

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (Formerly St. Andrews Presbyterian Church)
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

Geelong Regional Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: 1842-Primitive Georgian
 1912-Renaissance Revival
ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Alexander J. Skene,
 Reference: Architect/Surveyor.
Geelong Advertiser, 13th March, 1841.
BUILDER: R. Somerville and R.H. Marr.
 Reference: Brownhill, W.R., The History of Geelong and Corio Bay.

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 23rd November, 1840.
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1841/42.
 Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE £2000

Stuart Ross, C., Colonization and Church Work in Victoria.

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

The two storey classical style front was erected c1912.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

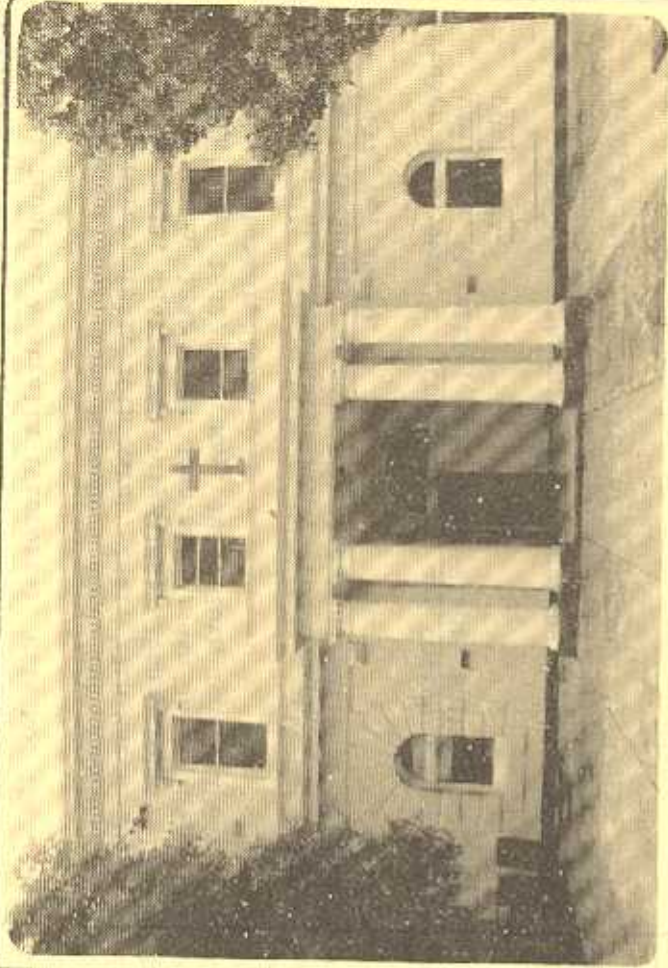
Presbyterian Congregation of Geelong.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

c 1912 purchased by Commun na Feinne Society.
 Later purchased by the Lutheran Church.

OTHER NOTES

Foundation Stone laid by Dr. Alexander Thomson on 22nd March, 1841. First minister, Rev. Andrew Love.



NEGATIVE FILE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No.	File No.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No. 1083	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geelong Regional Commission Register No.	File No.

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: St. John's Lutheran Church (Formerly St. Andrew's)
 ADDRESS: 165 Varra Street,
 Geelong, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong.
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE: _____

PRESENT USE: Church.

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: John's Lutheran Trustees.
 ADDRESS: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 1063.
Geelong Advertiser, 23rd November, 1840, 20th February, 1841
 13th March, 1841, 20th March, 1841, 27th March, 1841,
 10th April, 1841, 11th July, 1841, 25th October, 1841,
 21st March, 1842, 20th June, 1842, 4th July, 1842,
 11th July, 1842, 12th May, 1864, 28th June, 1864,
 25th September, 1878.
 Croll, R.H. and Wattenhall, R.R., "The Church", Chapter 7,
 Dr. Alexander Thomson, Robertson and Mullens, Melbourne
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Victoria, Melville, Mullen and Slade, Melbourne, 1891,
 pp. 90-91.
 Huddle, Lorraine, "Architects in Geelong in the 1840's and
 1850's". Humanities Research Report, Department of
 Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1979. pp. 4-7.
 Powell, J.M., "Skene, Alexander John (1820-1894)",
Australian Dictionary of Biography, 6 Volumes, Mairn
 Bede, (Ed), Melbourne University Press, 1976, Volume
 6, pp. 131-132.
 Brownhill, W.R., A History of Geelong and Corio Bay,
 Wilke and Co., Melbourne, 1955, p. 261.

CITATION

The former St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is constructed of slop moulded brick erected in 1841/42 by contractors Semerville and Marr. It is of paramount historical importance, being the first Presbyterian Church in Geelong, and the oldest surviving brick or stone structure in the region, and the earliest documented work of Alexander Skene, the first architect/surveyor to practice in the town. Skene later became the Surveyor-General in Victoria, 1869-86, as well as being a noted colonial architect both in Melbourne and in Geelong. The two storey stucco rendered classical style building fronting the original church was erected in c 1912.

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

Historic Buildings Council Register
 Geelong Regional Commission Register.

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