

**Orwell Cottage, 221 Lennox St, Richmond, VIC, Australia**

**Photographs:**



**List:** Register of the National Estate

**Class:** Historic

**Legal Status:** [Registered](#) (21/03/1978)

**Place ID:** 5393

**Place File No:** 2/11/044/0004

**Statement of Significance:**

Orwell Cottage is of limited local historical importance as one of the oldest surviving timber houses in Richmond occupied for at least thirty years by Captain Valentine Wright and family. The cottage is of interest as an unusual Attic house constructed in the pre Gold Rush Colonial era and reflecting Regency traditions. The interior with timber dados, lining boards and restrained fireplace and joinery details is notable and well preserved this building has not been adequately and reliably documented and no specific and authoritative references can be cited.

(The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.)

**Official Values:** Not Available

**Description:**

Orwell Cottage at 221 Lennox Street, Richmond, is a single storey attic house constructed of timber, lined with weatherboards and enhanced with a timber verandah, French windows and narrow attic dormer windows in the style of a Regency cottage. The building was allegedly erected in 1848 and certainly was standing in 1855, the identity of the original occupant/owner not being established. Captain Valentine Wright later occupied the premises.

**History:** Not Available

**Condition and Integrity:**

Orwell Cottage has been sympathetically modified and the original character, joinery and fixtures are intact. The building has been inappropriately painted externally.

**Location:**

221 Lennox Street, Richmond.

**Bibliography:** Not Available