

PLACE NAME: ST. GILES CHURCH (Formerly High Church)
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Gothic Revival

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Nathaniel Billing, architect.
 Reference: Melbourne.

Latrobe Library, Melbourne, Historical Picture Collection

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 4th January, 1860
 Reference:

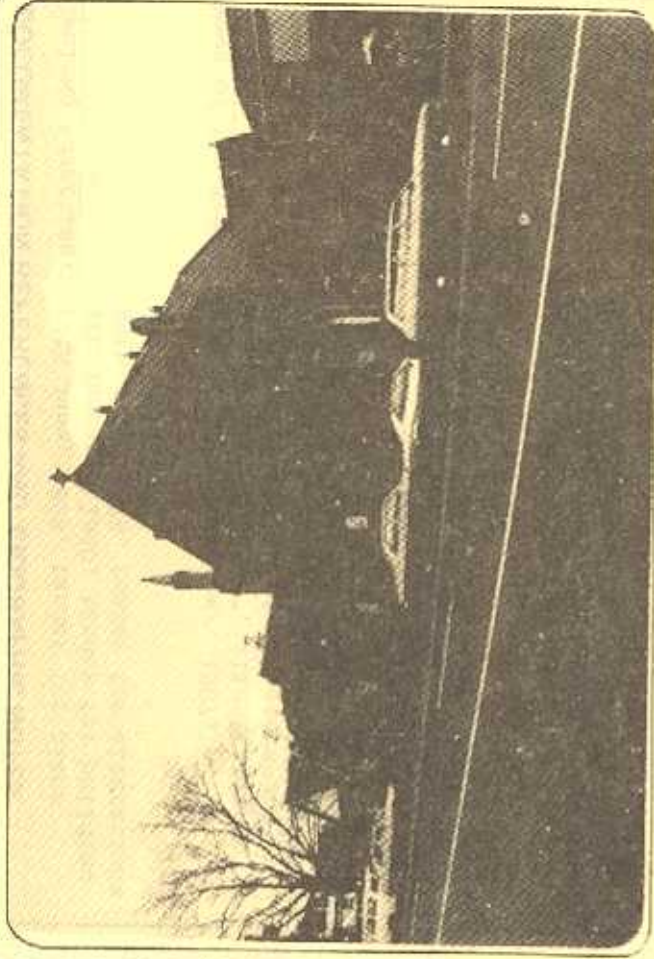
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1861
 Reference: Foundation stone laid 9th July, 1861

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS
 Joseph Watts, architect, called tenders for Alterations
 and Additions to High Church on 25th July 1878.
 A Hall has been added to the rear of the church.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)
 Free Presbyterian Church
 SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS
 Rev. J.Z. Hule, 1847-8, Rev. J. Tait, 1851-60, Rev. T.
 McKenzie Fraser, 1861-80, Rev. J.R. Wardrop, 1881-1888,
 Rev. J.V. McNeill, 1889-1907-?

OTHER NOTES: First service held 27th April, 1862



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission
 Register of National Estate

National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
 Classified/Recorded
 File No.

Historic Buildings Preservation Council
 Register No.
 File No.

Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No.224 (a)...

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME St. Giles Church (Former High Church) (72-78)
 ADDRESS 72 Cheringhap Street,
 Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Church
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE/Uniting Church in Australia
 ADDRESS TELEPHONE (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser, 13th June, 1859, tender for plans
 4th January, 1860, tender for building
 25th July, 1878, tender for alterations
 and additions.

News of the Week, Geelong, 12th September, 1907, p. 13.
 "High Church Jubilee", illustrations
 include portraits of ministers and an
 illustration of the completed design of
 the church with the spire which was never
 built.

Stuart Ross, Rev.C. Colonization and Church Work in Victoria
 Melville, Mullen and Slade, Melbourne,
 1891, pp. 222-6

Latrobe Library, Melbourne, Historical Picture Collection.
 Melbourne University Architecture Library
 Collection, Book 12. p. 115. Drawing
 of Nathaniel Billing of roof details,
 High Presbyterian Church, Geelong.

Wynd, I. Churches of Geelong, Geelong Historical Society.
 Information is also held by the Historic Buildings Council,
 235 Queen Street, Melbourne.

CITATION

The foundation stone of St. Giles Church, formerly known as the High Church, was laid on 9th July, 1861. This decorated gothic revival style church, which was designed by noted colonial architect Nathaniel Billing and constructed of basalt with Barrabool sandstone dressing, was never completed as the proposed spire was not constructed. The first service of the High Church was held in 1847. St. Giles Church, although incomplete, has notable associations with the Free Presbyterian Church movement in Victoria. The architecture is eclipsed by many other Billing designs including the nearby St. George's Presbyterian Church.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
- Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised.
- In danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
- Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
- Its townscape and/or landscape value.
- Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

- LOCAL REGIONAL STATE NATIONAL WORLD

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS

INTEGRITY

- HIGH LOW ALTERED DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register
 Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate.

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SIGNATURE..... DATE.....