

CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS

30 Weller Street

Type

residence

Original Use

residence

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR

GBR

NER

GRPS

NATIONAL TRUST

Classified

Recorded

Reg.No.

781

CONSERVATION AREA

Name

Ashby

Survey Date

21.3.86

Neg. File

011-012

PERIOD

pre 1860

1860 - 1879

1880 - 1899

1900 - 1919

1920 - 1939

post 1940



MATERIALS

walls

brick

roof

corrugated iron

CONSTRUCTION DATE

c.1852

source

*rate book search supplied by
Mave Astew*

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish

ornamental wall detailing

original doors, windows, hoods

intact verandah / porch structure

original parapet

original roof form and finish

original chimneys

eaves, roof or gable decoration

intact verandah decoration

early fence

early garden

other prominent contributing elevations

INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

good

fair

poor

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HISTORY

It appears that a two room brick dwelling was located on this site as early as 1852. James Meek was the occupier of this building and the larger building which appears to have replaced it about 1860. James Meek was a carpenter-turned-shopkeeper who lived there until his death in 1872. A building on this site was at one time referred to as a brick shop and three rooms.

DESCRIPTION

It is a simple single storey brick cottage which has a central front door and a double-hung window on either side. Brick voussoirs can be seen above the slightly arched window and door heads. These heads are at different heights and this is unusual. The hipped roof is clad in corrugated iron. There is no evidence of a former shop front on the existing front elevation.

SIGNIFICANCE

30 Weller Street is one of the few extant examples of a typical brick cottage, in Geelong West, from about the middle of the nineteenth century. It is of local significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

G.R.P.S.

Removal of the paint from the brickwork by an approved method would greatly enhance the character of this building.

REFERENCES

All research relating to the history of this building was kindly supplied by Marc Askew.

Villamanta Ward Rate Books, 1852-1872.

Probate file 10/9, Office of the Registrar of Probate, Melbourne.