

PLACE NAME: 'CLAREMONT'  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF NEWTOWN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Italianate.  
ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Andrew McWilliams, architect, Engineer.  
Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 27th March, 1858

BUILDER: Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Geelong Advertiser, 27th March, 1858 for plumbing and plastering.

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1857-58  
Reference:

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

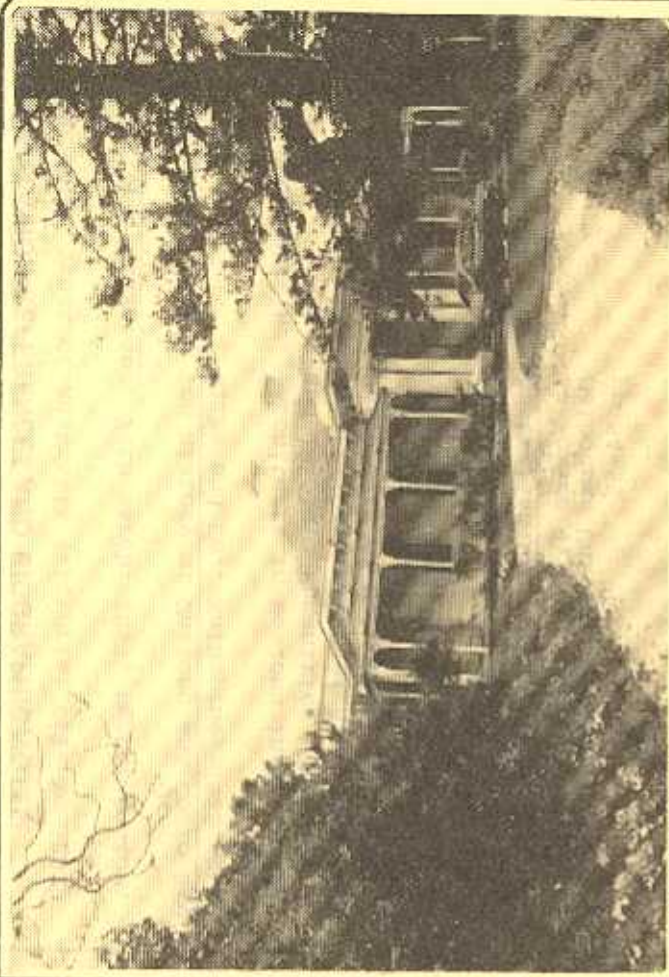
1914, wooden rear portion rebuilt in brick. 1957 some rearrangement of rooms.  
The original timber fence and gates fronting Noble Street, were demolished in the 1920's.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) William Blair

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

Charles John Denny's from 1876 to 1898.  
A.W. Gray, the father of the present owner, purchased Claremont in 1901.

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. ....
<input type="checkbox"/> National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified File No. ....3029.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geelong Regional Commission Register No. ....124.....

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME 'Claremont'  
ADDRESS 143 Noble Street, Newtown, 3220.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Newtown  
TITLE INFORMATION Parish of Moorponyal. Part of Crown Allotment 3, Section 6.  
MAP REFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT USE Residence  
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE A.K. Gray  
ADDRESS 143 Noble Street, Newtown, 3220.

TELEPHONE

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DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

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CITATION

'Claremont' erected 1857-58 for William Blair, is the most refined architectural design of Andrew McWilliams, an Irish engineer/architect who was mostly engaged as a municipal surveyor during his long career in the Geelong region. The villa is a most distinguished Italianate style design and one of the most notable of the houses constructed in the 1850's in Geelong. The building has important historical associations, firstly with C.J.Dennys the prominent Geelong woolbroker who acquired the house in 1876, and then with the Gray family who have occupied the house since 1901.

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

Historic Buildings Council Register

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

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SIGNATURE..... DATE.....