

BUILDING TITLE: The Castle (aka Hewlett House) **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 36 Grey St
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** detached house
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # 60 1570 D **AHC File #** **NT File #** 5713 **Class** || **Rec** ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Church Hill **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 |X| 3 ||
STYLE: Italianate

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1876
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Sources:

Garden, D, Hamilton, p 92

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MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: rendered stone
Dressings: cement render
Plinth: rockface bluestone
Windows: timber double hung sash
Paving: concrete
Other:

SURVEY DATE: 4/4/91 **NEG FILE:** 4/7 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** Projecting bay and blind window

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

SIGNIFICANCE: This imposing building is significant as an early doctor's residence and for its key position at the entrance to the residential part of Gray Street.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
		front fence removed	O
new period fence		garden removed	S
period planting in front garden		sign	S

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

land to L Murphy, 3/5/54

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

Dr Edmund Vialls, owner 1876

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William Holden, builder	

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Castle (also known as Hewlett House)
36 Gray Street

Built on land originally sold by the Crown to L Murphy in 1854, this house is of local significance for its conventional architecture and as the home of one of Hamilton's early doctors. It was built in 1876 for Dr Edmund Vialls. The builder was William Holden (c1832-1910). ⁽ⁱ⁾ Holden was the owner/occupier of a wooden house (NAV 12 pounds) on the site of Tavistock, 17 Lonsdale Street, in 1876. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ The former Hewlett House can be compared with several other grand houses built about this time for doctors by Holden. Dr Wylie's Roxburgh House was slightly earlier and larger. The architecture is a restrained version of the popular Italianate style reflecting a conservative approach befitting the dignity of the profession of the owner. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ The house remains significantly intact and is in good condition. It is also important for its key position at the entrance to the residential part of Gray Street

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1870s
Professions: medicine

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Roxburgh House, 64 Thompson Street
St Ronan's, 5 Dryden Street
The Academy, now St Mary's School, Pope & Collins Sts
Tavistock, 17 Lonsdale Street

REFERENCES

HSA DP 509
D Garden, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne
Hamilton Rate Books

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 92.
ⁱⁱ *Hamilton Rate Book 1876*, No. 528. The timber section survives much added to.
ⁱⁱⁱ The architect, if there was one which is likely, has not been determined.