

PLACE NAME: EASTERN CEMETERY GATEHOUSE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

Geelong Regional Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque Gothic.

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Thomas Watts  
Reference: National Trust File 2018.

BUILDER:  
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES  
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:  
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1874.  
Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

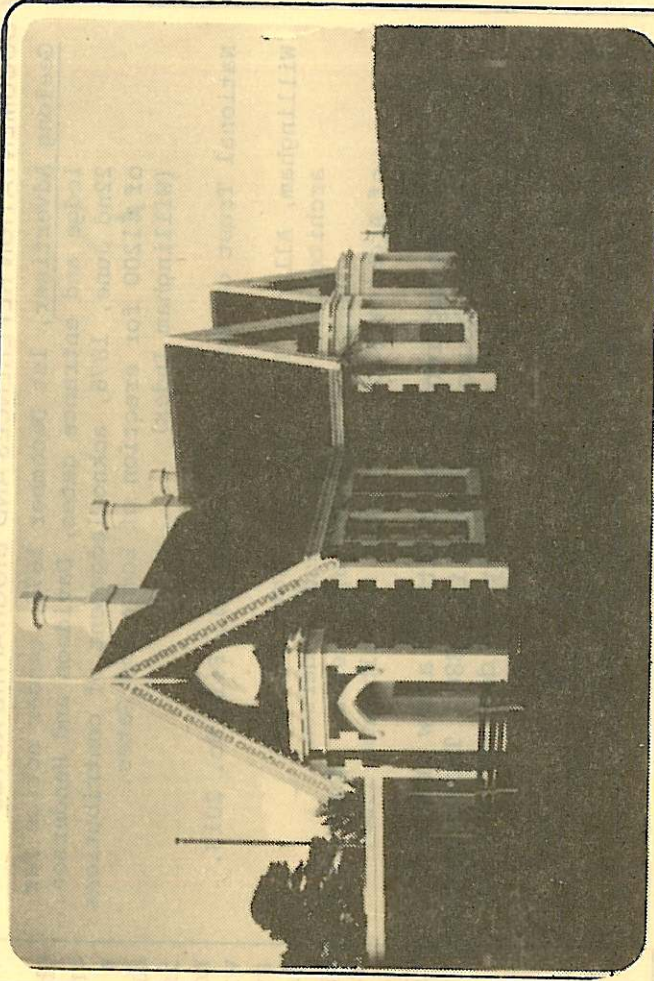
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

A flat roof brick extension on the northern side was later erected. (c 1970)

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)  
Geelong Cemetery Trustees.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate  
 National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Registered File No. 2018  
 Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. ....  
File No. ....  
 Geelong Regional Commission Register No. ....193.....

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Eastern Cemetery Gatehouse,  
ADDRESS Ormond Road,  
East Geelong, 3219.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Geelong.  
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE  
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Eastern Cemetery Trustees.  
ADDRESS Ormond Road,  
East Geelong. TELEPHONE (052)



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**DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES**

Geelong Advertiser, 1st December 1873, tender notice for Lodge and entrance gates, Davidson and Henderson. 22nd June, 1876, acknowledgement of contributions of £1200 for erection of Lodge and Gates. (Willingham Index)

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 2018.

Willingham, Allan, 'Two Scots in Victoria, the architecture of Davidson and Henderson', Master of Architecture thesis. Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne 1983.

This Lodge was apparently not built and a new proposal for a lodge/gate house was mooted in c1880. Thomas Watts, a Melbourne Architect, is reputedly the designer of this building.

See National Trust of Australia (Victoria) file, including research notes by Lorraine Huddle.

**CITATION**

The single storey brick and stone Gatehouse at the Southern entrance to the Eastern Cemetery in Geelong was erected in c 1830 from designs prepared by prominent Melbourne Architect, Thomas Watts. This picturesque Gothic gatehouse is derived from English Tudor gothic traditions, the most notable features being the castellated arched porch and bay windows, unusually decorated cast iron gables, tall chimneys, steep pitched roof and tri-cusped gable insets. The Eastern Cemetery gate lodge is a distinctive work of Watts, appropriately designed in the popular Victorian Gothic revival tradition, and one of the finest cemetery gate lodge buildings in Victoria.

