

BUILDING TITLE: Booriyalloak (formerly Rokeby) **BUILDING ADDRESS:** Ballarat Road (corner of George St)
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: outside **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 ||
STYLE: mid-victorian

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1890
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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

- 1 *Hamilton Rate Book, 1890, No 824*

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: dark brick
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: bluestone
Windows: timber dhs
Paving: concrete
Other: timber verandah
new cast iron

SURVEY DATE: 16/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 7/3 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E || G || F |X| P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** detailing around front door

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

SIGNIFICANCE: As the home of Isaac Routledge and John Laidlaw, mayor. Important remnants of original garden including *Washingtonia robusta*, Washington or Mexican palms.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec **Inappropriate:** Rec

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

land to Isaac Routledge, 12/6/1888
John Laidlaw, mayor, owner 1920s

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

TITLE:
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Booriyalloak (formerly Rokeby)
Ballarat Road (corner of George Street)

This house has local significance as the home of the Hamilton bootmaker and hotel keeper, Isaac Routledge (1823-1902), who had a shop from 1872 on the site of 73 Gray Street, ⁽ⁱ⁾ the present office of Francis Punch, Architect. Booriyalloak, formerly known as Rokeby, in Crown Allotment 8, Section 97 was constructed for Routledge in 1890 on land he purchased in 1888. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ Later, Booriyalloak was owned and occupied in the 1920s by a Hamilton mayor, John Laidlaw, who in 1930 launched the Mayor's Unemployment Relief, an attempt to deal with the impact of the Great Depression. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾

The house is remarkably simple for its time of construction and suggests a much earlier phase of domestic architecture in its detailing. It has been altered especially about the verandah and is in poor condition. Part of the property has been converted to a caravan park. Remnants of the original garden survive including important *Washingtonia robusta*, Washington or Mexican palms.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1890s
Government: local
Notable Men & Women: I Routledge & J Laidlaw

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

73 Gray Street, (1872 and later)

REFERENCES

Hamilton Rate Books
HSA DP No

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ *Hamilton Rate Book 1872*, No. 152; Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 97; *Hamilton Spectator*, 29 April 1902 (obituary).
ⁱⁱ *Hamilton Rate Book 1890*, No. 824 (brick house, NAV 70 pounds).
ⁱⁱⁱ *Ibid.*, 1920, No. 1416 (house and land, NAV 64 pounds); Garden, p 199.