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Site Name: Semi-detached Residence

Project File No: 0983

Address: 22 Lonsdale Street South Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1893-1986

Integrity: High

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 22 Lonsdale Street, Geelong, is located on Allotment no. 21, Section 29b, of the Geelong Town Plan of 1881. The land originally belonged to Samuel Law.

The first occupant of this house recorded in the Geelong Rate Books (Barwon Ward) was James Gardiner, a manager, in 1896. It was described as a 6-room brick house, with a pantry, kitchen and shed, owned, and possibly built by Samuel Law. He was also responsible for the neighbouring semi-detached house, and also the detached house of identical design and construction fronting Lonsdale Street. After the death of Samuel Law, the house was managed by his Estate, and in 1899, after the addition of a wash house, it was let out to William McClure, a grocer (later salesman).

By 1910, this residence had been acquired by Ada Larcombe, a Belmont householder, who carried out a major upgrade of the wet areas in 1920. In 1923, the property was sold to long-term tenant, William McClure. He occupied the residence until the 1930s, when it possibly passed to his widow, Katie McClure. The next owner appears to have been the daughter of William and Katie McClure, Doris E. McClure. She may have sold the house to Mrs. G. Armstrong in 1975.

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Description

The semi-detached house at 22 Lonsdale Street, South Geelong, forms part of a complex of unpainted pressed red brick Late Victorian Italianate styled houses with modest front and side setbacks. The front garden of this house at 22 Lonsdale Street consists of perimeter plants, and young and mature trees. The front is bound by an introduced brick pier and aluminium palisade fence, approximately 1500 mm high. Also neighbouring the complex of semi-detached houses is a house of identical design and construction, fronting Lonsdale Street.

The asymmetrical, single storey, unpainted pressed red brick, Late Victorian Italianate styled semi-detached house is characterised by a hipped roof form that traverses the site (as part of the complex of houses), together with a minor hipped roof and bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. There is also a rear minor hipped roof that projects at the side. The main roof forms are clad in introduced dark red corrugated colorbond, with the ridge line adorned by a cast iron finial. The verandah is clad in early galvanised corrugated iron overpainted dark red. Three early pressed red brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots adorn the roofline, together with another three identical chimneys that form part of the other semi-detached house. Narrow overhangs with decorative timber brackets and incised rectangular panels are features of the eaves. The significance of the place also relies on the retention of the neighbouring semi-detached and detached houses of identical design and construction.

The front of the house has early timber framed double hung windows with shallow arched heads accentuated by brick voussoirs. There is also an early timber framed doorway with sidelights and highlights under the verandah.

A feature of the design is the front bullnosed verandah. It is supported by cast iron columns with decorative capitals. It is also decorative by cast iron valances.

Statement of Cultural Significance

The semi-detached house at 22 Lonsdale Street, South Geelong, has significance as one of few semi-detached Late Victorian Italianate styled houses in Geelong. Built between 1893 and 1896 for Samuel Law, the house is largely externally intact and in good condition when viewed from the street. This complex of semi-detached houses is also neighbouring a detached house of identical design and construction, forming an unusual residential grouping.

The semi-detached house at 22 Lonsdale Street is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a Late Victorian Italianate style. These qualities include the hipped roof forms and the bullnosed verandah. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, galvanised corrugated iron verandah roof cladding overpainted dark red, corrugated profile to the main roof cladding, pressed red brick wall construction, three pressed red brick and strapped chimneys with terra cotta pots, narrow eaves with decorative timber brackets and incised rectangular panels, timber framed double hung windows with shallow arched heads accentuated by brick voussoirs, timber framed doorway with sidelights and highlights, cast iron finial on the roof ridge, cast iron verandah columns with decorative capitals and the decorative cast iron verandah valances.

The semi-detached house at 22 Lonsdale Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with residential developments in South Geelong in the late 19th century. In particular, this house has associations with the original owner, Samuel Law from 1893-96. It is also associations with the original occupant, James Gardiner, a manager in 1896. The house represents one of the few 19th century semi-detached town

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houses in South Geelong.

Overall, the semi-detached house 22 Lonsdale Street is of LOCAL significance.

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W. J. N. de Vries, *Amsterdam*

Mrs. G. Armstrong.

~~Mrs. A. E. L. C. C. C.~~

Mr. Eugene Reed, Belmont

Monday, June 15, 1992 5:04 PM - E-ONC

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