

PLACE NAME: 'ELCHO' HOMESTEAD

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF CORIO

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)**

STYLE OR PERIOD: Gothic Revival

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Unknown  
Reference:

BUILDER:  
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES  
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:  
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c 1867.  
Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS  
enlarged c 1872.

The timber tower canopy has been removed.

**ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)**

John Galletly, husband of Elizabeth Armytage.

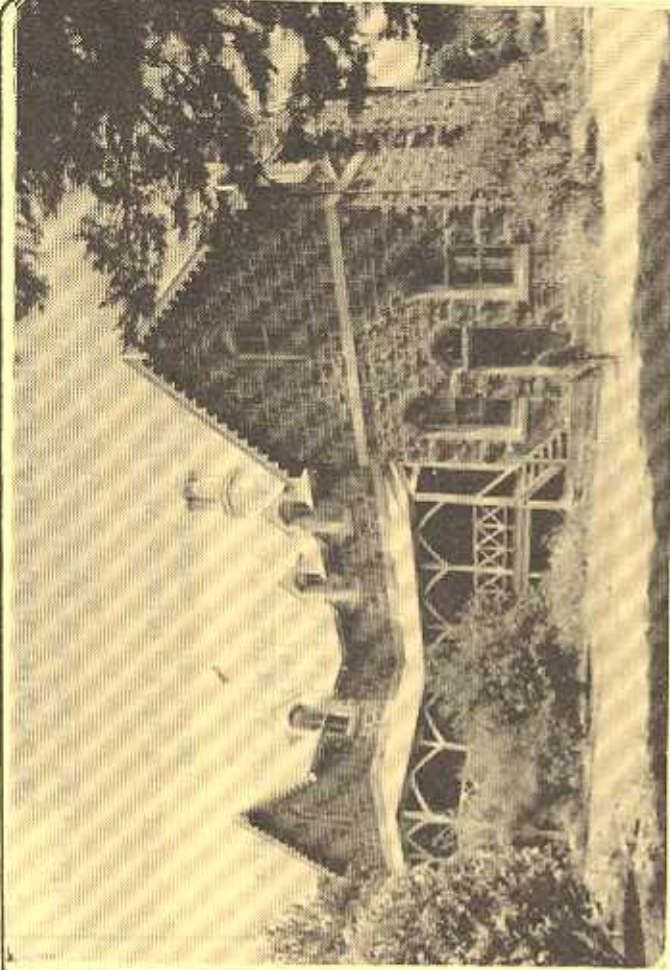
**SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS**

H.M. Sutherland & son John

after 1918 - Repatriation Department

1930-1971 - Senator J.F. Guthrie.

**OTHER NOTES** John Galletly was the former Geelong Branch Manager of the London Chartered Bank.



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission  
Register of National Estate

Historic Buildings Preservation Council  
Register No. ....283  
File No .....

National Trust of Aust. (Vic)  
Classified/~~Registered~~  
File No .....

Geelong Regional Commission  
Register No. ....16.....

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

PLACE NAME 'Elcho' Homestead

ADDRESS Elcho Road,  
Lara, 3212.

605 Baccus Marsh  
Lara.

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**TITLE INFORMATION**

MAP REFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT USE Residence.

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Pezidal Estate Pty., Ltd,  
ADDRESS Elcho Rd, Lara. TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Brownhill, W.R., History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke and Co., Melbourne, 1955, p. 348.

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 1277.  
"Notes on Elcho", by P.L. Brown, not dated.

Wynd, Ian., So Fine A Country: A History of the Shire of Corio, Shire of Corio, 1981,  
pp. 239-241 for general details of  
construction of 'Elecho' homestead.  
No architect has been identified.

Henderson, Alexander, Early Pioneer Families of Victoria and the Riverina, McCarron Bard, Melbourne, 1936,  
pp. 352-353.

CITATION

'Elcho' at Lara a two storey basalt structure was erected c 1867 and enlarged c 1872 for John Galletly, is one of the most unusual picturesque gothic revival style homesteads in Victoria. This property has notable connection with the Armytage family, Elizabeth Galletly being the daughter of the powerful Victorian pioneer George Armytage. Later owners included H.M. Repatriation Department who used the property to train returned servicemen in agricultural management. Senator J.F. Guthrie owned the property from 1930-71. The architect is unknown.

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  
Historic Buildings Council Register

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