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Sample illustrations from Building Bathurst
From top:
- Business premises of John Osborne, Tambaroora, NSW, 1872. Photo, Holtermann Collection
- Brucedale homestead, 1837. Photo, GL
- Webb Buildings 1860-61, 1870-72, George Street. Staff picnic day, 1900.
- Edward Gell's St Stanislaus College, 1873, completed J.J. Copeman, 1907. Photo, GL
From top:

- The Mount, (now Abercrombie House), 1870 – 79.

- City Bank, William Street, now Westpac, 1894. Photo, GL.


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Ninth Earl Bathurst, October 2017

- David Jones’ Avonbank, 1862, William Street. 1872 additions, Henry Sadleir. Photo, GL.
- William Kite’s Woolstone, Kelso, 1883. Architects Bolster and Justelius. Photo, GL.
- Copeman’s Cambewarra, Kelso, 1909. Photo, GL.
- Far right, bottom, Copeman’s Kiora, William Street, 1900. Photo, GL.
The Author.

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‘With the demands of researching and writing behind me I have returned to painting for the first time since 2012. I am now preparing a collection of paintings of the city’s buildings to be exhibited at the launch of Building Bathurst.’
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A classic view looking up William Street, Bathurst, c1913, with Copeman’s library in the centre. Great harmony in the buildings was created despite the involvement of four architects – Sadleir, Hine, Copeman and Kemp. Photo, BDHS

The home, Glendower, built by Jones in 1882–84 for Lewis Lloyd MLA, on Lloyd’s Road, South Bathurst. After a fire swept through the top floor in 1913, the house was rebuilt by John Copeman. The Federation-style verandah now contrasts with the original Victorian stucco trim and Gothic bosses. Photo, GL

Attributed to Tait and Oakes, c1896 this home at 59 Piper Street, Bathurst, has typical Queen Anne characteristics such as the angled corner bay and the dominant tiled roof. Photo, GL

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