

**PLACE NAME:** 'BARRABOOL',  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** CITY OF SOUTH BARWON.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

**STYLE OR PERIOD:** Colonial Georgian (now substantially altered).  
**ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN:** Not known but possibly F.M. Moore Architect and Engineer, Newtown.  
**Reference:** Geelong Advertiser 24 January 1855.

**BUILDER:**  
**Reference:**

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

**TENDER NOTICE:** Not positively established but possibly 24 January 1855.  
**Reference:** Geelong Advertiser.

**DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1855-1861.  
**Reference:** Geelong Advertiser and 'Parish of Barrabool 1861' map.

**ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE**

**SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS**

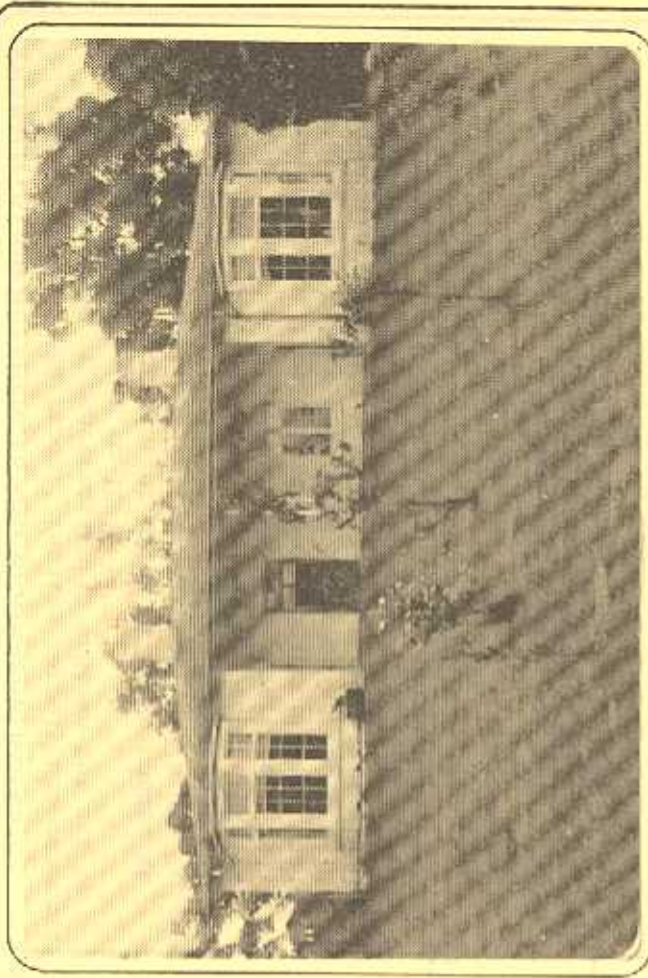
The residence has been substantially modified by exterior and interior alterations. The original verandah has been removed and the fenestration changed.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)** Lewis Conran.

**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS**

William Henry Bonsey, Police Magistrate for Geelong c 1863.

**OTHER NOTES** The current owners are intending to reconstruct the original verandah to detail of early undated photograph in their possession.



**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. .... ICB .....

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

**PLACE NAME:** 'Barrabool'  
**ADDRESS:** 13 Pepperingine Way, Highton, 3216.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** City of South Barwon.  
**TITLE INFORMATION**

**MAP REFERENCE**

**PRESENT USE:** Residence.  
**PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE:** F.S. & F.D. Denahy  
**ADDRESS:** 13 Pepperingine Way, Highton, 3216. **TELEPHONE:** (052) 432378.



**PLACE NAME** 'BARRABOOL'  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** CITY OF SOUTH BARWON.

**DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES**

The history of 'Barrabool' remains largely undocumented. The exact date of construction is unknown but can be reliably dated prior to 1861.

Several tender notices for brick or stone houses at unspecified locations in the Barrabool Hills are recorded in the files of the Geelong Advertiser for the period 1855-60. The name of the proprietor, on whose behalf the tenders have been advertised, is generally not listed in these tender notices. The most likely tender notice is recorded as Geelong Advertiser 24 January 1855 'tenders for a brick house with stone foundations on the Barrabool Hills. Apply F.M. Moore, Engineer and Architect, Herne Hill, Newtown' but the information and location is inconclusive.

Brownhill, W.R. A History of Geelong and Corio Bay Melbourne 1955 pp. 98, 364, 513, 528.

for references to W.H. Bonsey and L.C. Conran.

'Parish of Barrabool 1861' - Map of the parish prepared by Andrew McWilliams, engineer to the Barrabool District Roads Board August 1861 - original map and book held by Shire of Barrabool. Copy, enlarged and simplified by J.W. Meehan, Geelong, February 1970 shows 'Barrabool' as residence of W.H. Bonsey.

Geelong Historical Society Investigator 1965-66 Volume 1 Section 5, p.4 for details of Lewis Conran.

**CITATION**

The single storey brick residence 'Barrabool' at 13 Pepperdine Way, Highton, is of unknown origins but possibly erected as early as 1855-60 for Lewis Conran. The residence was established by 1861, being shown as the abode of W.H. Bonsey, Public Magistrate on Andrew McWilliams map of the Barrabool locality of that date. The original verandah has been removed and the exterior and interior substantially modified by relatively recent alterations and improvements. The colonial Georgian style residence, which dates from the earliest period of settlement in the Geelong region, and has interesting associations with Conran and Bonsey, an early Geelong magistrate.

**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 -

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

**SIGNATURE**.....**DATE**.....