

CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS

25 WELLINGTON STREET

HISTORY

Located on the SE corner of Kings Lane it was in 1864-5 that Peter Adamson was listed as the ratepayer of a three room brick dwelling in this location. It is uncertain if it existed before that date. It appears that James King (contractor) lived in the house from about 1867 until 1900 and that he owned it from about 1874 when it was recorded as increased in size from three rooms to six rooms (all brick) and included a cottage, store and stabling. In 1900 Jane King was listed as the owner (however it may have been a mistake for James) and Dickens was listed as the occupier. It appears that Kings Lane was named after James King. It is known that James King was the successful tenderer for repair work to the Pollocksford Bridge in 1874.

DESCRIPTION

Set close to the boundaries it appears to be a single storey brick building which has been rendered to represent ashlar. It has a high and complex hip roof which reflects its staged development and this is clad in corrugated iron. The substantial chimney is also rendered and may have been constructed and/or rendered during the 1870's additions. A room on the east side projects closer to the front boundary and has a higher ceiling level than the rooms on the west side. It is unclear without further investigation which section was built first but it is suggested that it was the section with the lower ceiling level as this would be more common on a modest three room house. This is the west side of the building and it is built on the boundary of Kings Lane.

SIGNIFICANCE

25 Wellington Street appears to have been constructed in stages and this is reflected in the unusual design. James King (contractor) lived on the premises from about 1867 until about 1900 and the adjoining lane appears to have been named after him.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

G.R.P.S.

A more appropriate fence would greatly enhance the character of this building as would more appropriate window and door joinery and paint colours.

REFERENCES

- Thomson Ward Rate Books, 1864-5, 1867-8, 1874, 1875.
Borough of Geelong West Rate Books, 1875-6, 1878-9, 1884-5, 1889-90, 1895-6, 1900-1.
P.F.B. Also, 'Pollocksford Bridge' in Investigator, Vol.15, No.1, p.27.