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View of Mittagong in 1872, photo by Donald McDonald [image #SK0455, Heritage Collection, CPP]

Project **Mittagong (formerly Fernleigh)**

Address **39 Grey Street St Kilda Vic 3182**

Architect **WEBB, Charles (1821-1898)**

Designed **1869.08.26** Completed / Opened \_\_\_\_\_ Cost **£4,442**

Client **Twentyman, Richard (1813-1880)** Builder **Denbigh, Edmund**

Notes **• Argus 26.8.1869 p.3:** Tenders are required until Thursday 9th September for erecting a dwelling House (containing 20 rooms), and outbuildings, in Grey Street, St Kilda. Chas. Webb architect 102 Collins St east. [PJ note: from earlier plans this is more likely to be a substantial addition to the original house, not a new house].

**• Building Times 5.10.1869 p.2:** Contract, has been let by Charles Webb for residence, St. Kilda, to Edmund Denbigh for £4442.0.0.

**• Donald McDonald image #SK0455, Heritage Collection, CPP:** image of house above shows a view of the west (garden) elevation in 1872. Richard & Sarah Twentyman standing on path – date from record entry.

**• Argus 12.6.1880 p.10:** For sale by private contract, *Mittagong*, the mansion of the late Richard Twentyman Esq.

**• PJ Note (15.4.12):** Richard Twentyman (1813-1880) married William Nicholson's widow, Sarah Birkett on 2 June 1866, taking over her lease on *Barham House*. In mid 1869 he purchased *Fernleigh* next door from William Nicholson's estate, commissioning Charles Webb (1821-1898) architect to rebuild the house, and renaming it *Mittagong*. The house was sold after Twentyman's death to the pastoralist Robert Arthur Molesworth (1844-1920), 2nd son of the judge Sir Robert Molesworth (1809-1890). It remained in the Molesworth family until about 1940. The property was then sold, the house demolished and the land subdivided. To provide street access to the new sites, the developer extended Eildon Road eastward, curving it up through the centre of the site to Grey Street.

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Tender notice, Argus 26.8.1869 p3.

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**FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT. MITTAGONG.**

The mansion of the late **Richard Twentyman, Esq.** This charming property is situate in Grey-street, St. Kilda, to which it has an ample frontage, with a most extensive depth, and contains by estimation three acres or thereabouts.

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Sale notice, Argus 12.6.1880 p.10.