

# HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission

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PLACE NAME: "THE HEIGHTS"

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

## ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Industrialised Portable Building with later Victorian Eclectic Alterations.

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Unknown.

Reference:

BUILDER: Held to be imported from Hamburg by Frederick Bauer of Geelong.

Reference: National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

## PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference:

## TENDER NOTICE:

Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1855

Reference: National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

## ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

## SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

The stables and water tower were erected soon after the house possibly designed by J.L. Shaw. The billiard room was an addition of 1875 and the dovecote in late 19th century. The original 14 room house has been considerably extended and the interior modified.

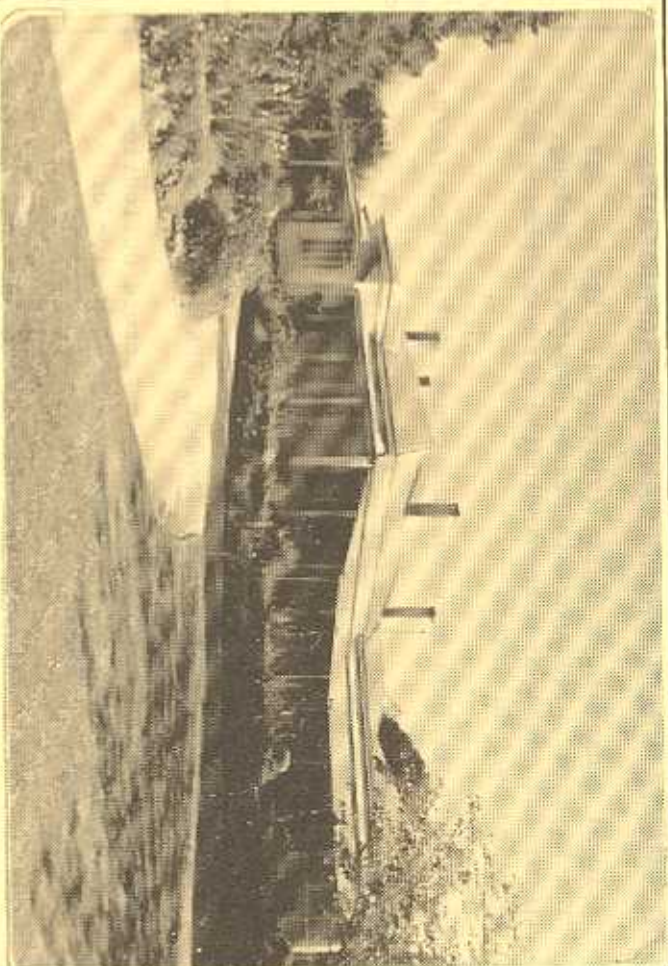
## ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

Charles Ibbotson, Geelong woolbroker and merchant.

## SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

Minna, daughter of Charles Ibbotson, who married Louis A. Whyte, son of Charles J. Whyte of "Meltham". Louis M. Whyte who married Ella L. Wyatt of "Merchiston OTHER NOTES Hall".

Charles Ibbotson was a partner in the Geelong firm of Dalgety, Ibbotson and Co.



## NEGATIVE FILE:

☒ Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate

☒ Historic Building Preservation Council Register No. .... File No. N/5/2...

☒ National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified. 803 File No. ....

☒ Geelong Regional Commission Register No. .... 157

## IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME "The Heights" ADDRESS 140 Aphrasia Street, corner of Ruthven Street, Newtown 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown TITLE INFORMATION Volume 9209, Folio 297

## MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE National Trust of Australia (Victoria) ADDRESS Tasma Terrace, Parliament Place, Melbourne 3002 TELEPHONE (03) 654471



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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 803,  
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Smith, James (3d.), The Cyclopaedia of Victoria, 3 volumes,  
The Cyclopaedia Co., Melbourne, 1903, Vol. 2, pp. 439-440.  
Biography of Louis Australia Whyte.

Geelong Advertiser, 24 September, 1862, tender notice for  
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contains a copy of the sale by Tender notice of  
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Hartwell, R.M., 'Dalgety, Frederick Gommman (1817-1894)', in  
Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 4,  
Pike, Douglas (Ed.) Melbourne University Press, 1972,  
pp. 4-5. The above was the partner to Charles Ibbotson.

Huddle, Lorraine, 'The Heights, Newtown' Conservation  
Analysis for the National Trust of  
Australia Victoria, 1985. For a  
detailed history of the buildings  
Complex.

CITATION "The Heights" is a superbly sited homestead

complex, originally built in a rural setting to command  
spectacular views over the Barwon River and the distant  
Corio Bay. The property is of considerable historical  
importance having gradually evolved since 1855 under the  
direction of noted Geelong merchant and benefactor, Charles  
Ibbotson, and his direct descendants, daughter Minna and  
grandson Louis K. Whyte. The earliest timber structure is  
of significance to the history of building technology.

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.

SIGNIFICANCE

☐ LOCAL ☐ REGIONAL ☒ STATE ☐ NATIONAL ☐ WORLD

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT ☐ GOOD ☐ FAIR ☐ DETERIORATED ☐ RUINS

INTEGRITY

☒ HIGH ☐ LOW ☐ ALTERED ☐ DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

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SIGNATURE..... DATE.....