

PLACE NAME: 'BARWON GRANGE'
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Picturesque Victorian Gothic Villa

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Not known.
 Reference:

BUILDER:
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1856.
 Reference: City of Newtown, Rate Books, 1854-1871.
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

A detached kitchen building was added in 1871 and has since been demolished. 'Barwon Grange' has been meticulously restored by the National Trust of Australia.

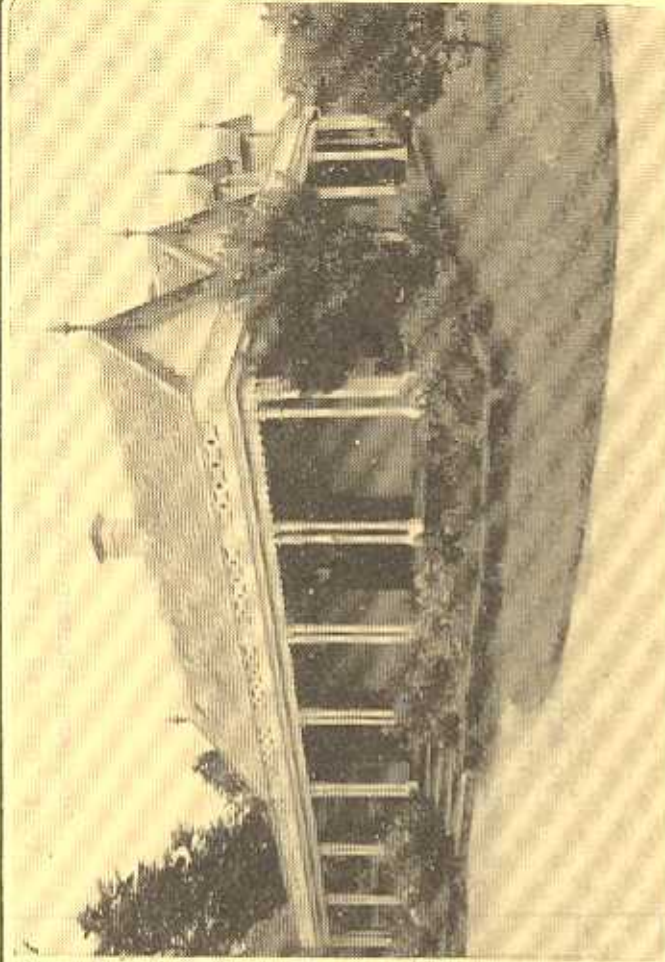
ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S)

Jonathan Porter O'Brien (merchant).

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

J.H. Mercer (son of George Mercer of 'Dryden'), S.V. Buckland (Partner in Taylor, Buckland and Gates, Solicitors), V.W. Giblin (bank manager), W.S. McCormick

OTHER NOTES John Haines, Henry Elms. J.P. O'Brien was a merchant shipowner. John Haines was a squatter at Mainre, Colac. Henry Elms was a Hotel Owner who built the Theatre Royal.



NEGATIVE FILE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified File No. 1061	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 108

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME 'Barwon Grange'
ADDRESS 25 Fernleigh Street, Chilwell, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown
TITLE INFORMATION Vol. 8864, Folio 823,
 Allotment 2, Section 4, Parish of Moorparanyal.

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Historical Exhibition.

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

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No. 1061 including 'Notes on Barwon Grange, Newtown, Geelong'.

City of Newtown Rate Book, 1854-1871.

Geelong Advertiser, 15th July, 1865, For Sale by Auction. 21st April, 1870, For Sale notice.

2nd November, 1885, Tender notice for entrance gates and alterations and additions for James Chadwick, called by Joseph Watts, architect.

19th January, 1886, Tender notice for office buildings for J. Chadwick, called by Joseph Watts, architect.

Huddle, Lorraine, 'Architects in Geelong in the 1840's and 1850's'. Humanities Research Report, Department of Architecture, University of Melbourne, 1979, 3 Volumes.

CITATION

'Barwon Grange', erected in 1856 for merchant J.P. O'Brien, is a notable early Victorian villa designed in the appropriate and characteristic picturesque gothic mode of the 1850's. The brick house is important for its decorative roofline with fretted gable barge boards, wooden finials and attic dormers. Elegant fenestration and joinery, and a most unusual timber verandah which incorporates a decorative balustrade above the roofline over an ornamental valence and coupled posts, establish the original and distinguished nature of this design. The architect for this villa is unknown. Davidson and Henderson designed the kitchen out-buildings in 1871 and Joseph Watts designed the entrance gates in 1885 for James Chadwick.

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.

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North Fitzroy. 3068. Tel: 03 489 8492.

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