

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

PLACE NAME: JAMES HARRISON PLAQUE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

Geelong Regional Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Historic Plaque - (20th Century)

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Victorian chamber of

Reference: Manufacturers and Vic. Institute of Refrigeration (inscription)

BUILDER:

Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES

Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:

Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1956

Reference: Inscription

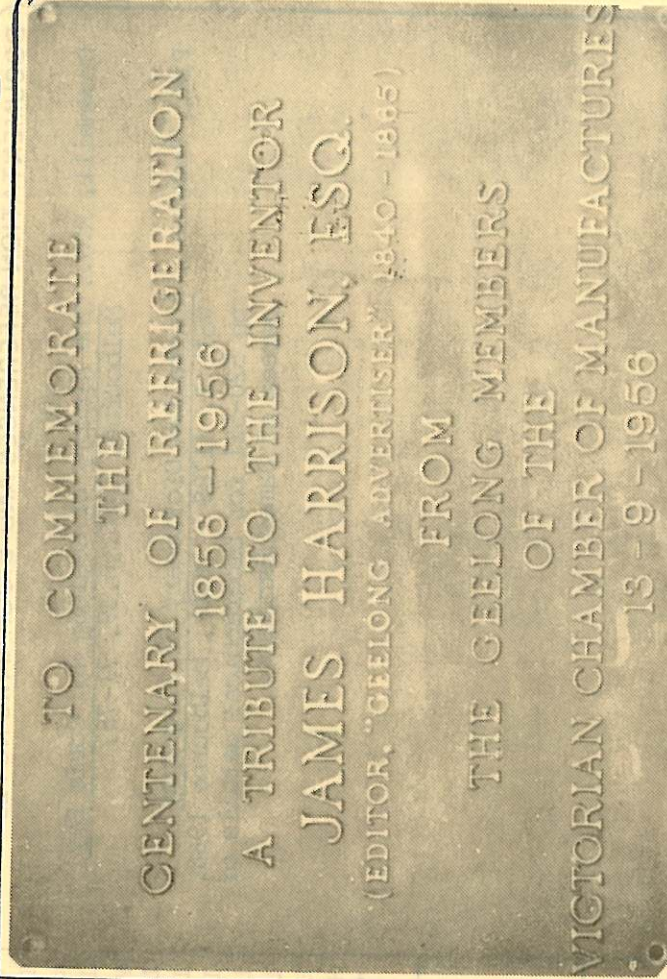
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

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Australian Heritage Commission
Register of National Estate

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Historic Buildings Preservation Council
Register No.
File No.

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

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Geelong Regional Commission
Register No. 155

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME

ADDRESS

James Harrison Plaque
Geelong Advertiser Building
Ryrie Street, GEELONG

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

City of Geelong

TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE

PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE

ADDRESS

Geelong Advertiser Pty, Ltd.

Ryrie Street, GEELONG 3220 TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

Brownhill, R.W., The History of Geelong and Corio Bay
Melbourne, 1955. p.39, 71-75.

Pike, Douglas., Australian Dictionary of Biography
Vol. 1. (1788 - 1850), Melbourne 1966.
pp 520-521 for biographical details of
career of James Harrison.

CITATION

The plaque stands close to the spot where he built his ice making factory, the first in Australia, when it opened in 1859. J.Harrison (1816-1893) was born in Scotland but spent 28 years in Geelong. He was the first man in the world to sell large scale commercial refrigeration machines to industry. By 1855 he had built a colonial prototype in Geelong. On Feb. 19, 1859, he opened the nation's first iceworks in Geelong. He later built two other factories in Melbourne and Sydney. In 1873 he made the first attempt to ship frozen meat to England. The venture failed because of a defective pump. He was a printer by trade, the founding editor of the "Geelong Advertiser". He is buried in the Western Cemetery.

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

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SIGNATURE DATE