

BUILDING TITLE: Mitch's Mart **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 124 Thompson Street
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** two storey shop
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Gray St Commercial area **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: Conservative Classical

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. c1870
2. c1910 (renovation)
3. c1960 (verandah removed)
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- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

1 Garden, D, Hamilton, p 82.

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: brick (part painted)
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: rock face basalt
Windows: plate & leadlight
Paving: encaustic tiles
Other: metal sheeting over
clerestorey windows
stone walls acc to HSA DP

SURVEY DATE: 5/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 8/30 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** Edwardian shopfront and columns beside the front door.

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

SIGNIFICANCE: One of the more intact shops in what was originally the heart of the business street of Hamilton. Important with its single storey fraternal twin as part of the streetscape.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
reinstate original verandah		cantilever verandah	O
remove metal decking		painted brickwork	RAM
remove paint			

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

TITLE:

land to T Finn, 6/10/1851

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mitch's Mart
124 Thompson Street

Built on land originally sold by the Crown in 1851 to T Finn and therefore amongst the first ever sold in Hamilton, this shop is of local historic and architectural significance. It appears to have been built in the early 1870s and there is some suggestion that it was formerly a bank. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The building's style is conservatively classical, appropriate for a bank, with the facade austerely trabeated and the first floor decorated with two windows chastely detailed as simple aedicules. The building is a fraternal twin with its single storey next door neighbour which is reputed to have been built with the material salvaged from the original Christ Church, formerly called St Botolph's. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ To support this the Hamilton Sewerage Authority Drainage Plan which is shared by the two distinguishes between the stone construction of No 128 and the brick construction of No 129 Thompson Street. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ The shop front has been modernised in the Edwardian period. Otherwise the building is substantially intact and remains in good condition. It plays a key role in the streetscape as one of the most intact commercial buildings in Thompson Street.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1870s

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Toy World, 128 Thompson Street

REFERENCES

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.
HSA DP No 49.

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ There is a Department of Planning and Housing File for the site which nominates it as such but no corroborating evidence has been found.
- ⁱⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 82.
- ⁱⁱⁱ *HSA DP No 49*.