

**FORMER WESLEYAN SCHOOLHOUSE (1853)**  
**300 Church Street**

**History and Description**

Constructed in 1853 as temporary accommodation for the resited Richmond Wesleyan Methodist congregation during construction of the stone chapel.

It was also used as the first schoolhouse and to provide accommodation for the church sexton upon completion of the chapel in 1854. In 1865 it became common school no. 533.

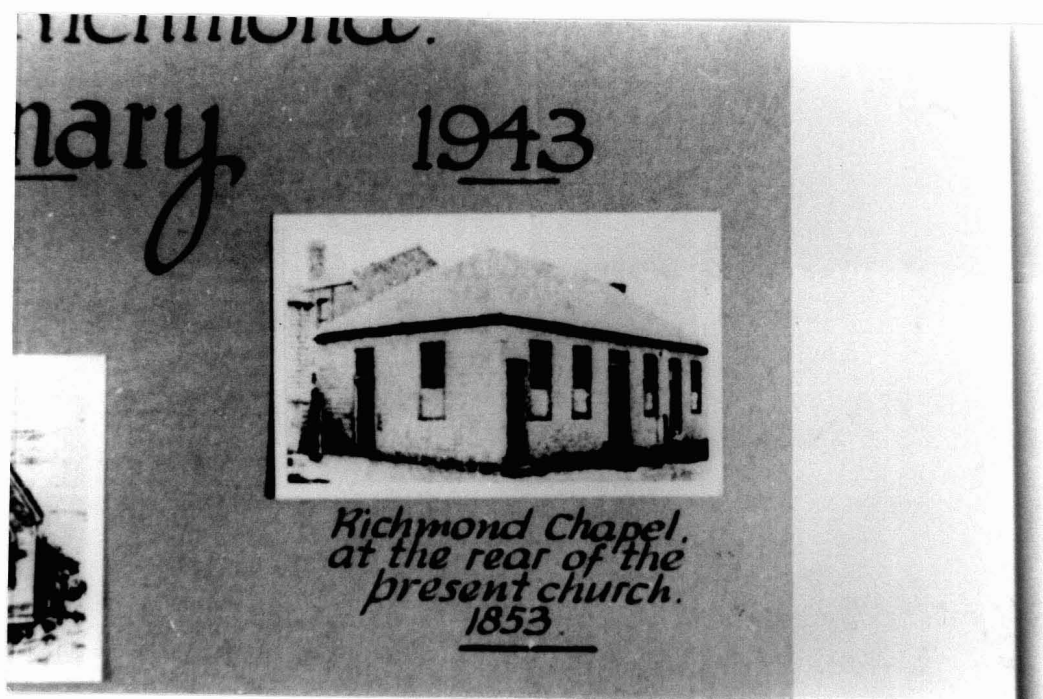
The building retains its original bead edge tongue and groove external lining boards, an unusual feature, and twelve pane double hung windows. Corrugated iron has replaced the original shingle roofing. Minor alterations have been made since 1853.

**Statement of Significance**

Significant as a relatively intact timber structure built in 1853.

**References**

National Trust of Australia (Vic.) F.N. 2891.  
 National Estate Register citation.



Former Wesleyan Schoolhouse looking north west, 1943.  
 (Richmond Historical Society.)