

CITY OF GEELONG WEST

URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS: *Church Street cur.
Weddell Street*

Type
memorial

Original Use
memorial

PRESENT BUILDING TITLE *Archibald Memorial*

EXISTING
DESIGNATION

HBR

GBR

NER

GRPS

NATIONAL TRUST

Classified

Recorded

Reg.No.

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CONSERVATION AREA
No. *N.A.*

Name

N.A.

Survey Date *8.7.86*

Neg. File *051-009*

PERIOD

pre 1860

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1860 - 1879

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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 *N.A.*

roof *N.A.*

CONSTRUCTION DATE. *1960*

source *Willingham*

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

original materials

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early paint colour scheme or original unpainted finish

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ornamental wall detailing

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original doors, windows, hoods

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intact verandah / porch structure

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original parapet

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original roof form and finish

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original chimneys

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eaves, roof or gable decoration

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intact verandah decoration

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early fence

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early garden

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other prominent contributing elevations

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INTEGRITY RATING

excellent

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good

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fair

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poor

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CHURCH STREET, ARCHIBALD MEMORIAL

HISTORY

Jules Francois Archibald was born at the location now known as the corner of Church Street and Weddell Road, Geelong West. This plaque was erected by subscription under the auspices of the Australian Journalists Association. J.F. Archibald was the son of Police Sergeant Joseph Archibald of Kildare 1856-7. He was baptised as John Feltham but it was later changed to Jules Francois. He lived only a short time in Geelong. He was the founder of the Bulletin in 1880. The Archibald Fountain in Sydney, the Archibald Prize for portrait painting, and the Australian Journalists Association Benevolent Fund are also established in memory of this great Australian writer, and as a consequence of generous bequests in his will.

DESCRIPTION

The memorial consists of a quarry faced stone base with a bronze plaque set on top. The plaque inscription reads, "This memorial marks the site of the birthplace of Jules Feltham (Francois Archibald) January 14, 1856 - September 10, 1919. Famous Journalist and Editor, and generous friend of Australian Writers and Artists. Erected by the Australian Journalists' Association 1960."

SIGNIFICANCE

The J.F. Archibald Memorial marks the birthplace of one of Australia's most accomplished and dedicated journalists and a generous benefactor to the community.
It is of regional significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

REFERENCES

A. Willingham, 'Historic Places Documentation Sheet' No. 92. GRC.
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