

# CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS *Bendigo Street, rear 148*  
*148 Aberdeen Street*

Type *residence?* Original Use *residence*

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR

GBR

NER

GRPS

NATIONAL TRUST

Classified

Recorded

Reg.No.

*634*

CONSERVATION AREA

Name

*Ashby*

Survey Date

*23.6.86*

Neg. File

*027.010*

IOD

pre 1860

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1860 - 1879

☐

1880 - 1899

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1900 - 1919

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1920 - 1939

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post 1940

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MATERIALS

walls *brick*

roof *slate*

CONSTRUCTION DATE

*c. 1855*

source

*rate books*

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

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early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish *(part of N wall only)*

☒

ornamental wall detailing *(bwork above openings)*

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original doors, windows, hoods *(some)*

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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

☐

other prominent contributing elevations

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INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

☐

good

☒

fair

☐

poor

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## BUILDING ADDRESS

BENDIGO STREET, CORNER OF ABERDEEN.

## HISTORY

William Annear, a carpenter and joiner, was the first recorded owner of this house. When erected c.1855 it was described as a four roomed brick building with a stable, off Aberdeen Street. In 1860-61 it was described as a two storey, brick building with a stable, located on the west side of Bendigo Street. For some years it was possibly the only two storey building between the Argyle Hotel and the residence formerly known as 'Tamar'. (Now known as 'Wimmera'.)

## DESCRIPTION

Situated on the eastern boundary of the block, this two storey brick building has a gabled, slate covered roof. It has a simple rectangular form and symmetrically placed openings in the front elevation. The centrally placed doorway is round arched and deeply recessed. There is a semi-circular fixed-light above the door and it is accented by the voussoirs of the round arch. Either side of the doorway are rectangular openings for the twelve pane sash windows. On the upper floor are three more identical windows placed directly above the three ground floor openings. Each of the windows has flat arched voussoirs and a stone sill. Alterations have included replacement upstairs of the twelve-light windows with two lights only, and the brickwork has been painted. The brickwork at the north end has been keyed to allow for an extension to be added. The style is more common in Tasmania than in Victoria.

## SIGNIFICANCE

The simple Georgian style of this two storey building in Bendigo Street is unique in Geelong. This style was rarely used in Victoria and is more often associated with the early nineteenth century buildings of Tasmania. The front facade abuts the street boundary and it is the only two storey residence in Geelong West to indicate its 1850's origins in this manner. It is of State significance.

## POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

Historic Buildings Register, National Estate Register, Geelong Regional Planning Scheme.

Removal of the paint from the brickwork, by an approved method, and reinstatement of twelve-light windows upstairs, would greatly enhance the character of this building.

## REFERENCES

Kardinia Ward Rate Book 1855-6,  
Villamanta Ward Rate Book 1860-1.  
Villamanta Ward Valuation Book 1860-1.