

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission

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PLACE NAME: FORMER RESIDENCE OF DAVIDSON AND HENDERSON ARCHITECTS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque Victorian Villa Architecture derived from French Renaissance sources.

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Alexander Davidson and George Henderson.

Willingham, p 128.

BUILDER: Selected subcontractors not recorded.
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference: Cast iron by Humble and Nicholson, iron founders.

TENDER NOTICE: Not advertised, selected quotations obtained by the architect proprietors.

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1871, 1874
Reference: Willingham p. 128

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE: £4,500/-/- 1871.
£3,350/-/- 1874.

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

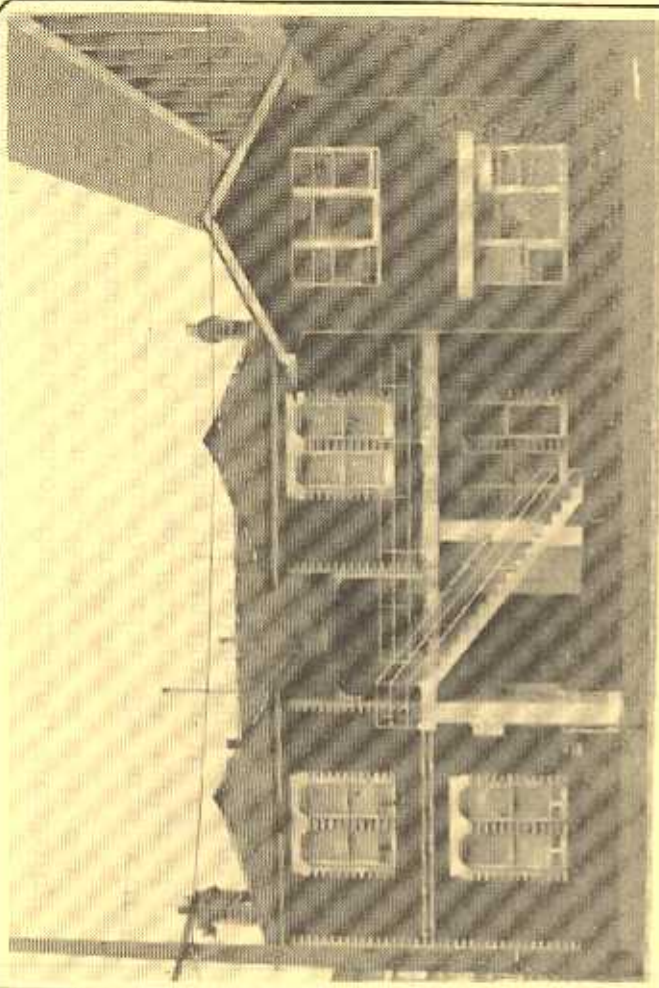
An additional two bedrooms and dining room was erected in 1874 (Willingham, p.130.) More recently the house has been defaced by construction of concrete escape stairs which divided into two apartments.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

Alexander Davidson and George Henderson.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES: The building is constructed of cavity wall brickwork and is one of the first recorded examples in Victoria.



NEGATIVE FILE:

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<input type="checkbox"/> National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 339

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Residence
ADDRESS: Corner Western Beach and Cheringhap Street, Geelong.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong
TITLE INFORMATION: Volume 450, Folio 881.

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Residence
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Dorothy L. Smith - Nelson
ADDRESS: 94 Western Beach
TELEPHONE:

PLACE NAME Former Residence Davidson and Henderson Architects
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

The history of construction of this building, erected by Geelong Architects Davidson and Henderson as their own residence is comprehensively recorded in Allan Willingham 'Two Scots in Victoria: The Architecture of Davidson and Henderson' Master of Architecture thesis University of Melbourne, 1983, pp126-130 including contemporary descriptions and Sketch Plan of the residence, photograph of the Building upon completion, and reference to later extensions in 1874.

Geelong Advertiser 14 December 1872 for details of cavity brick used in construction of the brick walls of the residence.

The bricks were manufactured by T.H. Widdicombe of Portarlington.

Certificate of Title Volume 450 Folio 881.
 Allotment 10, Section 39 Parish of Corio, purchase registered 9 October 1871.

CITATION

This two storey polychromatic brick residence on Western Beach was designed and built by Davidson and Henderson, Geelong Architects as their own accommodation. The design is less exotic than other homesteads and public buildings in their French Romanesque mode, and is most notable for the use of hollow brick or cavity walls construction. This technique improved construction standards and this house is one of the earliest recorded examples of hollow wall construction in Australia and is of technological interest. The villa was one of the first buildings on Western Beach, and set a fashionable standard when completed in 1874.

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