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Location

12 Learmonth Street HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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SIGNIFICANCE: »Home of Reg Ansett when he established his transport empire.

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This timber house has local significance as the home of Reginald (later Sir Reginald) Ansett (1909-1981), who played a major role in Hamilton's development as a regional centre by his establishment in the 1930s of a network of transport services based in the town. Ansett was also largely responsible for Hamilton becoming a major aviation centre. He arrived in Hamilton in 1931 and by 1936 the Ansett Motors and Airways company had

been established, becoming a public company by 1937. ([i])

Ansett's associations with the Learmonth Street house (No 12) is confirmed by a Hamilton Sewerage Authority Drainage Plan dated 1 June 1938, when sewerage was connected to the property. ([ii]) The ordinariness of the house reflects Ansett's humble beginnings. The house is typical of this part of Hamilton and of the lower middle class at the time. It is significantly intact and is in good condition. It makes no special contribution to the streetscape being just one of several very similar houses. The garden complements the character of the house.

[j] Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 208-213.

[jii] *HSA DP* No. 970 (dated 1 June 1938, for Mr R Ansett)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1920,
Hermes Number	26655
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: »corrugated iron

Walls: »weatherboard

Dressings: »timber

Plinth: »timber

Windows: »timber dhs

Paving: »gravel

Other: »rough cast brick verandah

Physical Description 2

NOTABLE FEATURES:»typical heavy porch, bracketed eaves

Integrity

INTEGRITY:E

CONDITION:G

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Transport: Motors. Aviation

Evolution of the Town: 1920s & 1930s

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