

# HERITAGE PLACE

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**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** 64 Whyte Street COLERAINE

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**PRECINCT:** Coleraine

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** 1      **SECTION:** 2      **PARISH:** PARISH OF COLERAINE

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 430J G4; VicRoads 228 D9; located on the north side of Whyte Street, the Glenelg Highway between Winter and Henty Streets in the centre of Coleraine.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



J. E Goody's Store and Residence (former), Whyte Street, Coleraine. Façade

**Image Date:** 01/02/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

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

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## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

J. E Goody Grocer's Store and Residence is located on the north west corner of Whyte and Henty Street. The building is a single storey, double fronted timber shop with an attached residence. The facade is divided by four pilasters (one of which is now truncated) and a parapet with a central semi-circular pediment. The parapet is treated simply with solid panels. The residence, defined by the eastern most bay, has a single door with a fanlight and a single double-hung sash window. A timber verandah crosses the whole facade and is subdivided into three equal bays. It is decorated by a cutout timber frieze and a scalloped detail supporting the guttering. The original shop windows have been substantially altered, including the truncation of a central pilaster, probably after 1950. The roof is in three separate hips perpendicular to the street and related to the bays of the facade. There is a side entry, on the east, with a simple timber picket gate. The cladding of the western wall is corrugated iron and should therefore predate the construction of the Black Horse Inn in 1865. Malcolm Troeth (67) presumes that this shop and dwelling are the same, but much altered, as that illustrated as Jacob Skinner's shop in his advertisement in the Supplement to the Coleraine Albion published in 1893. This seems to be impossible considering the fundamental differences between the two buildings, which suggests that, if the site is the same, the present building may have been built after 1900. A substantial residential addition has been made to the rear.

## HISTORY:

The land on which J. E Goody's Store and Residence now stands was purchased from the crown by J. Boxer on April 20, 1854 (Department of Lands and Survey, 1955). There is no information available regarding who J. Boxer was, it is unknown whether he constructed a building on this land. There has been suggestion that a timber store may have been constructed on the western boundary before the adjacent brick Black Horse Inn was built (Troeth, 67). However, it is unlikely as the early drawings of the brick store and residence are quite different to the current timber building. It is thought that the existing building was built much later, around 1900.

The first ratebook entry for this property lists Daniel O'Connor storekeeper as the owner and occupier of a store and house (Shire of Wannon 1875-6, entry 21). Daniel O'Connor was advertising the Coleraine General Store as early as 1865, suggesting that he had been in business for some time prior to 1875 (HS 30/01/1865). It is not known whether the advertised Coleraine General Store was located on the site of J.E Goody's Store and Residence. There has been very little information found regarding Daniel O'Connor, he is not buried in the Coleraine Cemetery, and there appears to be no record of births, deaths or marriages on the Victorian Pioneer Index upto 1888.

Donald Cameron, a farmer, purchased the store in 1876. It is not known if this was Donald Cameron of 'Morgiana' fame, or any of the other Donald Cameron's who were heavily involved in pastoral interests around Hamilton. While Cameron was owned the store, it was occupied by a draper, David Rimmington until 1880 (Shire of Wannon 1876-7 & 1879-80, entry 21).

Jacob Skinner, a baker, seedsman, fruiterer and confectioner, occupied the property from 1887 to 1895. Jacob Skinner married Jane Maria Rhodes in England in 1874 shortly before emigrating to Australia (VPI, Reg. No. 2728). In 1874, they were married again in Portland (ibid., 2728), where perhaps they first arrived in Australia. Jacob and Jane Skinner must have gone to Coleraine soon after their arrival, as their first child, Caroline Diana was born in Coleraine in 1875 (ibid., 14880). The Skinners had six more children between 1877 and 1888, Mary Ann Elisabeth, Jane Maude, Ethel Sarah, William Thomas Jacob, Henry James and Myrtle Vivian (ibid.).

A drawing of Skinner's shop appears in the Supplement to the Coleraine Albion, No. 18 (CHS Files). In this drawing, the shop appears to be a simple rendered brick building with a low hipped roof of corrugated iron, with two large stallboard windows with an entrance between them to the eastern part of the facade. To the west

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(the attached residence) there is a door and one 6 pane double hung window on the far west of the entrance.

Jacob Skinner was superseded by Frederick W. Speak, baker and grocer (Shire of Wannon, 1886-7 entry 20; 1894-5, entry 32). A photograph dated circa 1900 shows the same brick building as existed during Skinners occupation (CHS Files). Another photograph, dated circa 1915 shows the current timber building, indicating that the original brick building had been replaced between 1900 and 1915. It is not known why the brick building was removed or altered, however, it may have been due to the common problem in the district of rising damp in the locally made early bricks.

Frederick Speak was born in 1862 (Coleraine Cemetery Index). The Victorian Pioneers Index (Reg. No. 19424) lists a Frederick Warren Speak, born in 1862 at Buninyong, near Ballarat. It is possible that this is the Frederick W. Speak who went on to become a baker and grocer in Coleraine. Frederick Speak was married to Ann (maiden name unknown), who died in 1915 at the age of 51, while Speak lived until 1951, age 89. It is not known whether they had any children.

No information is available on how long into the twentieth century Speak continued as a grocer and baker from these premises, and the history of the building from 1915 to 1946 is not clear. In 1939, the Coleraine Centenary Celebrations booklet ran advertisements from three grocers and/or bakers in Whyte Street. They were; Louey Sing (greengrocer), F. Barker (baker, pastrycook, grocer and confectionery), George Aitchison (baker and pastrycook). There is no mention of Speak, so it is presumed that by 1939 he had discontinued the business.

In May 1949, the business was sold to Mr. J Goody, a general grocer (Back to Coleraine Committee, 11). The Coleraine Cemetery has a record of John Edward Goody (1906 - 1978) who was the husband of Nell and father of Jack and Leslie. It is likely that this is J.E Goody who owned the shop from 1949. At some stage, perhaps in 1949, a substantial residential addition was made to the rear.

For some time in the late 1980s the building was used as drapery store, book exchange and residence. The shop is now vacant.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 retailing foods and beverages

3.19 Marketing and retailing

## **CONDITION:**

The building is in good condition.

## **INTEGRITY:**

Fair degree of integrity with alterations to the shop windows and door the only serious loss of significant fabric.

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

The J. E. Goody Store and Residence is located on the north west corner of Whyte and Henty Streets, Coleraine. The building is a single storey, double fronted timber shop with an attached residence. The existing building dates from after 1900 and before 1915 although it retains the same plan as its predecessor. The facade is simple but well detailed example of the Renaissance Revival. If an architect was responsible, as seems likely, no name has been discovered. The present shop and dwelling is typical and one of the larger examples in Coleraine. It is in good condition and retains a good degree of integrity.

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How is it significant?

The J E Goody Store and Residence is of historic and architectural significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The J E Goody shop and residence is of historic significance for its associations with various merchants, specifically bakers who at least occupied the site, if not the building. It is of architectural significance for its modest but competent design which reflects a prosperous business environment.

## COMPARISON:

085 Trangmar's Store and Residence, 73 Whyte Street, Coleraine  
039 Hairdresser's Salon (shop and residence), 72B Whyte Street, Coleraine  
065 General Store and Residence, Port Fairy-Hamilton Road, Byaduk  
028 Store and Residence, 102 Whyte Street, Coleraine  
075 Store and Residence, 100A Whyte Street, Coleraine

**ASSESSED BY:** TFH

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

09-Sep-01

## EXISTING LISTINGS:

## HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR  Include in RNE  Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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