
Marathon



24294 Marathon

Location

7 Gray Street HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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SIGNIFICANCE: »Notable for its occupants and owners, the house is a modest example of the Italianate style and uses an early plan lay-out. The *Brachychiton acerifolius*, Illawarra Flame tree in the front garden is notable.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This house has local significance especially for its historical associations with a number of important early Hamiltonians including Thomas Ross, schoolteacher, Richard Heath (c1815-1895), publican, in the 1870s; and the auctioneers George Dilnot (1852-1892) in the late 1880s, and John Stewart (1868-1944) in the 1900s. The

earliest portion of the building may date from 1866 or earlier when Ross owned and occupied a small house on the site. ([i]) During Richard Heath's owner/occupancy from 1877 to c1885, the brick house had additions which may have doubled its size. ([ii]) Heath, who managed Hamilton's first hotel, the Grange Inn, from 1854-1864 was one of the first municipal councillors in 1859. ([iii]) Dilnot, who became the new owner in the late 1880s, floated a Western City Brewing Co. and managed it until his death, and also in 1888 he floated the Victoria Bee Co., which established an apiary at Dunkeld. ([iv]) John Stewart, as well as being a local auctioneer and property owner, was Mayor of Hamilton from 1901-1914. ([v])

The final style of the house can be described as Italianate, the most common for domestic buildings during this period and this is a typical and sober example. Little now survives of the original garden however the *Brachychiton acerifloius*, Illawarra Flame tree in front of the house indicates an early garden form.

[i] *Hamilton Rate Book 1866*, No. 272 (NAV 12 pounds), 1869, No. 274 (NAV 24 pounds).

[ii] *Ibid.*, 1878, No. 300 (brick house, additions in progress, NAV 45 pounds).

[iii] Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 41, 68, 83.

[iv] *Ibid.*, p 132.

[v] *Ibid.*, pp 130, 162, 173.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1866, 1878,
Hermes Number	24294
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Roof: »corrugated iron

Walls: »cement rendered brick

Dressings: »cement render

Plinth: »bluestone

Windows: »timber double hung sash

Paving: »gravel path

Other:»verandah floor unglazed terra cotta tiles

NOTABLE FEATURES:»non-matching gables

Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

CONDITION: G

Historical Australian Themes

Evolution of the Town: 1860s, 1870s, 1880s, 1900s.

Notable men and women:

Secondary Industry: Breweries
Tertiary Industry: Hotels Auctioneers
Education:
Local Government:

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