

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: STORE AND RESIDENCE (CURVED ROOF)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 95 Whyte Street COLERAINE

STUDY NUMBER: 0070

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: THURMAN'S BAZAAR

PRECINCT: Coleraine

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: Part 8 **SECTION:** 9 **PARISH:** PARISH OF COLERAINE

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 430J. Located on the south side of Whyte Street, between Winter and Gage Streets, in the centre of the township of Coleraine.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Store and Residence , Whyte Street, Coleraine.

Image Date: 01/11/01

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the buildings and all the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The store and residence at 95 Whyte Street, Coleraine is located on the southern side of the main road through Coleraine, on part of allotment 8 of Section 9.

Both the store and residence are constructed of timber, with corrugated iron roofs. The store has a barrel vaulted corrugated iron roof running parallel with Whyte Street (east-west). An attached timber and corrugated iron bull nose verandah runs across the front facade. An early photograph shows the original facade, with a residence located on the east side of the store. The store has expanded to include part of the original residence. The original east window has been removed, and new shopfront windows and entry have been installed. The original straight profile verandah has been replaced by the present bullnose one across the facade.

Corrugated iron and timber awnings are located over the side windows, and small windows, previously boarded up, have been reopened near the apex of the roof.

Inside, the two roomed shop walls and ceiling are lined with a variety of pressed metal panels. The east shopfront window has a large, plain display cabinet with several doors providing access to the display space.

HISTORY:

David Edgar first purchased Allotment 8 Section 9 on September 8 1852. David Edgar was a very important early pioneer in the district. He was born in 1812 at Moffat, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, the son of John and Mary Edgar who were people of 'some substance' (Wallace in Forth (ed.), 39). Edgar emigrated to Van Diemens Lane in 1838 where he then made his way to Point Henry, near Geelong in Victoria, where he worked as a shepherd with Bayle Brothers at Werribee.

In 1840, Edgar drove 12000 sheep and 1200 cattle from Werribee to Grange Burn pastoral run, where he was to be retained for some time as an overseer by William and Andrew Furlonge, who leased the property. With W. Thompson, he discovered and named Lake Condah (originally named Lake Condon) and in 1841, he took up the pastoral lease of a station on the Fitzroy River, which he named his station after, although it was also known as the Cave Holes station. The run comprised 12 800 acres on the Portland side of the Fitzroy River, near Heywood. At the same time, Edgar took up the Fitzroy River Crossing Inn which had been established by Samuel Evans in 1839 and licensed only a short time before, in 1841, known as the Bush Tavern.

Edgar was an elected member of the Portland Road Board, who undertook the first road works in Western Victoria. He also owned an important pastoral property near Harrow, Pine Hill, which remains in the Edgar family today.

In 1870 Edgar leased Allotment 8 to Ferdinand Habermann, a tin smith. In 1872 Habermann purchased the allotment and constructed a house and shop from which he operated his business. The curved vaulted roof which the store still has was constructed by Habermann. Ferdinand Habermann married Jemima Stone in Adelaide in 1868 (VPI, Reg. No. 3593). The birth of their first child, Herbert Ferdinand was registered at Dundas in 1869, which indicates that they must have been in the Coleraine district prior to 1870, when Habermann began to lease the land at 95 Whyte Street. The Habermann's had three more children registered in the area, Maude Marion (1871) and Henry Charles (1873), registered in Dundas, and Hermann Russell (1876) who died in infancy is registered at Coleraine (ibid., 14599, 15117, 15488, 1589). After the death of their child Hermann Russell in 1876, the Habermann's sold the property and moved to Horsham, where their last child, Ethel Harriet was born in 1877 (ibid., 9535).

William Thurman, the Wannon Shire Secretary from 1873 to 1911 (McGaffin, 15) purchased the property from Habermann. William George Thurman married Annie Hunt in 1860, although the location in Victoria is not recorded (VPI, Reg. No. 3593). It is thought that the Thurman's must have been situated in Portland until late

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1872, as all of their children's births are recorded in Portland (ibid.). Annie Thurman (nee Hunt) operated a bazaar from the shop, known as "Thurman's Bazaar" until 1912, when Miss Friend took over the business (Glennelg Shire Ratebooks, 1872 - 1912). While Annie Thurman ran the bazaar, William Thurman was employed by Mrs. McLean of McLean's Timber Yard as the Manager from 1873 - 1884, just a few shops away, at 107 Whyte Street (CA 05/12/1873). Thurman left this business when the Silberfelds purchased it from Mrs. McLean in 1884.

Thurman was an important local merchant in the township, serving for a very long period as Shire Secretary, and being heavily involved in the development of local industry, such as the Coleraine Butter Factory (McGaffin, 44). Mrs Thurman was also involved in community work, and donated a large amount of drapery to the Coleraine Village Settlement, set up for destitute from Melbourne in the late nineteenth century. The Thurman's may have left the district after this, as there is no record of their death in any of the cemeteries in the local area.

In more recent years the shop was owned by a Chinese green grocer, Louey Sing, who advertised in 1939 as "Louey Sing - Greengrocer, Fruiterer and Confectioner - Fancy Goods in Stock" (Centenary Committee, 10). The store was later operated as a manchester store, selling cotton goods for some time in the mid twentieth century. The store is now used to sell miscellaneous second hand goods and artworks.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.19 Marketing and retailing

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

The front of the shop has been altered several times to increase the size of display windows. The verandah, although old, is not the original. The building is in good to fair condition. Paint is peeling on many timber surfaces, and the verandah supports are uneven.

INTEGRITY:

High degree of integrity, both exteriors and interiors are still quite intact upto interwar period.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The store and residence at 95 Whyte Street is a good representative example of a timber shop and residence constructed by a tinsmith in the early 1870s. The store and residence are both single storey timber structures, with a corrugated iron barrel vault roof. The residence is located at the rear of the store, which faces Whyte Street. Both buildings, especially the barrel vault roof demonstrate the tinsmith's trade skill in its design and construction. The tinsmith who built the store and residence was Ferdinand Habermann, who operated the store until 1873, when it was sold to William George Thurman, who was Shire President from 1873 -1911, whose wife Annie ran the store as "Thurman's Bazaar" until 1911, when a Miss Friend took over. The store has also housed one of the few Chinese grocer's in the township, Louey Sing for a period in the first half of the twentieth century. The store and residence have been somewhat altered and enlarged, but retain a high degree of integrity upto the interwar period.

How is it significant?

The store and residence at 95 Whyte Street Coleraine is of historical and aesthetic significance to the township of Coleraine.

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The store and residence at 95 Whyte Street is historically important as a reminder of the building's previous commercial activity, as a tinsmith. It is of further interest that Ferdinand Habermann, a tinsmith chose to build this particular barrel vaulted roof structure for his own store and residence, which has made an aesthetic impact on the streetscape of Coleraine, being unlike the more traditional straight roof lines which surround it. The store and residence are of further historical significance for the long association as Thurman's Bazaar, run by Annie and William Thurman for over thirty years, the Thurman's being important local people who were strongly involved in the community for a long period of time. The store is of particular aesthetic interest for the landmark contribution it makes to the main streetscape with its distinctive curved roof appearance.

COMPARISON:

085 Trangmar's Store and Residence, 73 Whyte Street, Coleraine
039 Hairdresser's Salon (shop and residence), 72B Whyte Street, Coleraine
065 General Store and Residence, Port Fairy-Hamilton Road, Byaduk
028 Store and Residence, 102 Whyte Street, Coleraine
075 Store and Residence, 100A Whyte Street, Coleraine

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

21-Aug-01

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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