

PLACE NAME: 'ARMYTAGE HOUSE' (Formerly 'The Hermitage')
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Colonial Regency.

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Edward Prowse, architect,
 Reference: Geelong, Geelong Advertiser, 3rd May, 1858.

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 3rd May, 1858.
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1858/60
 Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

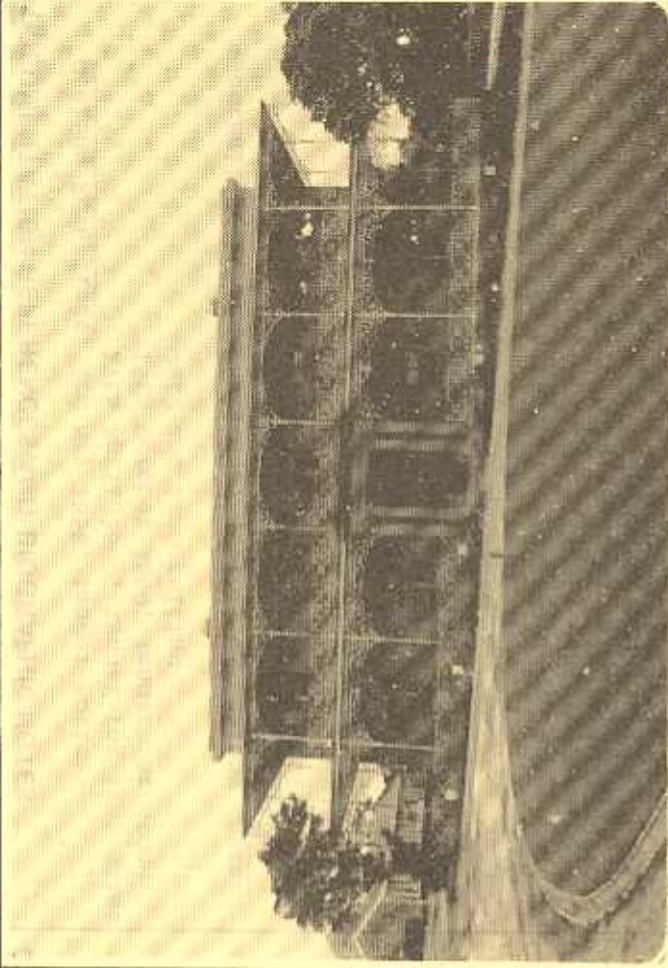
The fabric is largely intact although the parapet was removed in 1973 and the interior remodelled in many rooms to form council offices.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) George Armytage.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

Thomas Guthrie c 1874, ownership remained in Armytage family till 1905.

1905-1972-3, Church of England, Girls Grammar School.
OTHER NOTES The name 'The Hermitage' was the original name of the property of Geelong's police magistrate, N.A. Fenwick. It was renamed in 1973.



NEGATIVE FILE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Building Preservation Council Register No. 405 File No.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified File No. 1201	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 96

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Armytage House (Formerly 'The Hermitage')
 ADDRESS: 263 Pakington Street, Newtown, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Newtown.
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Council Chambers and Offices.
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Newtown City Council.
 ADDRESS: 263 Pakington Street, Newtown, 3220. TELEPHONE: 32200000

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

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CITATION

'Armytage House' formerly 'The Hermitage' a two storey
Barrabool freestone ashlar and basalt rubble mansion was
upon completion in 1860 one of the finest colonial
regency style mansion houses in Victoria. The Ionic
portico and exquisitely proportioned, encircling wrought
iron verandah is the most distinctive feature of this
mansion, which is undoubtedly Edward Prowse's most
impressive work. The mansion has considerable and
important historical associations, firstly with the
Armytage family, and finally with the Geelong C.E.G.G.S.
(1905-1973).

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.
Historic Buildings Council Register.
Australian Heritage Commission Register of the
National Estate.

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