

PLACE NAME: GOSBERTON HOUSE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Eclecticism

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Attributed to Alexander
Reference: Davidson and Co. on stylistic grounds.
Willingham.

BUILDER:
Reference: Unknown

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference: Unknown

TENDER NOTICE: Not recorded in Willingham index or
Reference: files of Geelong Advertiser.

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1878-1880.
Reference: Title particulars and Sale Notices.

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE
Unknown

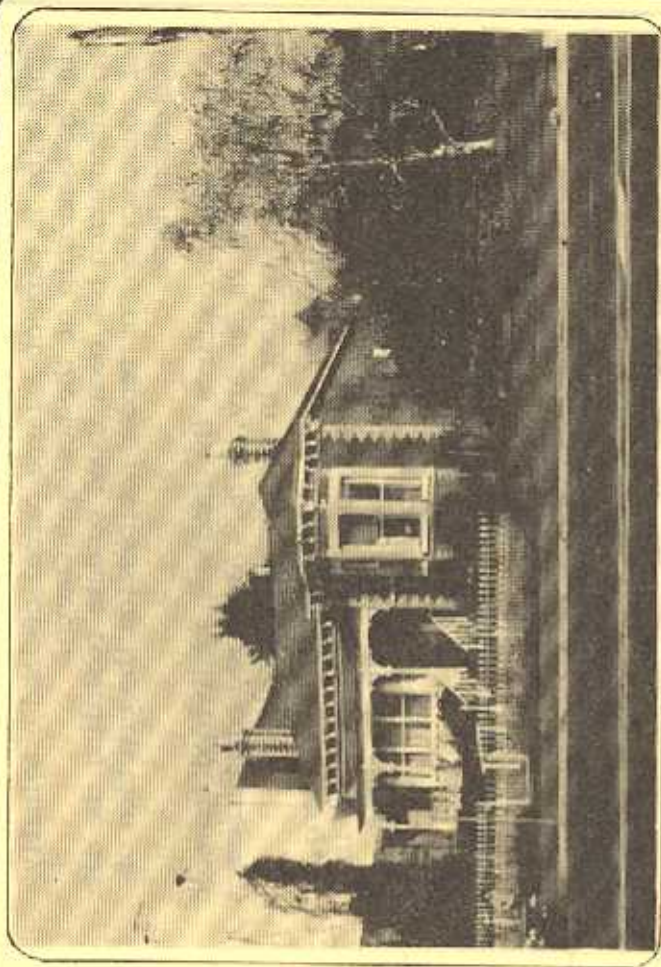
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

The interior has not been inspected, the exterior
is essentially intact.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Robert McDonald,
Chemist.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS
John Wadelton, Chemist - property in Wadelton family
until late 1970s.

OTHER NOTES Mrs. Elna Gorrie of Free Mascns Homes,
Punt Road, Prahran was a former owner and may have some
information.



NEGATIVE FILE:

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Gosberton House
ADDRESS: 14 Pyrie Street
Geelong 3220

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong

TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Solicitors Office

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Vivian Hill & Co. P/L
ADDRESS: 14 Pyrie St.
Geelong TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

This site is part of a large parcel of land originally in the ownership of the Wesleyan Church. No information has been found to date regarding the date of construction, or tender notices for the erection of Gosberton House.

A title search confirms the land was subdivided and sold at auction on 28 January, 1878. Also, see advertisement in Geelong Advertiser in week preceding sale.

J. Daniel, trustee of the Wesleyan Church in Geelong, offered for auction on 28 January, 1878, two sites in the former Wesleyan Reserve - one frontage to Ryrie Street, one frontage to LaTrobe Terrace.

Geelong Advertiser 15 November, 1879: J. Wadelton purchases Robert McDonald's Chemist

For details of career of Alexander Davidson, see

Allan Willingham, 'Two Scots in Victoria: The Architecture of Davidson and Henderson', Master of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1983.

The house has interesting stylistic associations with known work by Davidson, including the former residence of Dr. Glendinning, in Ryrie Street (see separate documentation sheet).

CITATION Gosberton House in Ryrie Street is a fine example of a late Victorian Villa with polychromatic brickwork combined with Waurn Ponds limestone and elaborate cast iron work all derived from French Romanesque sources in a style consistent with the work of Alexander Davidson, a noted Geelong architect. The eclectic style villa is picturesque and intact and apparently was erected in c 1878-1880 for either Robert McDonald or J. Wadelton, Geelong chemists. The house is part of an interesting and diverse architectural group.

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.

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SIGNATURE DATE