

BUILDING TITLE: Mimi's Restaurant **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 56 Thompson Street
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** detached house
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. 1938 (sewerage)
 3. 1957 (extension)
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 6. 1989 (restaurant)

Sources:
 2, 3 & 6 HSA DP No 261

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: rendered bluestone
Dressings: vermiculated bluestone
Plinth: blustone
Windows: timber dhs
Paving: none
Other: timber architraves around windows

SURVEY DATE: 17/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 8/19 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** built on property line

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

SIGNIFICANCE: One of the few townhouses built in Hamilton and important as an element in the streetscape.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
		dark paint colours	RAM
		awning	R
		front door	O

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:	ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:	TITLE:
land to J Hutchison, 20/5/52		Sec CA
G Gill, owner 1930s		5 19
	B Lee Archer & Co, owner 1950s	
	McLarty Archer & Co, owner 1960s	

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mimi's Restaurant
56 Thompson Street

This townhouse is of local significance for its architecture and its historical associations. It was built on land first sold by the Crown at auction in 1852 to a J Hutchison. ⁽ⁱ⁾ This was probably John Hutcheson (c1819-70) who, with his brother George, was an early miller in Hamilton. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ The house, built in the 1870s or earlier, may have been the Hutchesons' home although they held other, rural property. The townhouse is modest in scale and in the Conservative Classical style. It can be compared with Roxburgh House, 64 Thompson Street which was the home of a doctor. It is unusual for being built up to the property boundary with a front door that opens onto the footpath and an eaves line which overhangs it. The building was extended early in its history at the side in rockface bluestone. By the early twentieth century it had been converted into the offices of Messrs B Lee Archer & Co by which time it had been extended at the rear. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ Now it operates as a restaurant. Like several of its neighbours it represents the expansion of the Gray Street commercial area into surrounding streets.

The building is substantially intact and is in good condition. It is an important element within the streetscape, especially with its neighbour at 58-60 Thompson Street and in contrast to Roxburgh House.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1870s
Secondary Industry: Flour milling

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Roxburgh House, 64 Thompson Street
Former Bank, 58-60 Thompson Street

REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.
HSA DP No 261.

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ *Township of Hamilton Parish Plan*. No other spelling mistakes have been found in the Parish Plan but the authors are confident that this is John Hutcheson. Alternatively the difference in spelling may be Garden's.
- ⁱⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 48-49.
- ⁱⁱⁱ *HSA DP No 261*, dated 1938.