

BUILDING TITLE: Hunter News Solicitors **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 35 Grey St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** office
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # 60 1567 2 **AHC File #** **NT File #** **Class** || **Rec** ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Church Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 ||
STYLE: Federation

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:
 1. c1904
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Sources:
 1 *Hamilton Rate Book 1904, No. 299*
 2 *HSA DP No 514*

MATERIALS:
Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: rendered brick
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: cement render (coursed)
Windows: timber double hung sash
Paving: none
Other: half timbering in gables

SURVEY DATE: 4/4/91 **NEG FILE:** 4/8 **REPORTER:** tfh
INTEGRITY: E || G || F |X| P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** Construction up to property boundaries and repetition of gable motive to match former Temperance Hall.

CONDITION: E || G |X| F || P ||
SIGNIFICANCE: Prominent landmark at key site, entrance to commercial district, close associations with YMCA, Radio 3HA.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
		reflective foil on windows	R
		aluminium flywire screens	R

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:	ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:	TITLE:
land to S P Hawkins 17/2/54		Sec CA
YMCA, tenants, 1920s		12B 11
		Radio Station 3HA, tenants, 1930s
		Hunter News & Cornish, Solicitors

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

35 Gray Street
(now offices of Hunter Newns, solicitors)

This building has local significance for its historical associations at the turn of the century and later with John Fenton (1856-1940), Hamilton auctioneer and Mayor; with the Y.M.C.A. in the 1920s and as the office and studios of the radio station 3HA circa 1930. ⁽ⁱ⁾ It is used currently as the offices of Hunter Newns, solicitors. John Fenton was rated in 1904 as the owner/occupier of a twelve roomed brick house and land in Crown Allotments 7, 11-14, and Pt. 10 in Section 12B. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ He was still there in 1920. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ It is difficult to determine whether this building predates Felton's ownership of the site. William Thomson, of Thomson's Store, was rated from the late 1870a for a brick house on Crown Allotment 13, ^(iv) the site of the present neo-Georgian house at 33 Gray Street. The twelve roomed brick house owned by Ella Thomson, gentlewoman, in 1893 on Crown Allotments 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, may be this building, or a new building constructed after Thomson's death. ^(v) In 1894 it had a NAV of 103 pounds. ^(vi)

The most notable characteristic of the building is that it is built up to the street boundaries, a very rare thing for a domestic building and more likely later than earlier. On stylistic grounds the building is best described as Federation supporting the 1904 date of construction. It may be that an existing building was remodelled about the turn of the century. The existing building is substantially intact from that time and is in good condition. Its form is particularly successful in the transition of the streetscape from a domestic to a commercial character.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Tertiary Industry: Auctioneers, Storekeepers
Government institutions: Municipal.
Evolution of the Town: 1900s

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

4 McIntyre Street
(for S H Palmer, solicitor)
Former Temerance Hall, 75-7 Kennedy Street

REFERENCES

Hamilton Rate Books
HSA DP No 514

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ John Huf, Deputy Engineer, City of Hamilton.
ⁱⁱ *Hamilton Rate Book 1904*, No. 299 (NAV 70 pounds).
ⁱⁱⁱ *Ibid.*, 1920, No. 354 (NAV 75 pounds).
^{iv} *Ibid.*, 1878, No. 228 (NAV 60 pounds).
^v *Ibid.*, 1893, Nos. 285 and 286. Two houses listed - one on pt. 10 and 11, the other on 12, 13 and 14.
^{vi} *Ibid.*, 1894, No. 296 (listed on pt. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14).