

PLACE NAME: 'Soho'

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF BELLARINE

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Eclecticism

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Watts and Jackson
Reference: Geelong Advertiser 20 September 1883

BUILDER: Not recorded
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: 25 August 1883 Stables and woolshed
Reference: 20 September 1883 residence
Geelong Advertiser

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1883-84
Reference: Geelong Advertiser

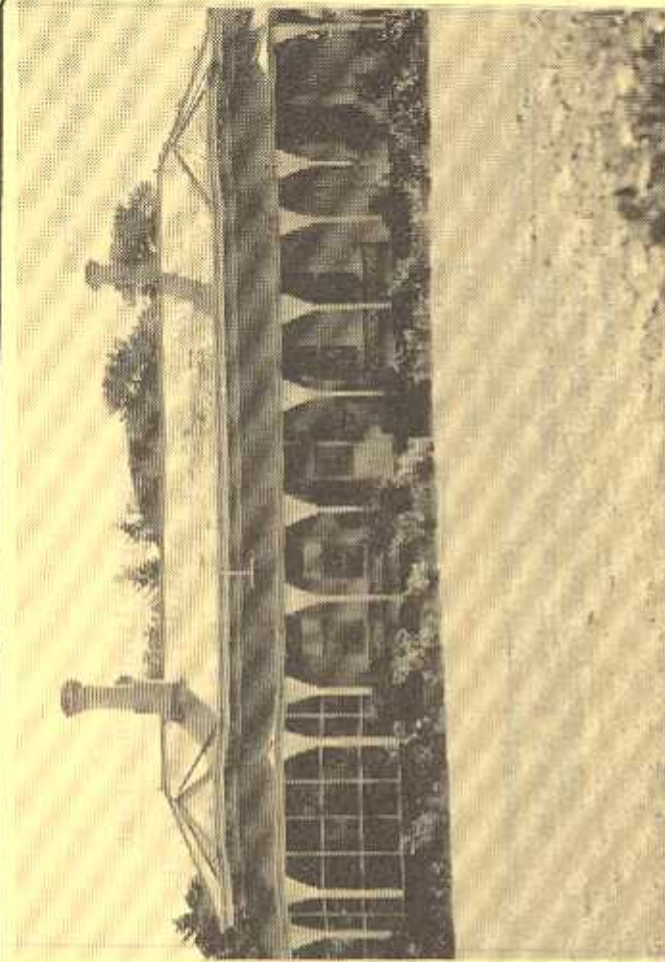
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE Not Known

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS
Cast iron decoration, frieze and brackets to verandah has been removed, verandah bay glazed and additions constructed to the rear.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) Samuel. E. Lees.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS
Frank Amytage 'Wooloonanata'

OTHER NOTES The cast iron is reputedly from the 'Soho' Foundry in London.



NEGATIVE FILE:

☐ Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	☐ Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.
☐ National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No.	☒ Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 88

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME 'Soho'

ADDRESS 1 Cnr. Soho & Murradooc Roads,
Drysdale.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Bellarine
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE P.N. and J.V. Russell-Clarke
ADDRESS TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Information from

McLeod, Emice, Early History of Portarlington and East Bellarine and St Leonards, 1962. pp.22,31.

Geelong Historical Records Centre, Map No S.51, Sale by Auction Notice, Auction date 26 March 1926. Former property of Frank Arnytage. Photo and description.

Geelong Advertiser 25 August 1883 Watts and Jackson, architects call tenders for erection of a woolshed and stables at Soho near Drysdale for S. Lees.

Geelong Advertiser 20 September 1883 Watts and Jackson called tenders for erection of a villa residence at Soho, near Drysdale for Samuel Lees.

Geelong Historical Society, Investigator Vol 2, No 3, 1976. p.89 Death at Soho House near Drysdale of Samuel Lees aged 43 years. Interred 18 May 1897 Drysdale Cemetery.

CITATION

'Soho' at Drysdale was erected in 1883-84 for Samuel Lees to designs prepared by Watts and Jackson architects. This large single storey weatherboard clad timber framed villa is a typical symmetrically planned late Victorian era residence with an axial plan and flanking window bays. The essential Victorian character is retained but cast iron decoration and other alterations have reduced the integrity of the place. Soho has interesting local associations with Samuel Lees, a district farmer who died prematurely in 1897.

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.....

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

Site	No.	Street/Site Name	Town / Suburb	Postcode	Record No.	83
Address	15	Soho Rd	Drysdale	3222	Page No.	1
Site Name	Soho					

Key Dates: Original Major Changes	Existing Use/Type Residential
Precinct Name 	
Survey Date 	
Neg. No. 	
Video Track No. 	
Recorded By 	

Photograph unavailable refer to Willingham, A. (1986) *Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study*, vol. 1, no.88

Heritage Status: CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER National Estate: Nominated ☐ Registered ☐ Historic Buildings Register Nominated ☐ Registered ☐ National Trust Register: ☐ Planning Scheme: ☐ Historical Archaeological Register : Other: A Willingham vol.1, 88 BHS Degree of Significance ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D	Condition of the fabric: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Ruinous ☐ Unexposed Integrity of the site: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Partially excavated ☐ Fully excavated	Present Threats: ☐ Human; mining ☐ Human; visitor erosion ☐ Human; vandalism ☐ Human; development ☐ Human; conservation/maintenance ☐ Human; stock ☐ Natural Forces; erosion ☐ Natural Forces; vegetation ☐ Not threatened
Significant Architectural Features:		
☐ Original Materials ☐ Original Chimneys ☐ Wall Decoration ☐ Verandah Structure ☐ Verandah Decoration ☐ Original Parapet ☐ other prominent elevations	Original Roof Original Openings Original Decoration Original Finish ☐ Early Garden ☐ Early Fence	