

**BUILDING TITLE:** Late Victorian residence **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 18 McIntyre St  
**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:** A || B |X| C || 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:** transitional late Victorian/Queen Anne

**CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:**

1. 1904
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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**Sources:**

1. Hamilton Rate Book 1904 No 382

**MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** corrugated iron  
**Walls:** tuck pointed red brick  
**Dressings:** cement render  
**Plinth:** bluestone  
**Windows:** timber dhs  
**Paving:** concrete  
**Other:** cast iron lace & roof ridge  
timber columns &  
frieze details

**SURVEY DATE:** 25/2/91 **NEG FILE:** 1/5-6 **REPORTER:**

**INTEGRITY:** E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** battlements over bay windows and stepped gable, hedge and wisteria over entrance

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

**SIGNIFICANCE:** One of the most distinctive late Victorian houses in Hamilton, especially notable for its successful combination of avant garde details. It was built in 1904 for Hector Gummow, auctioneer and prominent citizen.

**ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

<b>Appropriate:</b>	<b>Rec</b>	<b>Inappropriate:</b>	<b>Rec</b>
front fence		garden light	R
post WW2 garden			

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 G F Gwyther (17/18) on 13/5/54	not known but there	<b>Sec CA</b>
and to I[sabella] Brake (19) on 3/12/55	must have been one	13B 17/18, pt19
	Frederick Gummow, auctioneer, first owner	

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

18 McIntyre Street

This house is of regional significance for the quality of its architecture and for its historical associations, particularly with its first owner, Frederick Gummow (1862-1909). From 1888 Gummow was manager of the Colonial Bank, Hamilton, and from 1896 he became one of the town's most prosperous auctioneers. He was a relative of H B Gummow, the newspaper proprietor. <sup>(1)</sup> His large brick residence in McIntyre Street was constructed in 1904. <sup>(2)</sup>

It is not known who designed the house. One of the most distinctive and certainly the most innovative late Victorian houses in Hamilton, it is especially notable for its successful combination of *avant garde* details. While the form of the house is typical of the later nineteenth century, the battlements over the bay windows and the prominent stepped gable are drawn from the Queen Anne style. Other transitional indicators are the combination of timber and cast iron in the verandah frieze, the bull nose verandah roof, the rough cast detailing of the gables and the label moulds of the chimneys. Also of interest are the architraves of the windows which along with the rendering in the gables, hark back to the late mediaeval origins of the Queen Ann style.

The main feature of this garden is the well maintained large privet hedge along the front fence. The hedge provides a strong visual feature to both the house and the streetscape.

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1900s  
Tertiary Industry: Banking, Auctioneers

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

### REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.  
*Hamilton Rate Books*  
HSA DP, No. 492

### FOOTNOTES

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<sup>1</sup> Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 120, 130-131, 172; Obituary *Hamilton Spectator*, 20 April 1909.

<sup>2</sup> *Hamilton Rate Book 1904*, No. 382. (house, NAV 60 pounds).