

BUILDING TITLE: Toyworld **BUILDING ADDRESS:** 128 Thompson Street
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** single storey shop
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: Gray Street commercial area **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 |X|
STYLE: Conservative Classical

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. c1870
- 2.
3. 1960s (verandah)
4. 1980s (front door)
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

- 1 Garden, D, Hamilton, p 82

MATERIALS:

Roof: corrugated iron
Walls: brick (part painted)
Dressings: bluestone
Plinth: bluestone & timber
Windows: plate glass & timber
Paving: concrete
Other: metal decking above
verandah
bluestone piers

SURVEY DATE: 5/5/91 **NEG FILE:** 8/31 **REPORTER:** tfh

INTEGRITY: E || G |X| F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:** original shop front

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 two storey fraternal twin as part of the streetscape.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
		verandah	O
		clerestorey windows covered over	R

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

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:

land to T Finn, 6/10/1851

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

TITLE:
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Toyworld
128 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. ⁽ⁱ⁾ The building's style is conservatively classical with the facade austerely detailed. The building is a fraternal twin with its two storey next door neighbour and 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 124 Thompson Street. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ The shop front is original with its timber stall boards and framing. The front door and the verandah have been replaced. 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

Mitch's Mart, 124 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*.