

BUILDING TITLE: **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 13 Gray St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** House
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Church Hill **LEVEL OF STREETSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||
STYLE: Italianate (late)

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. c1904
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Sources:

1. *Hamilton Rate Book*, 1904 No 381

MATERIALS:

Roof: corr'ed iron
Walls: rendered brick
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: cement render
Windows: timber dhs
Paving: concrete blocks
Other: cast iron verandah

SURVEY DATE: 15/03/91

NEG FILE: 1/13 **REPORTER:** CC

INTEGRITY: E |X| G | F | P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** large *Araucaria hetrophylla* in front garden
CONDITION: E |X| G | F | P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: Almost certainly designed by Frank Hammond this was the long term home of Mrs Martha Thomson who was connected with Thomsons' Stores. The garden especially the *Araucaria heterophylla*, Norfolk Island Pine, is significant.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec **Inappropriate:** Rec

extended to the east

O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS: land to John Walpole, 17/10/61
ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS: Frank Hammond, architect
TITLE: Sec C A
15B 14 & 15

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Residence
13 Gray Street

This building, originally listed as 11 Gray Street, has local significance as a good example of an Edwardian house, built about 1904, which is still well within the Victorian stylistic tradition. The architect was almost certainly Frank Hammond, town clerk, engineer and architect. It is also significant for its historical associations with Mrs Martha Thomson, widow. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Martha in 1894 became the widow of John Thomson, brother of William, and one of the partners in Thomsons' Iron Store at 138 Gray Street, the family business which since 1863 has been one of Hamilton's leading retail merchants. John was a councillor from 892-94 and he and his wife were leading figures in the town's Temperance Movement. Martha continued to work for the Temperance Movement until her death in 1932. Her brother, James Brake, who had been managing the Thomson firm's Horsham branch, took over Thomson business. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ The house was owned by Martha Graham in the 1930s. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾

The architecture of the house though fine is old-fashioned for its time considering the avant garde work done by some Melbourne architects in Hamilton at the turn of the century. The house remains significantly intact and in excellent condition. The garden contains important remnants of the original plantings especially the *Araucaria heterophylla*, Norfolk Island Pine which relates to others in the street. Early drainage plans indicate a glass house and enclosed fish pond at the north-west corner of the garden.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1900s
Tertiary Industry: Retailing
Notable Men & Women: Martha Thomson Temperance Leader
The Role of Women: Temperance Movement

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Lyndhurst, 4 McIntyre Street, same architect
Temperance Hall, 77 Kennedy Street

REFERENCES

Hamilton Rate Books
Garden, D, *Hamilton*, Nth Melb 1984
HSA DP 593

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ *Hamilton Rate Book* 1904 No 381 (House NAV 80 pounds).
ⁱⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, pp 121-122.
ⁱⁱⁱ *HSA DP 593* (1937-1964)