

**BUILDING TITLE:** former Store or Stables **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 42 Thompson Street  
**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:** A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** store/stable  
**DESIGNATION:** HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||  
**CONSERVATION AREA:** Gray Street Commercial area **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||  
**STYLE:** Conservative Classical

**CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:**

1. 1870s (?)
2. 1960s (showroom additions)
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- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**Sources:**

HSA DP No 258

**MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** corrugated iron  
**Walls:** brick (part painted)  
**Dressings:** cement render  
**Plinth:** rockface bluestone  
**Windows:** timber 12 pane dhs  
**Paving:** concrete  
**Other:** bluestone shoulders  
to arch at rear

**SURVEY DATE:** 17/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 8/16,17 **REPORTER:** tfh  
**INTEGRITY:** E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** combination of arches in rear elevation  
including rare shouldered arch

**CONDITION:** E || G |X| F || P ||

**SIGNIFICANCE:** Apparently a livery stable, store or carriage works, this building is one of the largest surviving from the nineteenth century in Hamilton.

**ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
		alterations/additions at the front	S
		sign on rear elevation	RAM

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

**SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:**

land to t Butler, 22/1/60

**ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:**

**TITLE:**  
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Former Store or Stables  
42 Thompson Street

This building is of local historic and architectural significance for its associations with horse transport in the nineteenth century and the quality of its architecture. It was built, probably in the early 1870s but possibly in the 1860s, on land originally sold by the Crown to T Butler in 1860. <sup>(i)</sup> It is one of the largest buildings surviving from the nineteenth century in Hamilton and apparently the only commercial stables. <sup>(ii)</sup> The form of the building is typical of livery stables with stalls and access from both ends on the ground floor and storage for hay on the upper floor. The detailing of the building, while neo-classical in its simplicity, is strictly utilitarian. Its conversion to the retailing of plant and machinery is a typical twentieth century transformation for such buildings. For this reason the addition of the showroom at the front even though it compromises the original facade can be regarded as historic in its own right. The building remains substantially intact and in good condition. Because of its scale it is a major element in the streetscape. It relates to the nearby C J Evans & Sons, Wool and Skin Buyers sheds in French Street.

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Transport: Livery stables and store

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

C J Evans & Sons, Wool & Skin Buyers, 81 French Street

### REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.  
HSA DP No 258.

### FOOTNOTES

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- <sup>i</sup> He may have been the father of the James Butler who was the Town Clerk from 1892-1897, Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 123.
- <sup>ii</sup> Its major competitor was around the corner in Gray Street.