

PLACE NAME: FORMER SWAN HOTEL (Originally the Pyanstown Inn)
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF BANNOCKBURN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Colonial Regency

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Alexander John Skene
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 19th September, 1842

BUILDER: Mr. Marr
 Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 16th November, 1843

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1842
 Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE £3000

Geelong Advertiser, 19th September, 1842

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

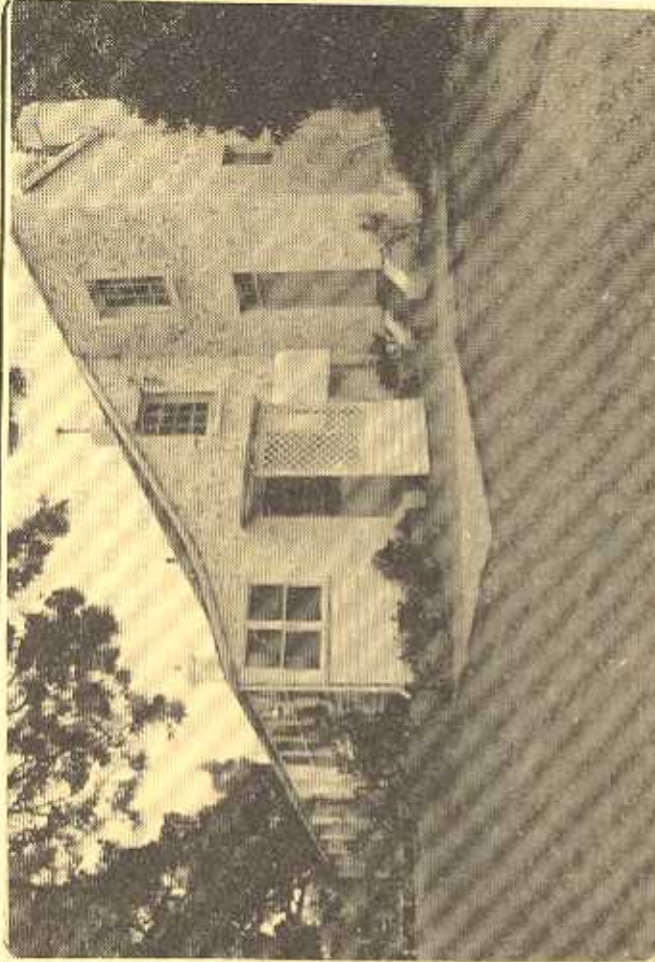
The attic dormer windows removed, date unknown.
 Shingle roof replaced with slate, 1856.
 Slate roof replaced with concrete tiles, date unknown.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) John Atkins

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

c 1850. Pyanstown house was the headquarters of the Mercer Brother of Dryden Estate.

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

☒ Australian Heritage Commission
 Register of National Estate
☒ National Trust of Aust. (Vic)
 Classified
 File No.1346
☒ Historic Buildings Preservation Council
 Register No.267
 File No.
☒ Geelong Regional Commission
 Register No.4

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Former Swan Hotel. Presently called "Riverside"
 ADDRESS 927 Hamilton Highway, Clanke Rd.
 Pyanstown, 3221.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Bannockburn
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE Property No
1775.15.

PRESENT USE Farmhouse
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Mrs. E. I. Synnot
 ADDRESS "Riverside", Pyanstown, 3221 (TELEPHONE 052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Willingham, Allan, Research notes on former Fyanstown Inn, 1971. Including details of construction in 1842/43 and court case between contractor Marr and Licencee John Atkins.

Geelong Advertiser,
19th September 1842-report of construction of new Inn at Fyanstown (later Fyansford).
24th October 1842
16th January 1843 - notice of opening of Inn
16th November 1843 - report of court case, including reference to A.J. Skene as supervising architect and contractor Marr
26th March 1856 - tenders for slating and plumbing new roof at Swan Hotel at Fyansford, Shaw and Dowden, Architects.

Geelong Historical Society. Investigator, February 1967.
Vol. 2, No. 1. p. 13.

Wynd, Ian, 'So Fine a Country, A History of Corio Shire', Draft Copy, to be published in late 1980.

CITATION

The former Fyanstown Inn on the Barwon River at Fyansford, later referred to as the Swan Hotel, was erected in 1842 and opened in January 1843. The contractor was Mr. Marr who built this Inn for licencee John Atkins. The former Fyanstown Inn near the important ford across the Barwon River is one of the oldest buildings in Victoria and of paramount importance to the history of settlement of Geelong and Western Victoria. The Colonial Regency style inn with attendant stone stables is a significant early work of pioneer architect/surveyor and later Victorian Survey-General A.J. Skene.

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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