

PLACE NAME: WESLEY CHURCH

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Gothic Revival

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Charles Laing, architect

Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 5th November, 1848

BUILDER:
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES: Nicholas McCann, mason
Reference: Mr. Candy-carpenter, Mr. Kstall, plasterer,
Geelong Advertiser, 24th December 1845, 5th November 1848

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 15th October, 1845.
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1844-46

Reference: Foundation stone laid 27th November 1844 by
Dr. A. Thompson, first mayor of Geelong

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE \$463

Geelong Advertiser, 28th October, 1846

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

1846 - gallery added and new floor

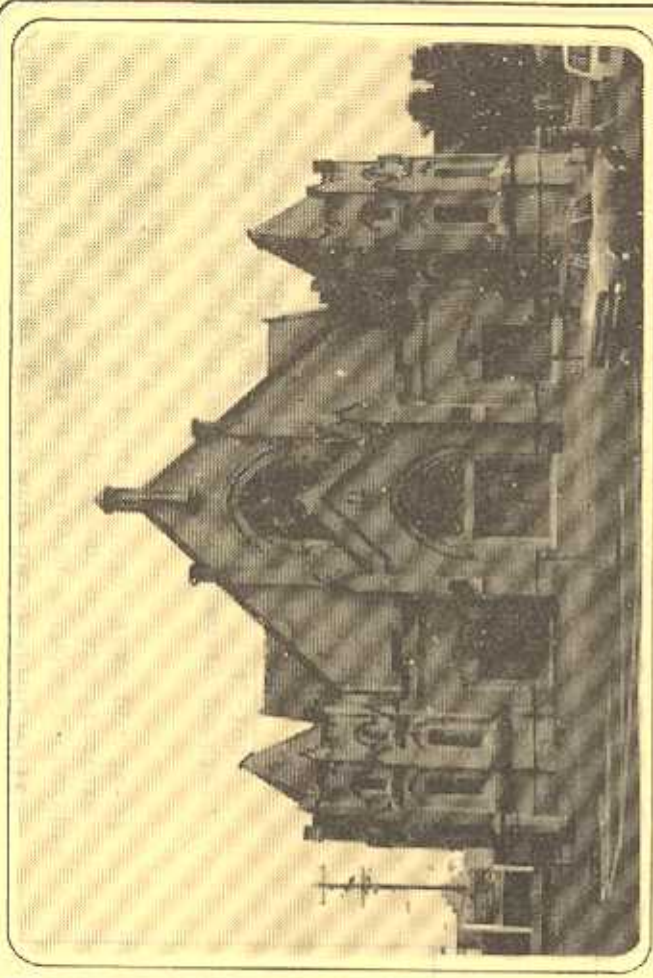
1853 - transept added and church "reconstructed" at a cost of £2000, W. Sheridan probably being the architect.

1859-10 feet width added and other alterations, 1893 alterations and additions 1920

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)
Yarra Street Wesleyan Methodist Congregation.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES In November 1843, the present site was set apart for church purposes. Services were first held by Rev. Tuckfield in 1838.



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.

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Wesley Church
ADDRESS 96-100 Corner Yarra and Little Ryrie Streets, Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Wesley Church
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Trustees of Wesley Church,
ADDRESS 120 Yarra Street, Geelong, 3220. TELEPHONE (052) 411111

PLACE NAME WESLEY CHURCH
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Thomas, R.H., 'Victorian Wesleyan Methodist Churches, Index 1839-1902', Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1970, Text pp. 56-57 reference p. 167.

Yarra Street Methodist Church, Centenary Booklet, One Hundred Years of Methodism, 1842-1942, Henry Thacker, printer, Geelong, 1942.

Blamires, Rev. W.L. and Smith, Rev. J.B., The Early History of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Victoria, Griffith and Spaven, Melbourne, 1886, pp. 137-146.

Geelong Advertiser, 14th November 1844, 2nd December 1844 (Willingham Index) 15th October 1845, 1st November 1845 24th December 1845, 16th May 1846, 28th October 1846 2nd February 1847, 15th February 1848, 9th November 1848, 24th July 1849, 3rd April 1851, 28th May 1852, 13th January 1853, 10th October 1853, 4th June 1859, 30th June 1859, 29th October 1859, 5th November 1859 8th October 1883.

News of the Week, Geelong, 27th September 1906, p. 15, photograph of interior, 25th April 1907, p. 13, photograph of exterior.

