

BUILDING TITLE:
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:**
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Church Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||
STYLE: Colonial

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1850s
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

based on close inspection of
the fabric of the cottage

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: rendered brick/weatherboard
Dressings: timber
Plinth: none
Windows: timber double hung sash
Paving: concrete
Other: timber/ripple iron awnings

SURVEY DATE: 8/ 3/91 **NEG FILE:** 3/2 **REPORTER:**tfh

INTEGRITY: E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** Early features and garden remnants; much added to but retaining its traditional form and many details.

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

SIGNIFICANCE: Early cottage and garden, with additions, overlooking the bend in the Grange Burn. May predate original subdivision. *The Photinia serrulata*, Chinese Hawthorn is a particularly large and fine specimen. The home of several significant pioneers.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec **Inappropriate:** Rec

none apparent

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

land first sold to R E Johns

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

Sec C A
17B pt 1 2 1A 3

Mr & Mrs Mendoza-Finch new & present owners

COUNCIL COMPUTER # 11731.0003

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

6 Skene Street

This house has local significance for its architectural interest as an early cottage, with additions, overlooking the bend in the Grange Burn. It also has significance for its historical associations with early Hamilton citizens, J A Learmonth, auctioneer, and during the 1870s, with D W Brayshay (1830-88) ⁽ⁱ⁾ original selector, publican, sheep farmer and Hamilton Mayor. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ A house on the site was owned by Simon McKenzie and occupied by Learmonth was recorded in the earliest surviving *Hamilton Rate Book*. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ David Brayshay became the tenant in 1872 ^(iv) and owner/occupier from 1873, being described variously as publican and sheep farmer. ^(v) In 1877 the property was described as a brick house and stable, with an NAV of 50 pounds. ^(vi) The house remains substantially intact taking into account its hybrid nature and it is in good condition.

The cottage once stood in larger grounds and had a large and well established garden of several compartments. Two trees survive from this period. The *Photinia serrulata*, Chinese Hawthorn is a particularly large and fine specimen, perhaps the best in the state, and probably dates from the early 1850s. The *Magnolia grandiflora* is equally old and is also a significant tree.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1860s and 1870s
Industry, auctioneers: hotels.
Squatting: wool
Notable men and women

REFERENCES

Hamilton Rate Books
Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ *Hamilton Rate Book 1872*, No. 318; 1878, No. 333; Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 71, 74, 145.
ⁱⁱ Ibid.
ⁱⁱⁱ *Hamilton Rate Book 1866*, No. 309 (NAV 55 pounds).
^{iv} Ibid., 1872, No. 318.
^v Ibid., 1873, No. 333.
^{vi} Ibid., 1877, No. 335.