

BUILDING TITLE: Former Temperance Hall **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 75-7 Grey St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** hall
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Church Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||
STYLE: Renaissance Revival (neo-Palladian)

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1868
- 2.
3. 1988
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- 5.
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Sources:

1. Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 129
3. HSA DP 4199

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: rendered bluestone
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: ashlar bluestone
Windows: fixed timber
Paving: concrete
Other: coursed random rubble side walls

SURVEY DATE: 4/4/91 **NEG FILE:** 4/9 **REPORTER:** tfh
INTEGRITY: E || G || F |X| P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** use of early Renaissance form

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

SIGNIFICANCE: Originally a grain store and coach builders', this building was for a long time used as a Temperance Hall. During the Second World War it was converted to a knitting mill employing mostly females. Its strong classical lines are an important element in the streetscape.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

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| Appropriate: side extension as new entrance | Rec | Inappropriate: original front door removed | Rec O |
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O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

| SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS: | ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS: | TITLE: |
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| land to S P Hawkins, 17/2/54, J Bostock & T C Chapman, merchants, 1868 | | Sec CA 12B 10 |
| | R W Barber, coachbuilder, 1874 H W Thirkell, auctioneer Temperance Movement, 1880s Australian Knitting Mills, 1940s Withram Cogger & Struck, accountants | |
| COUNCIL COMPUTER # | MORE INFO OVER X | HAMDS072 |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Former Temperance Hall
77 Kennedy Street

This building has local significance for its associations with the Temperance Movement which was active in Hamilton in the 1880s. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The Temperance Movement was powerful both politically and socially, especially when it was lead by James Munro, Premier of Victoria and the developer behind many coffee palaces. The hall's long history began in 1868 when a two storey bluestone grain store was erected on land owned by S Hawkins Trustees and occupied by James Bostock and Thomas C Chapman, merchants. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ By 1874, the building was occupied by Robert Wright Barber, coachbuilder. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ Later, in 1877, when it was identified as a stone store and stable, it was occupied by Henry William Thirkell, auctioneer. ^(iv) The building was converted into a single storey Temperance Hall, by the removal of the upper floor, in 1884-85 when the property was acquired by the Trustees of Hamilton's Total Abstinence Society led by Peter Learmonth and store owner John Thompson. ^(v) About sixty years later the Australian Knitting Mills opened a factory in the building, employing 50 girls and women. ^(vi) Finally, in 1988, the former Temperance hall was converted back into two storey offices and extended for Witham, Cogger and Struck. ^(vii)

The building is a restrained example of the neo-Palladian style usually adopted by the Public Works Department for buildings requiring a sober demeanor such as courthouses and public offices. This design, of unknown origin, may have been influenced by the local courthouse or others in the district. The building has undergone many changes in the past. The most recent included its conversion into offices which included an extension at the side. The building remains relatively intact and in good condition. It makes a critical contribution to the streetscape.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

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| Clubs & Associations: | Temperance Movement |
| Secondary Industry: | Knitting Mills |
| Tertiary Industry: | Grain Merchants |
| | Coach builders |
| | Solicitors |
| Transport | Grain Merchants |
| | Coach builders & Stables |
| Role of Women: | Employment |

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

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| Former Hamilton Coffee Palace, 9 Brown St |
| Hamilton Court Hose, 15 Martin Street |
| 35 Gray Street |

REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, 1984.
Hamilton Rate Books
HSA DP 4199

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 129.
ⁱⁱ Hamilton Rate Book, 1868 No 199 (store NAV 150 pounds).
ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid. 1874 No 240 (store NAV 60 pounds).
^{iv} Ibid. 1877 No 229 (stone store, stable NAV 60 pounds).
^v Ibid. 1884 No 234 and Garden, p 129
^{vi} Ibid. p214, and *Hamilton Spectator*, 19 Jan 1946.
^{vii} HSA DP 4199.