**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.

**DOCUMENTATION -**

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**SIGNATURE**.....

**DATE**.....



STORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Burial Reserve - Colonial period  
ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Lands Department Surveyors  
Reference: Lands Department records.

BUILDER:  
Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES  
Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:  
Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1838, 1847, 1849  
Reference: Victorian Government Gazette 1876

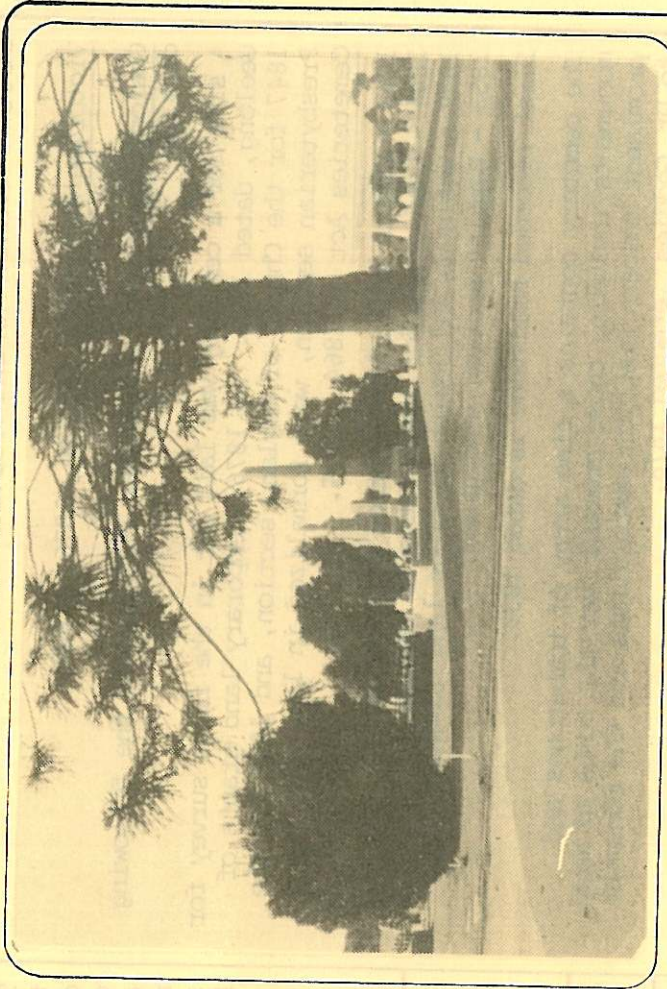
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS  
The Geelong Cemetery has been progressively developed since 1847

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SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES



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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. 119

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: Geelong Cemetery  
ADDRESS: Ormond Road, East Geelong

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Cemetery Trustees

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE ADDRESS: P.O. Box 264, Geelong, 3220.

TELEPHONE



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Victorian Government Gazette, 1876, p.608.

Geelong Advertiser, 3 November 1934 records the following details.

A site for a cemetery was laid out in the first survey for Geelong, dated 1838. In 1876, temporary land grants of 1847 for the Church of England section, and 1849 for the Presbyterian section, were formalized in line with the Cemeteries Act of 1864. V.G.G.

1843 - Church of England Section consecrated  
 1844 - Land grant for Roman Catholic section.  
 1849 - Wesleyan and Jewish sections land grants.  
 1853 - Baptist section land grant.  
 First recorded headstone is dated 1839.

The cemetery contains a fine array of tombstones and monuments including those erected over the tombs of many prominent Western District pastoralists and the monument to Dr. Cottias erected 1878.

A number of significant structures including the Gatehouse are separately recorded.

See the Cemetery Trustees records for details.

**CITATION**

The Eastern Cemetery is of local historical significance for the associations with past residents and settlers of the district, the genealogical and other biographical data contained on the surviving headstones and tomb structures, and of architectural interest for the items of monumental masonry which mark the burial place of prominent local residents.  
 Many of the gravestones are by local monumental sculptors, including the work of Clement Nash, Nathaniel Brown and Samuel Brain and are of aesthetic merit.  
 The Eastern Cemetery is a local landmark.

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DOCUMENTATION - Geelong Regional Commission, Cnr. Fenwick & Lt. Malop Sts., Geelong SIGNATURE..... DATE.....