

BUILDING TITLE: Permewan Wright Sheds **BUILDING ADDRESS:** Mt Napier Road
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** cargo sheds
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: outside **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 ||
STYLE: functional

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. after 1913
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

1 Township of Hamilton Parish Plan

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: corrugated iron
Dressings: none
Plinth: timber stumps
Windows: none
Paving: none
Other: timber louvred vents
timber plank doors

SURVEY DATE: 5/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 8/14 **REPORTER:** tfh
INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** series of gable ends and standardised form
of construction

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

SIGNIFICANCE: One of the few remaining industrial buildings and a key element in the railway complex.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: **Rec** **Inappropriate:** **Rec**
none apparent none apparent

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS: **ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:** **TITLE:**
land to Vic Railways Comm'rs, 14/10/1913 **Sec** **CA**
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Permewan Wright Sheds
Mount Napier Road

The Permewan Wright Cargo sheds are of local historic and architectural significance as an example of a functional and industrial building. The sheds appear to have been built after 1913 when the land was reserved for the Victorian Railways Commissioners. They stored goods arriving by rail for retail distribution and were closely connected with the department stores and emporia in Gray Street. The carrier firm Permewan and Wright & Co dates from 1876 with its origins even earlier in Ballarat where its founder, John Permewan lived. ⁽¹⁾ By 1888 the firm had a network of 48 branches in Victoria and New South Wales with agencies at almost every railway station. These sheds are an integral part of the railway yard complex and now represent a past way of life having made way for road transport and containerisation. Their design is uncompromisingly utilitarian and devoid of any ornament.

The building remains significantly intact and in fair condition. It is a dominating element in the railway yards complex.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Tertiary Industry: Carriers & grocers
Transport: Railways

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Millers' Stores, (later Permewan's) 121 Gray Street
Thomson's Stores, 140 Gray Street

REFERENCES

Australian Dictionary of Biography, Vol 5, MUP, Melbourne, 1973.

FOOTNOTES

ⁱ 'John Permewan', *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Vol 5, p 432.