

PLACE NAME: 'GLENBURNIE'  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

**STYLE OR PERIOD:** Victorian Eclecticism (Romanesque)

**ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN:** Alexander Davidson & Co. Architects, Geelong  
**Reference:**

Geelong Advertiser 21 June 1880

**BUILDER:** Separate tradesmen listed in article  
**Reference:**

Geelong Advertiser - 9 November 1880

**PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES**  
**Reference:**

**TENDER NOTICE:** Geelong Advertiser - 21 June 1880  
**Reference:**

**DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION**  
**Reference:**

**ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE** \$1000/-  
 Geelong Advertiser - 9 August 1880

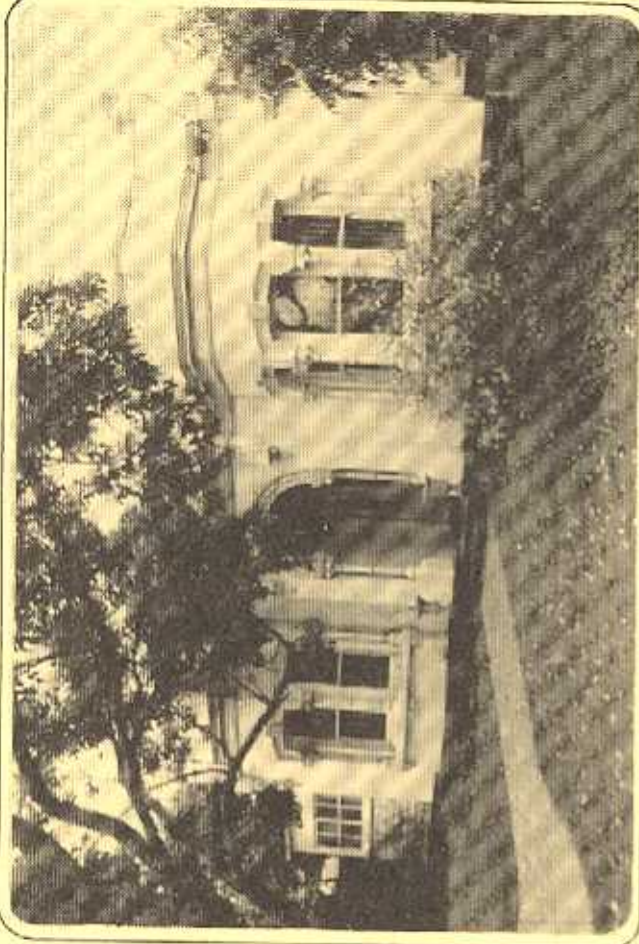
**SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS**

The rear section of this residence was extensively modified during conversion to offices for architects Buchan Laird and Buchan

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)** Mr. W. Bradley

**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS**

**OTHER NOTES**



**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. 150

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

PLACE NAME 'Glenburnie'  
 ADDRESS 54 Western Beach Geelong, 3220  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong  
 TITLE INFORMATION  
 MAP REFERENCE  
 PRESENT USE  
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Catholic Church  
 ADDRESS TELEPHONE



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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Geelong Advertiser - 21 June 1880  
Alexander Davidson and Co. advertise tenders for a double villa in Western Beach.

9 August 1880 - report of construction for Mr Bradley of Bradley and Drew

9 November 1880 - further report on construction including list of tradesmen.

Willingham Allan  
"Two Scots in Victoria the Architecture of Davidson and Henderson".  
Master of Architecture thesis.  
Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne. 1983 - for details of career of Alexander Davidson.

CITATION 'Glenburnie' a single storey double fronted brick and stucco villa at 54 Western Beach, Geelong was constructed in 1880 for W.W. Bradley. Alexander Davidson & Co. were the architects and the villa, a most distinctive example of the work of this architect, is designed in a characteristic eclectic mode derived from French Romanesque sources and contemporary British architecture of the 1870's. The stilted segmental arch windows to symmetrical bays about a central romanesque arched entrance is a most unusual elevational treatment. The residence illustrates the maturation of Davidson's original and distinctive eclecticism.

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  
National Trust of Australia (Victoria) - Register

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