

# CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS *225 Church Street*

Type *School*

Original Use *residence*

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE *Clonard*

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR

*GBR*

NER

GRPS

NATIONAL TRUST

Reg.No.

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*125*

Classified

Recorded

CONSERVATION AREA No. *N.A.*

Name

*N.A.*

Survey Date *17-4-86*

Neg. File *031-029*

PERIOD

pre 1860

1860 - 1879

1880 - 1899

1900 - 1919

1920 - 1939

post 1940



MATERIALS

walls

*brick & stucco*

roof

*corrugated iron*

CONSTRUCTION DATE

*1855*

source

*G.A. tender notice 30-8-1855*

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish (*brickwork*)

ornamental wall detailing

original doors, windows, hoods

intact verandah / porch structure

original parapet

original roof form and finish

original chimneys

eaves, roof or gable decoration

intact verandah decoration

early fence

early garden (*mature trees*)

other prominent contributing elevations




INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

good

fair

poor

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## HISTORY

'Clonard' was built in 1855-6 for Dr. Forster Shaw who purchased the land from James Paterson, a speculator and storekeeper of Clarence Street, Kildare. The architect was J.L.Shaw, a brother of Dr.Shaw. Apparently Dr. F. Shaw did not live at 'Clonard' and owned it for only a few years. It was subsequently purchased by Captain Volum. Occupiers and/or owners of the building have included, Charles L. Swanston (squatter and merchant), Mrs. Barbara Logan (squatter's widow), James Hill (proprietor of large ironmongery business and member of the Geelong Harbor Trust), Harry Bechervaise (secretary of Cheetham Salt), Bernard Murphy (builder) and the current owners and occupiers, Brigidine Community. The former home has been extensively altered for use a school administration building.

## DESCRIPTION

'Clonard' is an asymmetrical two storey red brick building with rendered quoining and window mouldings. A pair of bay windows complement the east facade. The building was executed in the Victorian Italianate style by the architect J.L.Shaw the brother of Dr F. Shaw. Alterations to this building have been extensive. Some of these alterations are outlined in the notes by Mrs. Ruth Hill which are attached.

## SIGNIFICANCE

'Clonard' is significant as one of few large villas in Geelong West dating from the early stage of development, and is notable for its association with one of Geelong's earliest medical practitioners. It was the founding site for the Brigidine Convent and it is still used by the Brigidine Community for the girl's secondary school called 'Clonard'. *It is of regional significance.*

## POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

National Estate Register, G.R.P.S.

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