
STORE AND RESIDENCE



23149 Wisharts Department store Whyte St Coleraine 1488



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Location

100A Whyte Street, COLERAINE VIC 3315 - Property No 11

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The store and residence at 100a Whyte Street is located on the north east corner of Gage and Whyte Streets, in the centre of Coleraine. The building comprises a single storey store and attached residence. The store has a symmetrical facade, with two entrances separated by a large display window. The entrance on the western side has been covered up with timber. There are also large display windows extending inwards from the corner of the building on the western and eastern corners. The store may originally have been divided in two, housing two separate businesses. The original store had two identical timber parapets which have been replaced by a single twentieth century gabled timber parapet spanning both sides of the store. The original display windows have been altered to make larger panes. The store and residence has been owned and operated by the James family since 1879, which makes it perhaps the longest running family business in Coleraine. The original trade of Tinsmith, plumber and building supply merchant has been carried into the twenty first century by the James

family, who continue to operate similar trade from the premises at 100a Whyte Street.

How is it significant?

The store and residence at 100A Whyte Street Coleraine is of historical significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The timber store and residence is of historical significance for its links to an important local family, the James' who have operated a trade in building and plumbing from the premises for over one hundred years continually. It is of further historical significance as one of a very small number of remaining nineteenth century retail premises in Coleraine with a largely intact original shopfront.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Construction dates	1860,
Other Names	C.H JAMES & SONS REGISTERED BUILDERS & PLUMBERS,
Hermes Number	23149
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Physical Conditions

The condition of the building is very good.

Physical Description 1

The store and residence at 100a Whyte Street is now known as 'C.H James & Son, Registered Builders and Plumbers'. It is located on the north east corner of Gage and Whyte Streets in the centre of the township of Coleraine. Both the store and residence are single storey timber buildings. Fronting Whyte Street is a symmetrical timber store with a facade divided in two sections. This may reflect the previous history of the premises as two separate stores within the same structure. An illustration which dates from 1893 shows two separate timber parapets, which further provide further evidence of a previous division, as there may have been two roof forms. The current parapet is quite ornate with several curved sections and a prominent steep gable, situated above the original shopfront.

The facade is symmetrical, with two entrances, separated by a large display window. The western side consists of a window and a double door (now covered up), each between applied timber pilasters. The east section is a symmetrical shopfront with a recessed central doorway flanked by two windows.

There is a timber residence at the rear of the store which has been extended several times. The residence and the interiors have not been inspected.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies
3.19 Marketing and retailing

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Integrity

High degree of integrity.

Physical Description 2

Mark James, tinsmith and plumber
James family

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