
Ivanhoe



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Location

32 Chaucer 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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This house is of local significance for its historical associations and its architecture. Built in perhaps three stages, Ivanhoe was the home of John Walpole, Shire Clerk and a director of the Hamilton & Western District College opposite and Alexandra College. ([i]) A fine representative example of middle class housing in Hamilton. Walpole

was a barman and book-keeper at the Hamilton Inn when he became part-time Secretary to the new Hamilton Roads Board in 1859. ([ii]) He bought three blocks of land in 1861 and built Ivanhoe, probably soon after, on two of them. He was Town Clerk from 1867-72. ([iii]) Walpole was on the side of the Selectors in the 1860s, being a member of the Hamilton Free Selectors and Farmers League and campaigner for easy payments and conditions. ([iv]) His suicide in 1877 was the most dramatic event in the history of the Shire of Dundas when his chaotic book-keeping led to manipulation of the Council's funds and an inexplicable discrepancy. ([v])

The house appears to have been built in three stages. The first was by Walpole in the 1860s as a standard symmetrical cottage. The second was a modernization in the 1870s, either before or after the financial discrepancy was discovered which included a new verandah with cast iron details. The last stage was the construction of a side bay with a projecting gable and unusual sliding shutters. This is in the Federation style. ([vi]) The house remains substantially intact and is in excellent condition. It is an important foil to the College opposite.

[i] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 90.

[ii] *Ibid*, p 66.

[iii] *Ibid*, p 73.

[iv] *Ibid*, p 104.

[v] *Hamilton Spectator*, 19/7/1865, 17/6/1865, 2/6/1877, 9/6/1877.

[vi] The house is described on the Hamilton Sewerage Authority Plan No 33 as weatherboard.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1860, 1880, 1910, 1990,
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Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: »corrugated iron

Walls: »tuck pointed red brick

Dressings: »bluestone cills

Plinth: »bluestone

Windows: »timber dhs

Paving: »terra cotta tile path

Other: »timber verandah with some timber and some cast iron columns half timbered side gable

Physical Description 2

NOTABLE FEATURES:»side gable and window with sliding shutters; mixture of verandah columns

Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

CONDITION: E

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Government: Local

Evolution of the Town: 1860s, 1870s

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