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# Booriyalloak



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## Location

Ballarat Road and corner of George St HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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**SIGNIFICANCE:** »As the home of Isaac Routledge and John Laidlaw, mayor. Important remnants of original garden including *Washingtonia robusta*, Washington or Mexican palms.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Booriyalloak (formerly Rokeby)

Ballarat Road (corner of George Street)

This house has local significance as the home of the Hamilton bootmaker and hotel keeper, Isaac Routledge (1823-1902), who had a shop from 1872 on the site of 73 Gray Street, ([i]) the present office of Francis Punch, Architect. Booriyalloak, formerly known as Rokeby, in Crown Allotment 8, Section 97 was constructed for

Routledge in 1890 on land he purchased in 1888. ([ii]) Later, Booriyalloak was owned and occupied in the 1920s by a Hamilton mayor, John Laidlaw, who in 1930 launched the Mayor's Unemployment Relief, an attempt to deal with the impact of the Great Depression. ([iii])

The house is remarkably simple for its time of construction and suggests a much earlier phase of domestic architecture in its detailing. It has been altered especially about the verandah and is in poor condition. Part of the property has been converted to a caravan park. Remnants of the original garden survive including important *Washingtonia robusta*, Washington or Mexican palms.

[i] *Hamilton Rate Book 1872*, No. 152; Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 97; *Hamilton Spectator*, 29 April 1902 (obituary).

[ii] *Hamilton Rate Book 1890*, No. 824 (brick house, NAV 70 pounds).

[iii] *Ibid.*, 1920, No. 1416 (house and land, NAV 64 pounds); Garden, p 199.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1890,
Other Names	Rokeby,
Hermes Number	26653
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### **MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** »corrugated iron

**Walls:** »dark brick

**Dressings:** »cement render

**Plinth:** »bluestone

**Windows:** »timber dhs

**Paving:** »concrete

**Other:** »timber verandah new cast iron

## Physical Description 2

**NOTABLE FEATURES:**»detailing around front door

## Integrity

INTEGRITY: F

CONDITION: F

## Historical Australian Themes

### **ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES**

Evolution of the Town: 1890s

Government: local

Notable Men & Women: I Routledge & J Laidlaw

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