

PLACE NAME: FORMER W.F. DUCKER'S AUCTION ROOMS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Eclecticism

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Alexander Davidson & Co.
Reference: A. Willingham, "Index of the Practice of Architects Davidson and Henderson of Geelong"

BUILDER:
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference: Masonry, Messrs. Armstead and Stewart; bricklayers, Messrs. White & Handley; carpentry, Mr. Pescott; painting, W. Brown; plastering, E. Collins; plumbing, TENDER NOTICE: W. Ramsay.

Reference: Geelong Advertiser 11 October, 1877

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1877-78

Reference: A. Willingham Index

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE £1500

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

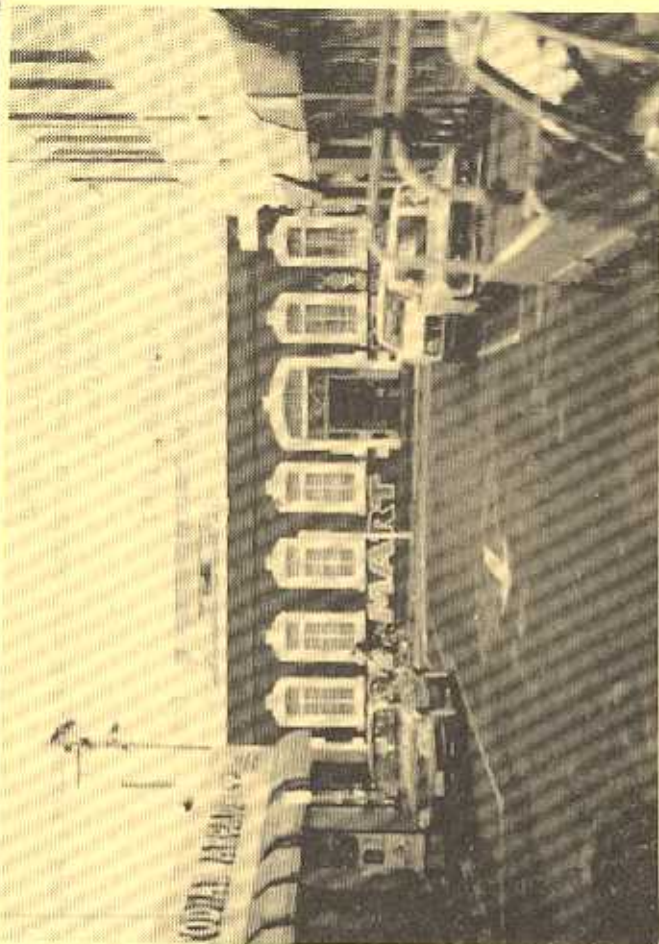
Flooring and roof to store (1880) architect, Joseph Watts. General repairs to store (1887), architect, J. Stuart Jackson.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

W.F. Ducker, Esq.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS
Henry Blomfield Brown - 1884

OTHER NOTES William Francis Ducker, b. Norfolk in 1821, was Mayor of Geelong 1870-1872 and a noted citizen.



NEGATIVE FILE:

☐ Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.
☐ National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No.	☒ Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 253

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME (Former) W.F. Ducker's Auction Rooms
ADDRESS Lt. Malop Street

77-79

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Cheetham Salt LTD.
ADDRESS 71 Lt. Malop St, Geelong TELEPHONE

PLACE NAME
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser 6th July, 1880
Tenders for flooring and roof to store for W.F. Ducker, Esq.
Apply Joseph Watts, Architect.

Geelong Advertiser 16th May, 1887

General repairs to stores, Moorabool Street, for
W.F. Ducker, Esq., Architect J. Stuart Jackson.

W.R. Brownhill, The History of Geelong and Corio Bay, 1955
Wilke & Co., Melbourne, p. 641.
Description of notable early citizen W.F. Ducker, Ibid;
description of W.F. Ducker & Co. enterprise.

Geelong Advertiser 11th October, 1877
Tender notice for erection of stores and office in
Lt. Malop Street, Geelong.

Geelong Advertiser, "A New Auction Mart", 28 January, 1878.
Description of New Auction rooms for W.F. Ducker, including
description of artisans.

Geelong Advertiser 25 October, 1877
Laying of foundation stone.

Willingham Index for details of career of Alexander
Davidson.

Willingham, Allan, "Two Seats in Victoria the Architecture
of Davidson and Henderson",
Master of Architecture thesis University of Melbourne 1983.

CITATION

The Auction Mart at Little Malop Street was erected in 1877 for noted Geelong auctioneers, W.F. Ducker and Co., adjacent earlier established premises. The Victorian eclectic style building, built of brick with stone dressings and internal timber embellishments was designed by noted Geelong architect, Alexander Davidson. The style is highly original and without parallel in Geelong. The decorative elements are noteworthy. W.F. Ducker was a distinguished Geelong citizen and mayor of the city from 1870-1872. The auction rooms survive intact, except for the painted facade.

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.

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

Historic Buildings Council Register

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register

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