

BUILDING TITLE: Reg Ansett's House **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 12 Learmonth Street
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** detached house
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Hospital Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: Californian bungalow

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. early 1920s
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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

- 1 *Hamilton Rate Books and HSA DP No. 970, 1938*

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: weatherboard
Dressings: timber
Plinth: timber
Windows: timber dhs
Paving: gravel
Other: rough cast brick verandah

SURVEY DATE: 16/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 10/12 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** typical heavy porch, bracketed eaves

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

SIGNIFICANCE: Home of Reg Ansett when he established his transport empire.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
		front fence missing	O

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:
land to D McNaughton, 22/1/1863
Reg Ansett, owner, 1930s

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

TITLE:
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Reg Ansett's House
12 Learmonth Street

This timber house has local significance as the home of Reginald (later Sir Reginald) Ansett (1909-1981), who played a major role in Hamilton's development as a regional centre by his establishment in the 1930s of a network of transport services based in the town. Ansett was also largely responsible for Hamilton becoming a major aviation centre. He arrived in Hamilton in 1931 and by 1936 the Ansett Motors and Airways company had been established, becoming a public company by 1937. ⁽ⁱ⁾

Ansett's associations with the Learmonth Street house (No 12) is confirmed by a Hamilton Sewerage Authority Drainage Plan dated 1 June 1938, when sewerage was connected to the property. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ The ordinariness of the house reflects Ansett's humble beginnings. The house is typical of this part of Hamilton and of the lower middle class at the time. It is significantly intact and is in good condition. It makes no special contribution to the streetscape being just one of several very similar houses. The garden complements the character of the house.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

Transport:	Motors. Aviation	Ansett Museum, Ballarat Road
Evolution of the Town:	1920s & 1930s	355 Gray Street (built for J Andrew who worked for Ansett).

REFERENCES

HSA DP No 970
Hamilton Rate Books

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 208-213.
ⁱⁱ *HSA DP No. 970* (dated 1 June 1938, for Mr R Ansett)