

PLACE NAME: FORMER 'BELL PARK' VILLA
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: SHIRE OF CORIO

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque Victorian Gothic Revival.

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: John Young Architect (1853-54) & L. Shaw 1861 additions.
Reference: Geelong Advertiser 10 October 1853, 11 May 1854, 14 August 1854, 12 April 1861.

BUILDER:
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser 1 October 1853.
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1853/54
Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

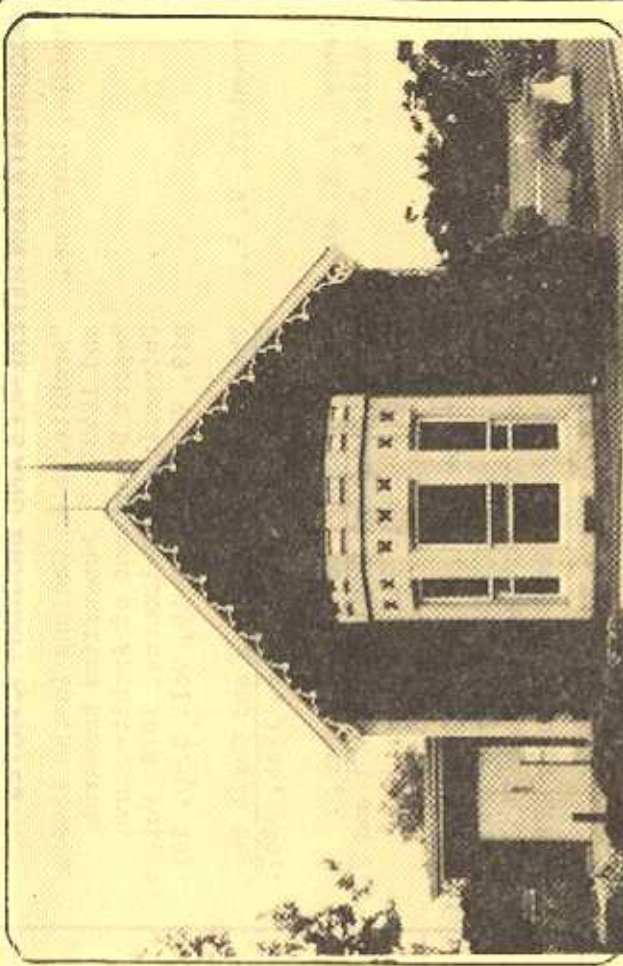
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

In 1861 Joseph Shaw Architect, called tenders for additions to 'Bell Park'. Only part of the original villa remains, one wing, which is considerably altered and used as a chapel.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

Mr and Mrs William Skene c. 1870's.
 Mr Alex Anderson of Skipton c. 1880,
 Mr and Mrs Mc Kellar c. 1920 with their two daughters
OTHER NOTES Ernestine and Catherine.
 The Chapel was retained after the main house was demolished c. 1945.



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. 154

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Former 'Bell Park' VILLA
ADDRESS: Grace Mc Kellar House, 45-96 Ballarat Road, North Geelong, 3215.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Shire of Corio.
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Chapel for Grace Mc Kellar House.
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Grace Mc Kellar House.
ADDRESS: 45-95 Ballarat Rd, NORTH GEELONG, 3215
TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

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CITATION

The Chapel of Grace Mc Kellar House is the only surviving wing of a once extensive rural residence Bell Park, erected in 1853-54 for John Bell to Picturesque Gothic Revival designs by Geelong Architect John Young. The Chapel wing which dates from 1861 was designed by J.L.Shaw to match the original gothic detailing of the first section of the homestead. John Bell, a pioneer Geelong Pastoralist most probably used this wing as a billiard room annex to his distinctive rural villa. The property later gave its name to the surrounding area and the chapel is a relic of the Bell family presence and influence in the region.

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

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