George Gill Chemist



26562 George Gill Chemist

Location

152 Gray St HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

SIGNIFICANCE: Important fraternal twin of eastern neighbour.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

George Gill, chemist 152 Gray Street

This red brick chemist's shop has architectural interest as a fraternal twin of 154 Gray Street and has local significance as the site of a chemist's shop from c1874-5, when a brick shop was owned and occupied by Edward Howard Jackson, chemist. ([ii]) Chemists were among Hamilton's earliest businesses. ([iii]) By the 1880s a brick shop on the site was owned and occupied by chemists, John Gaffney and George Phillips Jnr, ([iii]) and from

1888 by Phillips alone. ([iv]) The description of the building remained the same at the turn of the century when George Gill, chemist, was the occupier and, from 1915, the owner/occupier. ([v])

The building was probably refaced in 1915 when George Gill became the sole owner in which case it would be one of the few buildings built in that decade. It appears to remain intact underneath the cladding which obscures its first floor and parapet. It contributes to the streetscape as a fraternal twin to its larger neighbour.

[i] Hamilton Rate Book 1874, No. 122 (shop, NAV 18 pounds), 1875, No. 114 (shop, NAV 30 pounds).

[ii] Garden, Don, Hamilton, p 81.

[iii] Hamilton Rate Book 1885, No. 134 (shop, NAV 30 pounds).

[iv] Ibid., 1888, No. 139 (brick shop NAV 30 pounds).

[v] Ibid., 1904, No. 164 (shop, NAV 30 pounds), 1915, No. 175 (shop, NAV 30 pounds).

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Study/Consultant Carlotta Kellaway & Dichael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;

Construction dates 1915,

Hermes Number 26562

Property Number

Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron Walls: red brick

Dressings: cement render

Plinth: tiles

Windows: anodized aluminium

Paving: Other:

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1870s, 1880s, 1910s

Tertiary Industry: Chemists

Health: Chemists Professions: Chemists

Integrity

Integrity: F

Physical Conditions

Conditions: F

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