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# House, 1 Market Street, ST ARNAUD



SD 096 - House, 1 Market Street, cnr Dundas Street, ST ARNAUD

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## Location

1 Market Street ST ARNAUD, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The house at 1 Market Street was built in c.1860 in a distinctive Victorian Italianate design for Thomas Benjamin Golden, a Londoner who emigrated to Victoria initially in search of gold and who became St. Arnaud's first Town Clerk. The exterior of the house appears to be largely intact, although there has been a weatherboard addition introduced at the side.

The house at 1 Market Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. Apart of the side skillion weatherboard addition, the house demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Italianate style. These qualities include the gable roof form that traverses the site, together with the minor gable and hipped roof verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the unpainted brick wall construction with rendered base walls, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, narrow eaves, unpainted

brick chimneys with corbelled tops, rendered faceted bay window with its moulded cornice below a shallow galvanised corrugated iron roof and its timber framed double hung windows with its rendered stop chamfered surrounds, timber framed double hung twelve paned windows, timber framed front door, rendered window sills, shallow segmental window arches and brick voussoirs, cast iron verandah brackets and valances, stop chambered timber verandah columns with simple timber capitals, gable timberwork and the turned timber finials. The mature trees and garden also contribute to the significance of the place.

The house at 1 Market Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential developments in St. Arnaud in the early decades of its establishment, and is particularly associated with Thomas Benjamin Golden, a Londoner who emigrated to Victoria initially in search of gold and who became St. Arnaud's first Town Clerk. He occupied this position until his death in 1894. The site is also associated with the first sale of land in the township in December 1858.

Overall, the house at 1 Market Street, St Arnaud, is of **LOCAL** significance.

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 1 Market Street, St. Arnaud, is set on a corner allotment, with the main facade facing Dundas Street. The site has a front and side garden, which may contain some early plantings and trees. There are also some mature trees in other parts of the site. The house has a modest front setback of approximately 2 metres, with larger side setbacks. The front and side of the property is bounded by a recent timber post and open horizontal paling fence.

The asymmetrical, single storey, unpainted brick, Victorian Italianate styled house is characterised by a gable roof form that traverses the site, together with a minor gable and hipped roof verandah that projects towards the Dundas Street frontage. There is also an introduced horizontal weatherboard skillion addition at the side, along the Market Street frontage. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. An early unpainted brick elongated chimney with a corbelled top adorns the roofline at the side of the projecting gable, while another unpainted brick chimney is situated about the roofline of the traversing gable. The large form and scale of this chimney suggests that it may have been added about the turn of the century. Narrow overhangs are a feature of the eaves.

Another feature of the design is the projecting rendered, faceted bay window, with its moulded cornice below a shallow galvanised corrugated iron roof. The early timber framed windows of the projecting bay are distinguished by the stop chamfered surrounds. Other windows about the original brick sections of the house are also early, being timber framed, double hung and twelve paned. The projecting rendered window sills are also early, as is possibly the timber framed front door.

The appropriate decorative feature of the rendered wall bases (below window sill level) was added in the latter half of the twentieth century possibly under the direction of architect, Peter Staunton. Other early or appropriate decorative features of the design include the shallow segmental window arches and brick voussoirs, cast iron verandah brackets and valances, stop chambered timber verandah columns with simple timber capitals, gable timberwork and the turned timber finials.

Other introduced components of the design include the timber framed windows and doors of the side addition, tiled verandah floor and possibly the timber window shutters.

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