

BUILDING TITLE: C J Evans & Sons **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 81 French Street
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** skin drying shed
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Gray Street Commercial area **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: Industrial

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1890s
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

Hamilton Rate Books
HSA DP No 254

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: corrugated iron
Dressings: timber
Plinth: none
Windows: 12 pane dhs
Paving: gravel
Other: timber drying racks at the rear

SURVEY DATE: 17/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 8/15 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** lettering on facade

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

SIGNIFICANCE: One of the few buildings in Hamilton directly related to the wool industry.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
none required		none apparent	

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

land to H Cox, 10/6/58

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

Sec	CA
5	17

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

C J Evans & Sons
81 French Street

The C J Evans & Sons, Wool and Skin Buyers shed is built on land originally sold by the Crown at auction in 1858 to Henry Cox (c1828-79), a London born solicitor who had arrived in Hamilton in 1854 having failed at the diggings. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The skin drying sheds are of local historic and architectural interest for their association with the key primary industry of the Hamilton district. Their form follows their function without grace or inessential detail. The building appears to date from about the turn of the century. It is significantly intact and is in good condition. It forms a critical element in the streetscape and relates to the former stables at 50 Thompson Street and can be compared with the Permewan Wright sheds in the Mount Napier Road.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Primary Industry: wool & skin buying

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Former stables, 50 Thompson Street
Permewan Wright sheds, Mount Napier Road

REFERENCES

HSA DP No 254
Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne.

FOOTNOTES

ⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 59-60.