

# CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

**BUILDING ADDRESS** *59 Weller Street* Type *residence* Original Use *residence*

**PRESENT BUILDING TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

EXISTING DESIGNATION	HBR	GBR	NER	GRPS	NATIONAL TRUST	
					Classified	Recorded
Reg.No.	-	-	-	<i>783</i>	-	-

**CONSERVATION AREA** Name *Ashby*

Survey Date *21.3.86*

Neg. File \_\_\_\_\_

**PERIOD**

pre 1860

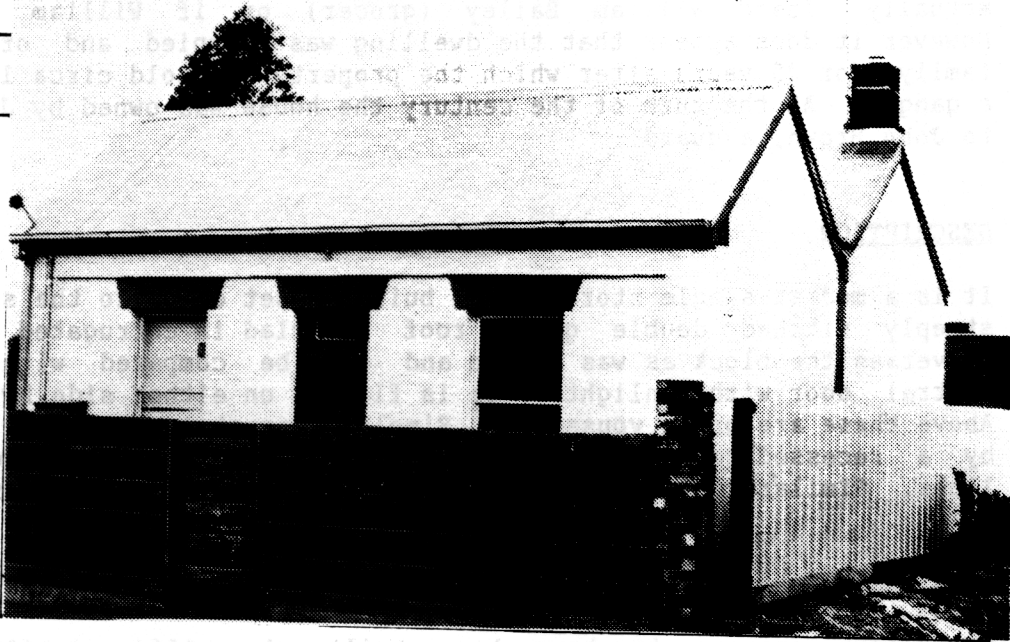
1860 - 1879

1880 - 1899

1900 - 1919

1920 - 1939

post 1940



**MATERIALS**

walls *brick* roof *corrugated iron*

**CONSTRUCTION DATE** *1854.* source *valve books.*

**SIGNIFICANT FEATURES**

original materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish <input type="checkbox"/>	ornamental wall detailing ( <i>brickwork panel</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
original doors, windows, hoods <input type="checkbox"/>	intact verandah / porch structure <input type="checkbox"/>	original parapet <input type="checkbox"/>
original roof form and finish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	original chimneys <input type="checkbox"/>	eaves, roof or gable decoration <input type="checkbox"/>
intact verandah decoration <input type="checkbox"/>	early fence <input type="checkbox"/>	early garden <input type="checkbox"/>
other prominent contributing elevations <input type="checkbox"/>		

**INTEGRITY RATING** excellent  good  fair  poor

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## HISTORY

The earliest known record of a dwelling on this site is in 1853 and the building is described as 'one room paling'. The occupant was James McNaughton. The following year he was the owner and occupant of a two room weatherboard dwelling which also had a skillion and a stable. McNaughton continued to own and occupy the site until 1858 when he appears to have let it to Isaac Bailey. The rate book search indicates that the front brick section was built in 1864 for Isaac Bailey and that the rear section was built circa 1882. Mrs Bailey occupied it until 1876 when William Bailey was listed as the owner and occupant. It is unclear whether Isaac Bailey was actually Isaac William Bailey (grocer) or if William (shopman) was his son. However it does appear that the dwelling was occupied and or owned by the same family for 25 years after which the property was sold circa 1885 to George Bradley, a ganger. At the turn of the century the house was owned by Julia Bradley and let to John Brown, a guard.

## DESCRIPTION

It is a modest single storey brick building set close to the street frontage. The steeply pitched double gable roof is clad in corrugated iron. The gable ridge traverses the block as was common and can be compared with 20 John Steet. The central door with fanlight above is flanked on either side by a double-hung window. Above these are brick voussoirs. Simple ornamental wall detailing has been effected by a recessed central section which is delineated by clean vertical and horizontal lines. Similar decorative brickwork can be seen on 90 Hope Street.

## SIGNIFICANCE

59 Weller appears to have been built circa 1864 and 1882 for Isaac Bailey and remained the property of his family for at least 25 years. The cottage design is typical for the Early Victorian period of the previous decade however, the decorative wall detailing is most unusual. 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 as would a more appropriate fence and window joinery.

## REFERENCES

Borough of Geelong West Rate Books, 1900-1, 1889-90, 1883-4, 1878-9, 1875-6.  
Thomson Ward Rate Books, 1875, 1874, 1867-8, 1864-5, 1861-2.  
Villamanta Ward Rate Books, 1859-60, 1854.