

PLACE NAME: 'FERNSHAW'

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Eclecticism

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Davidson and Henderson,
Reference: Architects, Geelong
Geelong Advertiser, 16th June, 1876.

BUILDER:
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 16th June, 1876
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1876
Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

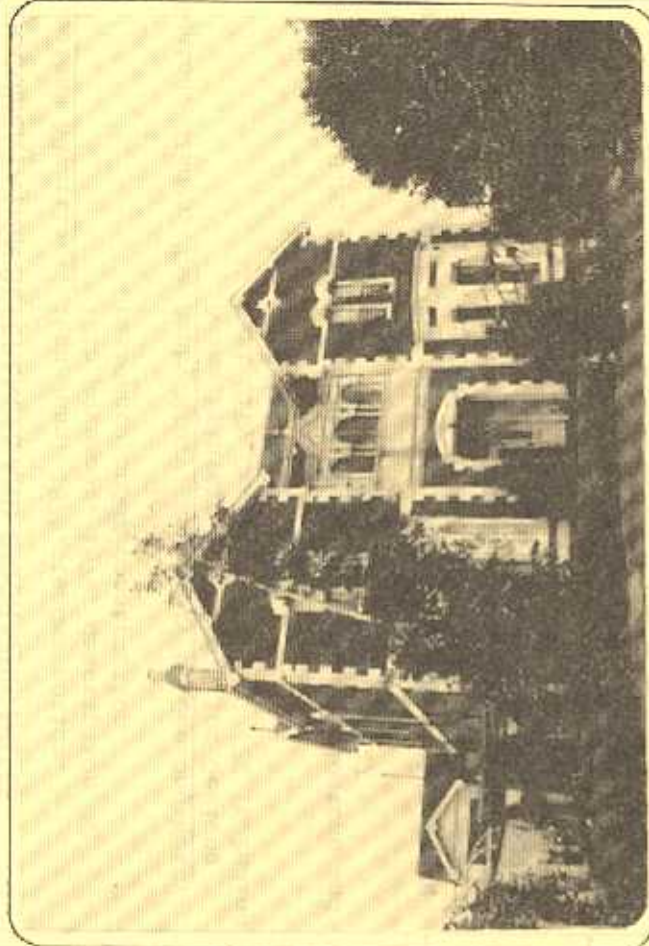
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) H.M. Strachan

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

John Wilson of 'Gala' Station, near Bismore

OTHER NOTES H.M. Strachan was the senior partner in the firm, Strachan, Murray, Shannon & Co. and descendant of James Ford Strachan of 'Iunan'



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate

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

Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No.

Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 137

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME 'Fernshaw'
ADDRESS 4 Western Beach,
Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Residence
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE
ADDRESS 4 Western Beach,
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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser, 16th June, 1876, tender notice.
18th November, 1876, description of residence under construction

Seaton, Gladys, The Ashby Story, a History of Geelong West, Adams Printers Pty. Ltd., for Geelong West City Council, 1978, p. 122 including description p 1887.

Strachan, H.M. Some Notes and Recollections, Osboldstone and Co., Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, 1927

Willingham, Allan, 'Two Scots in Victoria, the Architecture of Davidson and Henderson' Master of Architecture Thesis. Faculty of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1983.

CITATION

The two storey brick residence 'Fernshaw' on the Western Beach at Geelong was erected in 1876 for prominent Geelong woolbroker H.M. Strachan. The architects were Davidson and Henderson, a firm of Scottish educated architects whose work is characterised by the innovative eclecticism of 'Fernshaw' and the associated stables, coach house and quarters at the rear. 'Fernshaw' is one of the most significant of the works of Davidson and Henderson and most notable for the finely detailed iron balcony verandah and ornament derived from Victorian gothic traditions.

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
Historic Buildings Council Register
Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate
National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register.

DOCUMENTATION —

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SIGNATURE

DATE