

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: PREFABRICATED TIMBER COTTAGE  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG WEST

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque Victorian Cottage

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Not known but possibly  
 Reference: manufactured in Hamburg.  
 Geelong Advertiser, 11 July 1854.

BUILDER: The origin of this prefabricated cottage  
 Reference: is not known, but it may be one of a large  
 number imported to Geelong by Merchant,  
 Frederick Bauer in 1853 and 1854.

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES  
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Not recorded.  
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: c 1853-1854.  
 Reference: Map 'Geelong County of Grant' 1854.

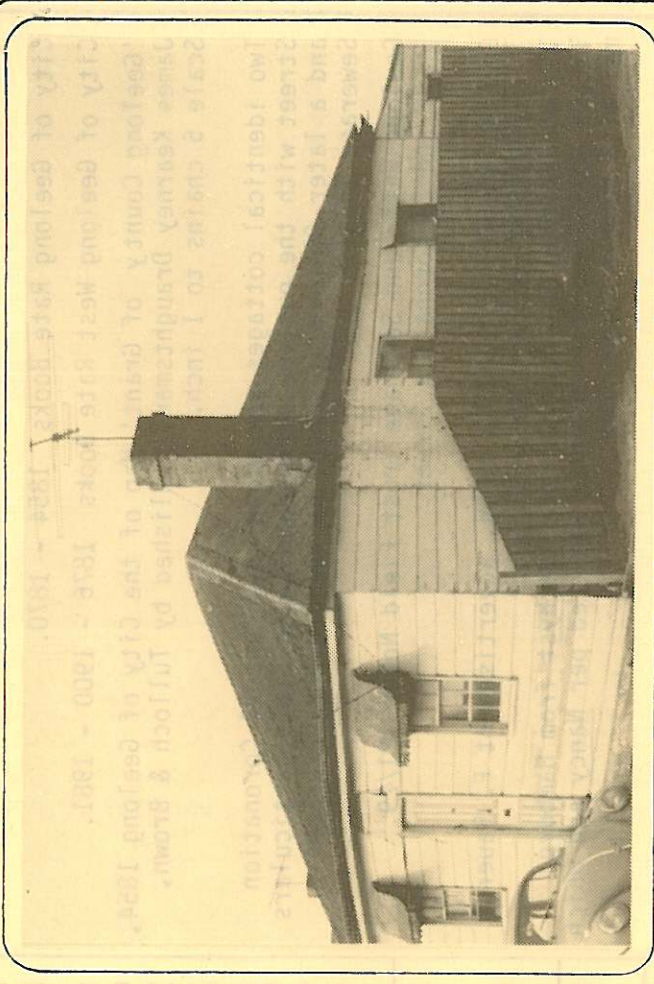
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE: Not known.  
 The rates (N.A.V.) for 1854 were £10.

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS  
 A timber skillion was erected as a rear addition to the  
 1853, 4-room cottage after 1870 and prior to 1876.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S): J.A. Robins occupant.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS  
 The building remained in the ownership of the Webster  
 family from 1870-1916.

OTHER NOTES: A complete rate book survey has been  
 undertaken from 1854 - 1981.



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. 149

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Prefabricated Timber Cottage  
 ADDRESS: 22 Coronation Street, Geelong West.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong West

TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE  
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: Far Coolins Pty Ltd  
 ADDRESS: 174 High St, Belmont. 3215 TELEPHONE

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**DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES**

City of Geelong Rate Books 1854 - 1870.  
 City of Geelong West Rate Books 1876 - 1900 - 1981.  
 'Geelong County of Grant' Map of the City of Geelong 1854,  
 James Kearney Draughtsman, published by Tulloch & Brown,  
 Scale 5 chains to 1 inch.  
 Two identical cottages are shown at 22 and 24 Coronation  
 Street with the outline corresponding to Title particulars  
 and a later field note survey by the Geelong Water and  
 Sewerage Trust.  
 Geelong Water and Sewerage Trust Field Notes 121/29.  
 22 and 24 Coronation Street.

Geelong Advertiser 11 July, 1854, advertisement F. Bauer,  
 'FOUR ROOM WOODEN HOUSES FOR SALE'  
 The undersigned has received per Amethyst from Hamburg  
 TWELVE HOUSES similar to those imported per Nancy and which  
 met with such a ready sale....'

For a general discussion on prefabricated buildings, see  
 Gilbert Herbert, Pioneers of Prefabrication, Baltimore, 1976.  
 Miles Lewis, 'The Diagnosis of Prefabricated Buildings'  
 Australian Society for Historical  
 Archaeology, Melbourne, May, 1985.

**CITATION** The prefabricated 4-room weatherboard clad  
 cottage at 22 Coronation Street is one of a number of  
 portable buildings imported to Geelong in the period  
 1853-1856 to meet accommodation exigencies during the  
 Victorian gold rushes. The picturesque style cottage was  
 most probably imported by Frederick Bauer, a Geelong  
 entrepreneur and portable house merchant from Hamburg.  
 The construction system is of great technological interest  
 and the cottage is one of a building type best represented  
 in Geelong. The prefabricated cottage dates from 1854 and  
 has strong historical links with the early development  
 of Geelong.

**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**  
 Historic Buildings Council Register  
 National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register  
 Australian Heritage Commission Register of the  
 National Estate  
 Geelong Regional Commission Register

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