

BUILDING TITLE: St Andrews Presbyterian Church **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 20 Gray St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B |X| C || D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** church
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # 003745 NT File # 1472 Class |X| Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Church Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||
STYLE: Decorated Gothic

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1857 (nave ?)
2. 1877 (extensions)
3. 1907 (transepts and apse?)
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

1. foundation stone
2. Garden, p 82
3. foundation stone

MATERIALS:

Roof: slate
Walls: rockface bluestone
Dressings: sandstone
Plinth: bluestone
Windows: sandstone & stained glass
Paving: asphalt
Other: terra cotta ridge tiles
galvanized iron roof vents

SURVEY DATE: 26/2/91 **NEG FILE:** 1/28,29,30,31 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** Decorated Gothic "West" window.

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

SIGNIFICANCE: The focus for Presbyterianism not just for the Hamilton region but for much of the squatter dominated Western District. The church is an excellent example of the work of Clegg and Miller, Western District architects.

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:
Presbyterian Church	1857 not yet known	CA Sect
Land to Presb Ch Reserve 69/809 (RS 5907)	1877 not known	6 16A
		1907 Clegg and Miller, architects
		1907 E M Tuxen, contractor
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
20 Gray Street

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, which replaced an earlier church of 1857 on the site, was opened on 6 June 1909. ⁽ⁱ⁾ Its foundation stone was laid on 18 December 1907 by district pastoralist and senior trustee, James Thomson of Monwae. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ One of the largest country parish churches of Victoria, the present church was built of bluestone with dressings of Mt Abrupt freestone, to the designs of the Ballarat architects Clegg and Miller. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ The building comprises nave, double transept and spire, with elongated belfry and corner pinnacles, to the north-west. ^(iv) The church, which served a predominantly Scottish congregation of early settlers and district pastoralists, continues as a focus for the Presbyterian church in the Western District. ^(v)

The spire, along with that of its neighbour and that of St Mary's, is one of the landmarks of Hamilton. The church which is of regional significance is at the centre of the St Andrew's complex.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Religion: Presbyterianism
Continuing Presbyterianism
Education: Sunday School
Role of Women: Women's Social Guild

ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

St Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, 18 Gray St
St Andrew's Sunday School, 25 McIntyre St
St Andrew's Manse, McIntyre Street
Methodist Church and Hall, 109 & 111 Lonsdale

REFERENCES

Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, 1984.
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Historical Sketch 1854-1909
National Estate citation
National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No 1472
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Historical Sketch 1854-1909, Ballarat, 1909.
The First 100 Years St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hamilton Victoria 1854-1954, Glenelg regional Library, 1954.
HSA DP No. 589-590 (1956).

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Historical Sketch 1854-1909, p7-14.
ⁱⁱ Ibid., p 13.
ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid., p 13-14; National Trust of Australia (Victoria), File No 1472.
^{iv} Ibid.
^v National Estate citation.