, the front door has been replaced, there has been some alterations to doorways, and various additions have detracted from the building.

The most imposing surviving element of the original house is the central tower. This is intact except for the intrusive aluminium and glass front entrance. The tower comprises giant Corinthian engaged columns rising through two storeys supporting a plain frieze surmounted by a dentillated cornice. Above this the same elements are repeated to be capped by a balustraded parapet.

Between the columns are : on the ground floor a flat arched entranceway, flanked by Corinthian pilasters, originally containing a pair of belection moulded doors; at first floor level a triple window motif with arched heads. The tower sections contain casement windows on each face above a balcony and surmounted by a tympanum decorated with a shell motif.

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1. Sutherland, *Victoria and its Metropolis*, V.2 p.195 (includes illustration)
  2. Middleton's Directory 1885-86, p.14.

ST.JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL, CNR. MAIR AND DRUMMOND STREETS (contd.)

BUILDING ANALYSIS AND DESCRIPTION.

The house itself is of simple design with the facade relieved by a two storey, three sided bay projection in each wing. The window openings are all simple, plain rectangles. The ornate chimneys remain intact.

The tile roof and the modern attached buildings detract from the building, but it is still an important local landmark and an important streetscape component enhanced by the intact fence along Drummond Street.

