

<b>BUILDING TITLE:</b> Kilorra		<b>BUILDING ADDRESS:</b> 45 Kennedy Street			
<b>LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:</b> A	B  X	C	D	E	<b>BUILDING TYPE:</b> detached house
<b>DESIGNATION:</b> HBR Reg No	File #	AHC File #		NT File #	Class    Rec
<b>CONSERVATION AREA:</b> Church Hill	<b>LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:</b>			1	2  X  3
<b>STYLE:</b> mid & late Victorian					
<b>CONSTRUCTION DATE &amp; ALTERATIONS:</b>					
1. 1871-2					
2. c1888 or 1905? extensions					
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<b>Sources:</b>					
Hamilton Rate Book, 1871 No 252.					
Garden, D, Hamilton, p 130.					
<b>MATERIALS:</b>					
<b>Roof:</b>	corrugated iron				
<b>Walls:</b>	polychrome brick				
<b>Dressings:</b>	cream brick				
<b>Plinth:</b>	cement rendered brick				
<b>Windows:</b>	timber double hung sash				
<b>Paving:</b>	gravel				
<b>Other:</b>	cast iron verandah frieze				
	timber verandah columns				
	open timber gables				
		<b>SURVEY DATE:</b> 4/4/91	<b>NEG FILE:</b> 4/1,2,3	<b>REPORTER:</b> tfh	
<b>INTEGRITY:</b> E  X  G    F    P	<b>NOTABLE FEATURES:</b> garden, original fence and gates, sensitive and late use of polychrome brickwork in extension.				
<b>CONDITION:</b> E  X  G    F    P					
<b>SIGNIFICANCE:</b> Significant historically as the home of both G H Mott, editor of the <i>Hamilton Spectator</i> and T H Laidlaw, auctioneer. Architecturally significant for its use of polychrome brick and restrained style. ML to check garden which seems to be intact - relationship with Botanic Gardens to be discussed.					
<b>ALTERATIONS &amp; RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>					
<b>Appropriate:</b>	Rec	<b>Inappropriate:</b>			Rec
		painted brick chimneys			RAM
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 Acheson French 3/12/55		must have been one		Sec	CA
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<b>COUNCIL COMPUTER #</b>			<b>MORE INFO OVER</b>  X	<b>HAMDS067</b>	

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kilora  
45 Kennedy Street

One of the first properties in Hamilton, Kilora has regional significance for its architectural interest and its historical associations. It was owned by an early editor of the influential *Hamilton Spectator* and then by a prominent local auctioneer. The first part of Kilora was constructed in 1871-72 for George H Mott (c1832-1906), previously proprietor of the *Albury Border Post* and then editor of the *Hamilton Spectator* from about 1869. During his editorship the views of the newspaper, previously liberal, swung towards the conservative side of Victorian politics. (i) Kilora's second owner, the auctioneer, Thomas H Laidlaw (1862-1941) lived in and enlarged the house. Laidlaw bought the pastoral property Croxton during the soldier settlement era and subdivided it in 1905. (ii) He was at Kilora still in 1938, when the house was sewerred. (iii) By 1968 a new owner, W R Riches was recorded. (iv) For several years the house was used as a restaurant until 1990 when it was sold.

The house uses details and materials which were typical throughout the Victorian period. It is one of the few buildings in Hamilton which is built with polychrome brick, a fashion which raged through Melbourne and lasted for a whole generation. The architecture of the house gains distinction from its restraint. The extensions built by Laidlaw were sympathetic to the original design. The house remains significantly intact and in excellent condition. The garden, although now simple, has an important relationship with the Botanic Gardens across the street.

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1860s, 1880s, 1890s  
Communications: Newspapers  
Tertiary Industry: Auctioneers

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

*Hamilton Spectator* Office, 61 Gray Street.

### REFERENCES

Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, 1984.  
HSA DP No. 469.  
*Hamilton Rate Books*

### FOOTNOTES

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- i *Hamilton Rate Book 1871*, No 252 (house, NAV 8 pounds), 1872, No. 244 (house allotment NAV 50 pounds);  
Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 76-78, 97.  
ii *Ibid.*, pp 130, 160, 194.  
iii HSA DP No. 469 (shows ground plans).  
iv *Ibid.*