CITATION

The Yarra Street Wesleyan Methodist Church congregation was established in 1838 and the first church was erected in 1844-46 to designs of noted colonial architect Charles Laing. The original Decorated Gothic church, built of brick, was later in 1859 substantially enlarged. The fabric was cement rendered in 1904. Subsequent alterations between 1859-1930 have obliterated much of the original character. The present church has important associations with the foundation of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Geelong and is an interesting church complex which has developed over an extended period.

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

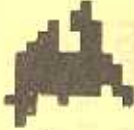
- HIGH LOW ALTERED DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

DOCUMENTATION — Allan Willingham, Architect, 151 McKean St., North Fitzroy, 3068. Tel: 03 489 8492.

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



PLACE NAME: WESLEY PARSONAGE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque Domestic Revival

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Butler & Ussher, architects, Melbourne.

Reference: Thomas, R.H., 'Victorian Wesleyan Methodist Church Index, 1839-1902'

BUILDER: Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1890

Reference: Yarra Street Methodist Church, Centenary Booklet, p. 6

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

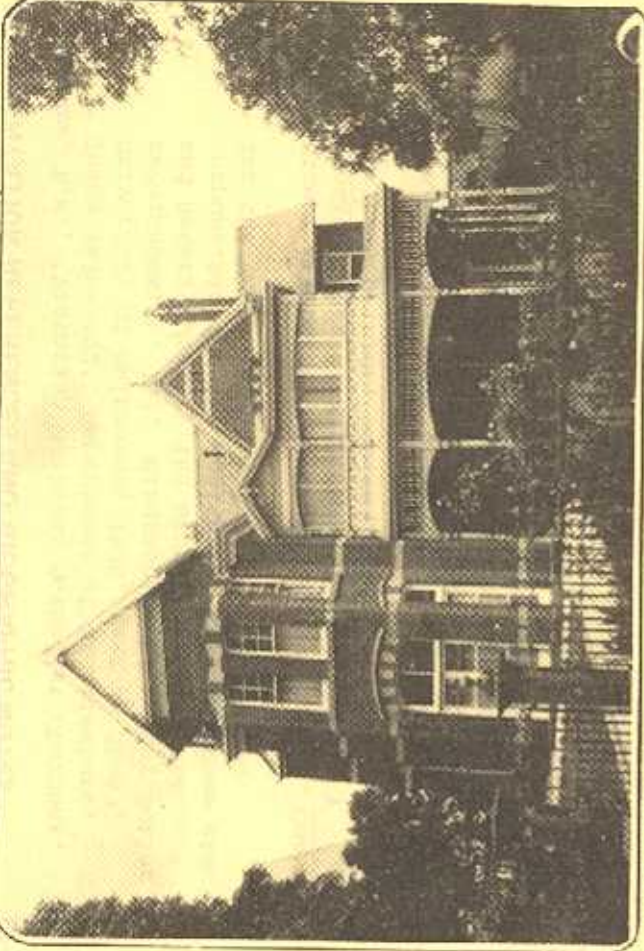
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

The iron fence was erected in 1892

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

Yarra Street Wesleyan Methodist ministers
SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES: The rear portion of the present building is part of the original parsonage (Mission House) constructed in 1849 at a cost of \$378.



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate

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Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.

Geelong Regional Commission Register No.252.(b)...

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Wesley Parsonage,
ADDRESS: 120 Yarra Street,
Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Parsonage
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Wesley Church Trustees,
ADDRESS: 120 Yarra Street,
Geelong, 3220. TELEPHONE: (052)

PLACE NAME WESLEY PARSONAGE
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Thomas, R.H., 'Victorian Wesleyan Methodist Churches, Index 1839-1902', Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1970, text pp 56-57, references, p. 167. Biographies of Walter Butler and Beverly Ussher, the architects who were responsible for the designs of many churches etc. for the Methodist Church, pp. 227-228, 245.

Yarra Street Methodist Church, Centenary Booklet, One Hundred Years of Methodism, 1842-1942, Henry Thacker, printer, Geelong, 1942. pp. 6, 7

Geelong Advertiser, 24th July 1849, details including costs for Wesleyan Mission House and Chapel. 28th February 1878, tender for additions and repairs to the parsonage, Yarra Street.

CITATION

The parsonage of the Yarra Street Wesleyan Methodist Church was erected in 1890, retaining in the development the original single storey mission house built in 1849. This two storey polychromatic brick residence with timber verandah and steeply pitched slat roof was designed by celebrated Melbourne architects Butler and Ussher in the style of the picturesque domestic revival and is an interesting example of the work of this partnership. The residence is set in spacious grounds with notable iron fence and has associations with the adjacent historic church building established in 1845.

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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