

PLACE NAME: 'ST. ALBANS' HOMESTEAD

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: SHIRE OF BELLARINE

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Victorian Eclecticism

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: James Thomas Conlon,
Reference: 56 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

BUILDER: Geelong Advertiser, 23rd January, 1873
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference: Cast iron verandah posts and lacework by
Humble and Co., Foundry, Geelong.

Laundry Gabling Mark.

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 23rd January, 1873
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1873
Reference:

Geelong Advertiser, 23rd January, 1873
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS.

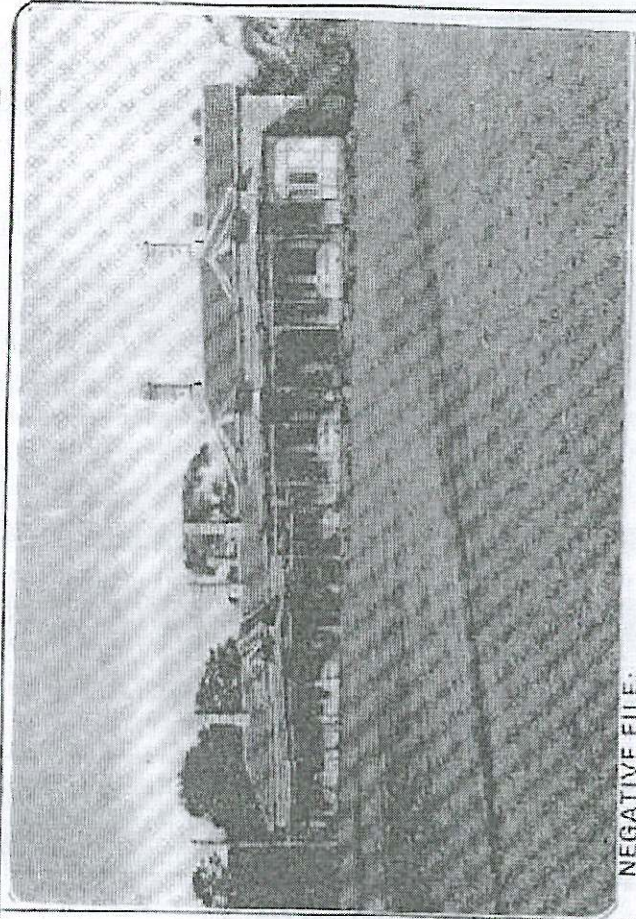
1875 - Brick additions, J.T. Conlon - Architect
1878 - Alterations and additions, Conlon and Salway,
Architects.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S): James Wilson

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

1886 - John Crozier 1910 - A.W. Jones
1890 - W.F. Wilson 1926 - Raymond and Ranken

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate

Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.

National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No.

Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 278

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: 'St. Albans' Homestead,
ADDRESS: ~~St Albans Road~~, 6130 Homestead Dr
Melbourne, 3219

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Shire of Bellarine
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Residence under restoration
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: P.C.O.
ADDRESS

TELEPHONE (052)

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Brownhill, W.R., History of Geelong and Corio Bay,
Wilke & Co., Ltd., Melbourne, 1955.
pp. 327, 377, 415, 477, 487, 523-526,
536, 547.

Geelong Advertiser, 23rd January, 1973, tenders for brick
villa.

27th June, 1875, tenders for additions
1st July, 1875, tenders for additions
28th February, 1878, tenders for
alterations and additions
15th June, 1878, tenders for outbuildings
and chimney shaft
Willingham Index.

The Australasian, 6th April, 1895, article about the stud
including a photograph.

Jones, H.G., "A Brief History of St. Albans Estate"
Letter to present owners, 1977.
R.G. Jones is the son of the late
A.W. Jones. Address: 31 Egmont Terrace,
Bawthorn, Adelaide, 5062.

Sutherland, A., Victoria and Its Metropolis, Past and Present
Vols. I & II, McCarron, Bird & Co.,
Melbourne, 1888. Vol. II, p. 152 -
biographic sketch of John Crozier.
Vol. II p. 158 - reference to the
"renowned training stables of James
Wilson".

n.a.
The Leading Stud of Australia, List.
Geo A. & Sons, Geelong 1939. pp. 25-28
History of Stud Animals.
Copy available for viewing at the
Geelong Historical Records Centre.
Owners: D.S. Judd & H. Hunter,
St. Albans Homestead, Wilsons Rd., Whittington. 3219.

CITATION
'St. Albans' homestead at Whittington, a single storey 30
room brick mansion was erected in 1873 for noted race horse
breeder and trainer James Wilson. Melbourne architect
James I. Conlon designed the extensive homestead in the
fashionable polychromatic mode with an elaborate cast iron
verandah by Geelong foundrymen Humble and Co.
'St. Albans' is a most distinctive work of J.T. Conlon and
of significance as one of the leading horse racing studs in
Australia in the later 19th Century. Many Melbourne cup
runners were trained on the 'St. Albans' track. The derelict
gatehouse is also of interest.

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
National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register

DOCUMENTATION

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