

**ORWELL COTTAGE**  
**221 Lennox Streets**

**History and Description**

Allegedly built in 1848 and certainly pre 1855, 'Orwell cottage' is a single storey attic residence timber framed and lined with weatherboards. The French doors and dormer windows are features. The concave verandah roof and curved verandah beams are characteristic of the Early Victorian period.

If built in 1848 'Orwell Cottage' is probably the oldest surviving building in Richmond. The original owner is unknown, but Captain Valentine Wright was an early occupant for 30 years.

The front wall has been recently cement rendered and the chimney tops given a late Victorian treatment. The interior with timber doors, lining boards and restrained fireplace and joinery details is notable and well preserved.

**Statement of Significance**

A substantially intact Early Victorian cottage with attic, possibly the oldest surviving building in Richmond.

**References**

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