Residence "Keyham" prefabricated timber house including interior

Location:
275 Pakington Street NEWTOWN, Greater Geelong City

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1128
Listing Authority: VHR

Heritage Overlay Number: HO1623

Precinct:
Newtown Hill Heritage Area

Statement of Significance:
A Listed - State Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The prefabricated timber house 'Keyham' in Newtown is one of a large number of portable houses imported to Geelong in the 1850s by local merchant Frederick Bauer and others to meet housing exigencies during the Victorian fold rushes. Most probably 'Keyham', named by it's original owner John Buckland after a place in Leicester, was manufactured in Germany or Switzerland. Markings can be seen on roof timbers. The original four room house of wide ship-lap weatherboards, slate roof and chinoserie style verandah is of archaeological importance as a rare survivor and intact illustrations of a once common building.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Historic Buildings Council Register.

National trust of Australia (Victoria) Register.

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate.

REFERENCES
Geelong Advertiser - 19 January, 1929 - reference to house being prefabricated from Swiss Oak, imported to Geelong in sections from John Buckland - article by JH Botterell.


Seaton, G - Model Borough - An Introduction to Old Newtown and Chilwell.


For a discussion on prefabricated timber houses of German origins see.


For reference to SV Buckland and originals of legal firm Taylor and Buckland.

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