

**BUILDING TITLE:** Gwenllyn **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 12 french Street  
**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:** Church Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||  
**STYLE:** Federation

**CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:**

1. 1909
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**Sources:**

- 1 *Hamilton Rate Book 1909, No 455*

**MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** corrugated iron  
**Walls:** weatherboard  
**Dressings:** timber  
**Plinth:** timber  
**Windows:** timber casement  
**Paving:** concrete  
**Other:** rough cast and  
timber gables,  
timber verandah

**SURVEY DATE:** 16/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 8/2 **REPORTER:** tfh

**INTEGRITY:** E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** Leadlight in windows and front door; dominant half timbered gables.

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

**SIGNIFICANCE:** One of the better Federation period houses in the Church Hill area and important as a simpler version of the style than others.

**ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

<b>Appropriate:</b>	Rec	<b>Inappropriate:</b>	Rec
		reinstate verandah details	0

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

<b>SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:</b>	<b>ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:</b>	<b>TITLE:</b>
land to E A Norman, 17/5/56		<b>Sec CA</b>
Arthur B Wright, first owner		17A 1
	Emma J Wright, owner 1919	
	Barbara & Don Whitford, present owners	
<b>COUNCIL COMPUTER #</b>	<b>MORE INFO OVER</b>  X	<b>HAMDS120</b>

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Gwenllyn  
12 French Street

The house, Gwynllyn, has local significance as a substantial Edwardian timber building constructed in 1909 for Arthur B Wright, clerk, <sup>(i)</sup> and owned and occupied the Wright family over a long period. By 1919 it was owned and occupied by Emma J Wright. <sup>(ii)</sup> It has been altered little <sup>(iii)</sup> and is currently owned by Barbara & Don Whitford who offer a 'Bed & Breakfast' service to Hamilton visitors. <sup>(iv)</sup> This form of accommodation has taken over the role of the former guest house, 1 Brown Street, which serviced train travellers.

Gwynllyn is typical of its period using materials, details and forms to imitate the more sophisticated examples of the Federation style elsewhere in Hamilton. The most notable feature is the excellent leadlight in the windows and front door. It lacks the diagonal emphasis to be found in some and its verandah, of which some detailing is missing, is less dramatic than other examples. The house is substantially intact and is in good condition.

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1900s  
Transport: accommodation

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

14 McIntyre Street  
Guesthouse, 1 Brown Street

### REFERENCES

*Hamilton Rate Books*  
HSA DP No. 560.

### FOOTNOTES

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- <sup>i</sup> *Hamilton Rate Book 1909*, No. 455 (house, NAV 40 pounds). In 1908 the property was listed as vacant land owned by Arthur B Wright (NAV four pounds)
- <sup>ii</sup> *Ibid.*, 1919 No. 463 (house, NAV 40 pounds).
- <sup>iii</sup> *HSA DP No. 560.*
- <sup>iv</sup> Brochure for 'Gwenllyn House', 12 French Street.