

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BRICK COTTAGE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 71 Pilleau Street COLERAINE

STUDY NUMBER: 025

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Coleraine

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 7 **SECTION:** 18

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA ; VicRoads 228 C10; located in Pilleau Street two blocks south of the main street of Coleraine.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Brick Cottage, 71 Pilleau Street Coleraine.

Image Date:

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All of the building and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The dwelling at 71 Pilleau Street is a symmetrical, single storey rendered brick cottage with two low pitched corrugated iron hipped roofs and a gabled extension at the rear. The façade is simple although quoins are used around the panelled door and windows. There is one chimney (and apparently there has been no other) on the west elevation. The verandah is modern. The building is likely to have been architect designed, possibly by John S. Jenkins.

Troeth (95) notes that many of the characteristics of the cottage identify it as being unlikely to have been designed by local tradesmen, but by an architect. He points out that "The brickwork is plastered and painted and the front windows and doors are quoined. The cottage is set back approximately twelve feet from the street" (ibid.).

HISTORY:

The land on which the cottage at 71 Pilleau Street now stands was first purchased from the Crown by E. White on October 31, 1861. This being Allotment 7 Section 18, he also purchased the adjacent Allotment 6 on January 29, 1864. There are no records of an E. White in the Victorian Pioneer Index 1836-1888, but the Coleraine Cemetery lists an Edward White of 'Den Hills', a pastoral property near Coleraine. This Edward White was born in 1842 and died at his property 'Den Hills' in 1909. It is possible that this may be the E. White who is referred to in the Coleraine Township Maps as having first purchased this land.

By 1872, Troeth (95) states that the Glenelg Shire Ratebooks list David Barry, a pound-keeper, owning and occupying a brick cottage on Allotment 6 fronting Pilleau Street. In 1868 David Barry is listed as being the occupant of another house in McConochie Street, owned by Thomas O'Donnell. David Barry was appointed as the first Wannon Shire Council pound-keeper in 1872, and was paid a wage of 82 pounds per annum (McGaffin, 10). He is not listed in the Glenelg Ratebooks after 1872, nor are there any Barry's in the Coleraine Cemetery which indicates he may have left the area shortly after this time.

Tenders for the construction of two brick cottages at Coleraine were called by John S Jenkins architect of Hamilton in June 1867 [HS, 08/06/1867]. Troeth (ibid.) states that "it is likely that 71 Pilleau Street is one of these cottages since it is not typical of other brick cottages in Coleraine and displays characteristics of architectural input to the design and construction".

By 1889, the brick cottage at 71 Pilleau Street was listed as being owned and occupied by Arthur Hill (Ratebook 1889-90, in Troeth). Hill was the second Wannon Shire Engineer from 1879 to 1913 (McGaffin, 17), and occupied the dwelling at 71 Pilleau Street until 1913 when the Hill family left Coleraine and offered the property for sale [CA, 17/07/1918]. There is little information available about the Hill family during their time in Coleraine.

There is little known about the building or its occupants in the later Twentieth Century.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

CONDITION:

The condition of the cottage is good although its appearance is marred by the modern verandah, inappropriate fencing, and a pergola at the gateway.

INTEGRITY:

Fair degree of integrity

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

This simple, symmetrical single storey brick cottage is located at 71 Pilleau Street, two blocks south from the main street of Coleraine. Its first owner was E White who may have commissioned the Hamilton architect, John S Jenkins to design the cottage in 1867. It shows certain refinements such as the quoins on the façade, which suggest that it was designed by an architect. Later owners include the poundkeeper, David Barry and, from 1889 for twenty-four years the engineer of the Shire of Dundas, Arthur Hill. The cottage is in fair condition and retains a fair degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The brick cottage at 71 Pilleau Street is of local architectural and historical significance to the community of Coleraine and the Shire of Southern Grampians.

Why is it significant?

The brick cottage at 71 Pilleau Street, Coleraine is of architectural significance for its simple but competent design, probably by the Hamilton architect, John S Jenkins. It is of architectural significance as the only remaining example of a small brick residence designed by an architect in the township of Coleraine. It is of historical significance as the home of David Barry, the first poundkeeper for the Wannon Shire and as the home of Arthur Hill, the long standing engineer for the Shire of Dundas. It is of further historical significance as an example of the use of locally manufactured bricks, representing an early industry and trade.

COMPARISON:

076 93 McConochie Street, Coleraine
167 39 Coleraine-Balmoral Road, Balmoral

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE: 27-Aug-01

EXISTING LISTINGS:

Name

Southern Grampians Shire Planning Scheme

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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Shire of Wannon Ratebooks 1872-73

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