

# CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS

6 Villamanta Street

Type

Residence

Original Use

Residence

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE

N.A.

EXISTING  
DESIGNATION

HBR

GBR

NER

GRPS

NATIONAL TRUST

Classified

Recorded

Reg.No.

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766

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CONSERVATION AREA  
No.

Name

Little Scotland

Survey Date

18.3.86

Neg. File

005.021

PERIOD

pre 1860

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1860 - 1879

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1880 - 1899

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1900 - 1919

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1920 - 1939

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post 1940

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MATERIALS

walls

brick

roof

corrugated iron

CONSTRUCTION DATE

c. 1855

source

rate books

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

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early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish

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ornamental wall detailing

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original doors, windows, hoods

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intact verandah / porch structure

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original parapet

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original roof form and finish

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original chimneys

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eaves, roof or gable decoration

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intact verandah decoration

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early fence

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early garden

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other prominent contributing elevations

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INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

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good

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fair

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poor

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## HISTORY

The earliest rate book reference for these brick cottages are 1854 (NO. 8) and 1855 (No. 6) when they were owned by the Reverend Alexander McNichol after whom McNicol Street is possibly named. In the mid 1850's the Reverend McNichol lived there also, however it was soon after that both the houses were rented by a succession of occupants, and by 1875 John Daniels, a drill instructor, was listed as the owner. Taylor's map shows buildings on this site by 1854 however the outlines of the buildings do not tally and it is likely that these brick cottages replaced earlier weatherboard ones.

## DESCRIPTION

The cottages at 6-8 Villamanta Street are attached but dissimilar gabled roof residences. Number 8 has an eastern extension built on along the frontage making it the larger of the two. They are constructed of face brickwork (now painted), whilst No. 6 has the added sophistication of quoining in render around the windows and door. Number 8 retains its twelve pane sash windows. Both verandahs appear to be later additions. These cottages are typical of the early dwellings of simple vernacular architectural style, which once would have been common in Geelong West.

## SIGNIFICANCE

Together with No. 8 and No. 10 McNicol Street these cottages are part of the earliest building stock which once made up Little Scotland. They are significant in that they are the only dissimilar attached cottages known in Geelong West.

*They are of regional significance.*

## POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

National Estate Register, G.R.P.S.

External restoration of these cottages should be encouraged including the careful removal of paint from brickwork.

## REFERENCES

Taylor's 1854 map of Little Scotland, Ashby and portion of Kildare.

Thomson Ward Rate Books, 1863-4, 1870-1, 1874-5.

Villamanta Ward Rate Books, 1854, 1855-6, 1859-60.

Villamanta Ward Valuation Books, 1853, 1854-5.

The Morrow Pioneers Index. GHRC.