

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BRICK SHOP & RESIDENCE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 76b Bell Street PENSURST

STUDY NUMBER: 250

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Penshurst

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 3 **SECTION:** 17 **PARISH:** PARISH OF YALIMBA

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 475J C11; VicRoads 233 P11; located at 76 Bell Street on the north side between Martin and French Streets in the centre of the township.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Shop & Dwelling 76b Bell St, Penshurst

Image Date: 22/04/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

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

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The shop is a single storey rendered brick building with a conventional asymmetrical shop front and a recessed entrance on the north side to the residence at the rear. The shop entrance is also on the north side and retains its four panelled timber door. The shop window has been altered. The façade is completed by a conventional parapet which includes a simple pediment, supported by consoles and a closed panel below, and terminating piers. These are surmounted by balls. There is a flat roofed timber verandah with a simple timber frieze. The spandrels are filled in with sheeting. The roofs of the verandah, shop and residence are corrugated iron. There is a red brick chimney rising from the rear of the shop.

HISTORY:

The land on which this shop stands was purchased by a J. Scott on 4th September 1852. A man named J. H. Scott was an extremely influential businessman operating from Hamilton about this time, who was involved as a committee member associated with the Hamilton State School and the leader of the Free Press in Hamilton from 1861-9. It is possible this may be the J. Scott mentioned as purchaser on the Township Map (Department of Lands and Survey, 1957). There are several records of the Scott family births and deaths in Hamilton, but none which relate to Penshurst. The history of occupation of the site, the shop and the residence is yet to be determined, although a careful ratebook search may reveal more.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies
3.19 Marketing and Retailing

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

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 building is in good condition. [The interiors have not been inspected.]

INTEGRITY:

Excellent degree of integrity externally. [Interiors not yet inspected.]

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is Significant?

The brick shop and residence is located on the north side of Bell Street, between Martin and French Streets in the centre of the township of Penshurst. The shop is a single storey rendered brick building with a conventional asymmetrical shop front and a recessed entrance on the north side to the residence at the rear. Both shop and residence date from the early 1900s, and are in the Free Classical Federation style. The land on which this shop stands was purchased by a J. Scott on 4th September 1852, it is possible that this may be J. H. Scott, the important Hamilton businessman who was active in the area and associated with Hamilton's Free Press between 1860-1870. The full history of occupation of the site, the shop and the residence is yet to be determined. There has been no architect or builder associated with the building. The shop and residence are in good condition and retain a good degree of integrity externally.

How is it significant?

The shop and residence are of historical and architectural significance to the township of Penshurst and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it Significant?

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The shop and residence are of architectural significance as good representative examples of the application of the Free Classical style in early twentieth century commercial premises. The shop and residence are of historical significance as they demonstrate the change in Penshurst's commercial activity; the date of construction suggests that Penshurst was continuing to develop as a commercial centre in the early twentieth century, but by the turn of the century, there had been a change in the commercial activity away from the smaller towns.

COMPARISON:

249 Penshurst Free Press (former), 90 Bell Street, Penshurst
259 Pair of Shops, 91 & 91a Bell Street, Penshurst
386 Wheelers Orient Store, Memorial Road, Glenthompson

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

21-May-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Department of Lands and Survey	Township of Penshurst, Parishes of Yalimba and BoramBoram, County of Villiers	1957	
Mount Rouse Shire Council	Shire of Mount Rouse, In the Centre of the Fertile Western District of Victoria: Centenary Celebrated	1966	