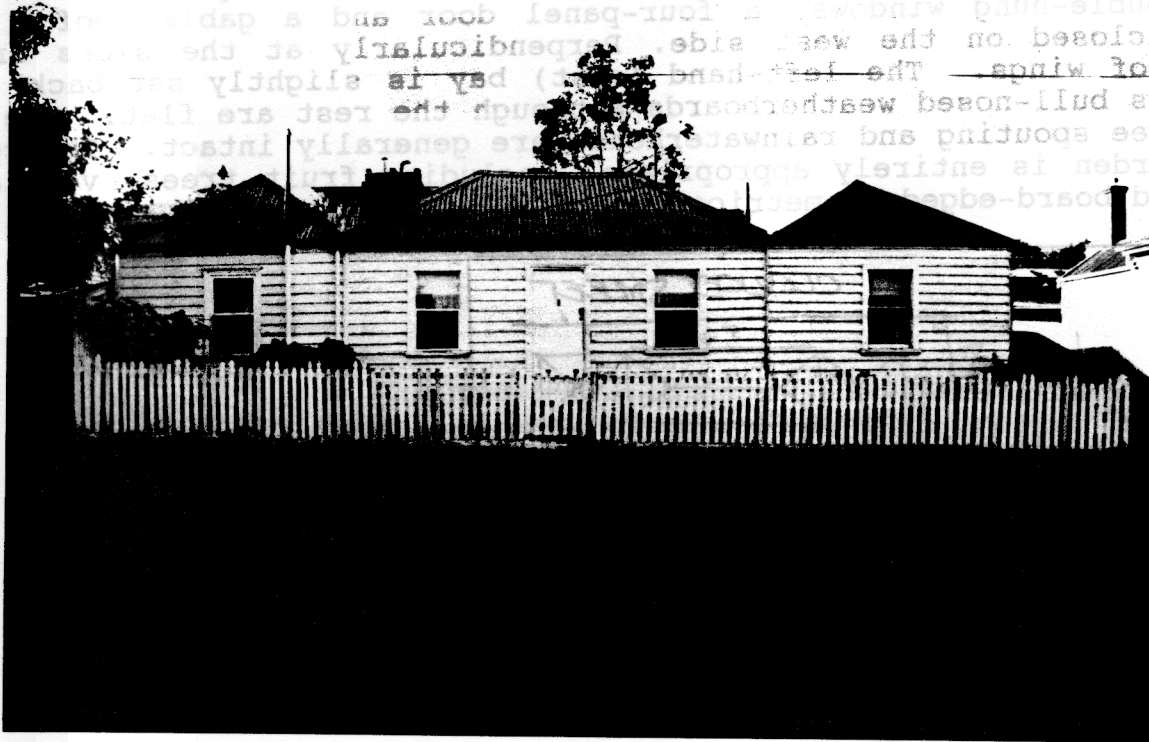


PLACE NAME  
ADDRESS  
AREA

50 Clarke Street  
DATE/PERSON 12.5/RP

LEVEL: B

NEG: 2.13, 2.15



**DATES** Construction: c1859  
**USE** Present Use: Residential  
Original Use: House  
Alterations?: (1940s?) windows & doors facing Clarke Street.

**FORM** Detached  
Single storey  
4 fronted

**STYLE** Early

**DESCRIPTION** (I = Intact A = Altered \* = significant)  
**ROOF** I Corr. Iron  
**WALLS** I Timber  
**\*ROOF FORM** Decoration  
I Chimneys  
\* Eaves decoration, spouting & rwh

**PORCH** I Form  
**FENESTRATION** (rear only) I Doors  
I Windows  
**FINISHES**

**INTERIOR**  
**GARDEN & SETTING** \*\* Garden form  
I Fences & gates (recent, sympathetic)  
**OTHER COMMENTS**

**CONDITION & INTEGRITY** Condition: Fair  
Integrity: Minor modif.  
**THREATS** Deterioration

when Mrs Roberts was the owner still, the Clarke Street property was given a single rate book entry and was listed as a wooden cottage, NAV nine pounds, occupied by Susan Thorne<sup>84</sup>.

Susan Thorne became the owner/occupier from 1888<sup>85</sup> until 1917<sup>86</sup>. During that period the numbering of the house changed from 58 to 50 Clarke Street. It remained in the hands of the Thorne family at least for another couple of decades. In 1919 Florence and May Harriet Thorne, spinsters, became owners/occupiers<sup>87</sup> and were there still in 1925 together with Annie E. Thorne<sup>88</sup>. By 1935 Annie E. and May Harriet Thorne were the owners<sup>89</sup>.

### SIGNIFICANCE

50 Clarke Street - This artisan's cottage of the 1850s or earlier has regional historical significance as an early example of workers' housing and originally was the home of Ellis Roberts, tailor. This was a trade of particular importance in colonial Newtown. Later, in the 1880s, the cottage was associated with another Newtown artisan, Thomas Thorne, saddler. This trade was important in the early history of transport in Geelong when carriages, buggies and other horse-drawn vehicles were common. It has architectural significance to Newtown as a particularly intact early cottage illustrating its development with various additions and alterations clearly visible. It also retains, apparently intact, its cottage vegetable and flower garden context, rare surviving evidence of the early settlement pattern of Newtown.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

Existing Listings      NONE

Recommend'ns          RNE                  LPS  
   Place

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84. Newtown rate book 1887-88 No 202. Susan may have been Thomas' wife, widow or daughter.

85. Ibid 1888-89 No 202.

86. Ibid 1917-18 No 356.

87. Ibid 1919-20 No 366.

88. Ibid 1925 No 324.

89. Ibid 1935 No 335.