

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: STORE AND RESIDENCE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 100A Whyte Street COLERAINE

STUDY NUMBER: 075

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: C.H JAMES & SONS REGISTERED BUILDERS & PLUMBERS

PRECINCT: Coleraine

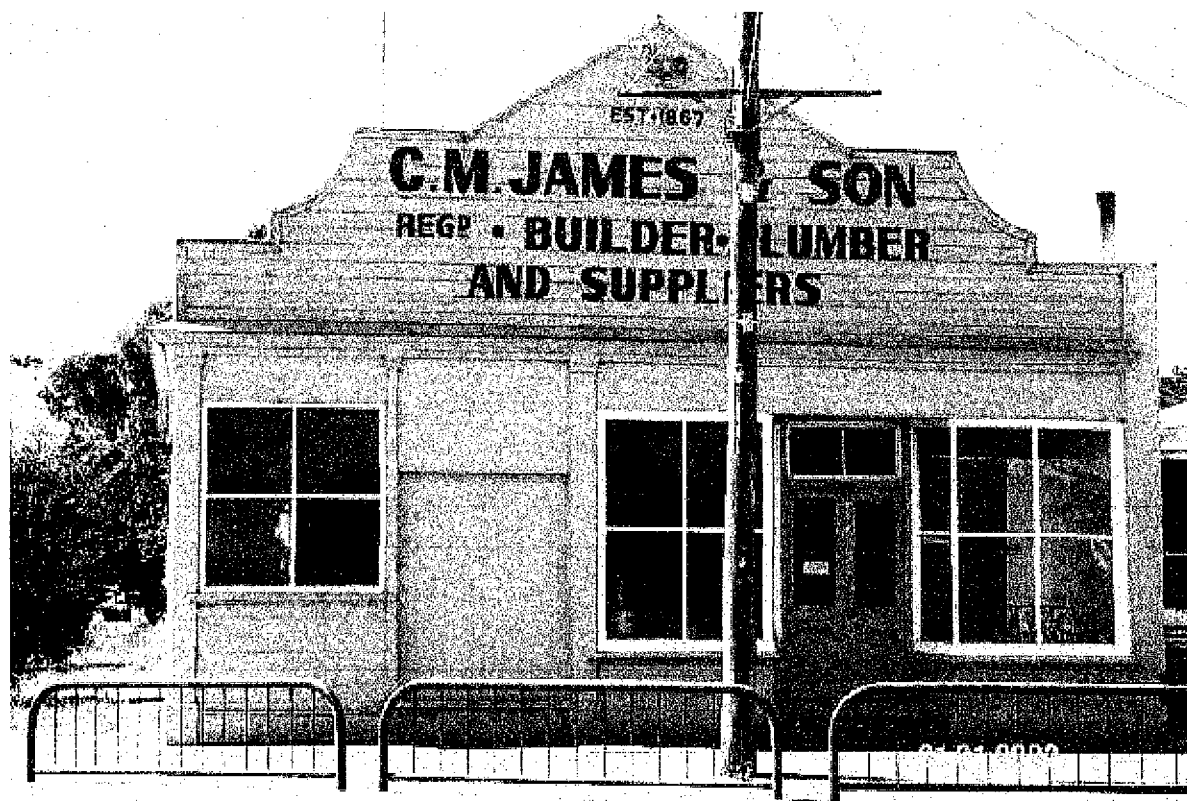
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 1 **SECTION:** 10 **PARISH:** PARISH OF COLERAINE

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 430J. Located on the north east corner of Whyte and Gage Streets in the centre of the township of Coleraine.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Store and Residence, Whyte Street, Coleraine. Store - looking north from Whyte Street

Image Date: 31/01/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

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

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The store and residence at 100a Whyte Street is now known as 'C.H James & Son, Registered Builders and Plumbers'. It is located on the north east corner of Gage and Whyte Streets in the centre of the township of Coleraine. Both the store and residence are single storey timber buildings. Fronting Whyte Street is a symmetrical timber store with a facade divided in two sections. This may reflect the previous history of the premises as two separate stores within the same structure. An illustration which dates from 1893 shows two separate timber parapets, which further provide further evidence of a previous division, as there may have been two roof forms. The current parapet is quite ornate with several curved sections and a prominent steep gable, situated above the original shopfront.

The facade is symmetrical, with two entrances, separated by a large display window. The western side consists of a window and a double door (now covered up), each between applied timber pilasters. The east section is a symmetrical shopfront with a recessed central doorway flanked by two windows.

There is a timber residence at the rear of the store which has been extended several times. The residence and the interiors have not been inspected.

HISTORY:

The land on which the store and residence at 100a Whyte Street stands was first purchased from the Crown by William Smith on September 8, 1852 (Department of Lands and Survey, 1955). Allotments 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 of Section 1 were also purchased by Smith at the same time. It is not known if Smith built any structures on the land, or whether he lived there. It is possible that the William Smith who purchased the land was the Chief Architect and Engineer from Hamilton, who designed Monivae Homestead and who prepared the necessary working plans for additions and alterations to the Shire Hall (Shire of Mount Rouse, 1964). Smith was also employed as a town clerk in Hamilton between 1861-1866 (Garden, 73). There is however, a William Smith buried in 1888 in the Coleraine Cemetery, and the Births, Deaths and Marriages register list two William Smith's as father's of children who were born in Coleraine, one in 1852 and the other in 1865, so the evidence as to which William Smith was the first owner of the land is inconclusive.

The first Glenelg Shire Ratebooks indicate that by 1872 that the site was occupied by two tradesmen. William Heath, a carpenter occupied a workshop and dwelling facing Whyte Street, and Edward Ingram occupied a blacksmith's shop which faced Gage Street (Glenelg Shire Ratebooks, entry 88 & 89).

William Heath was born in Birmingham, and emigrated to Australia in the mid nineteenth century. He married Annie Teresa Quigley (VPI, Reg. No. 4231) in 1876 (possibly the daughter of John Quigley, of the Wannan Inn). It appears that they left Coleraine prior to the birth of their first child, William Richard in 1877, who was born in the Harrow area (ibid., 16134), where it appears they remained for some time, as their second and third children, John Arthur (born 1879) and Richmond Stanley (born 1882) were both registered as being born in the Harrow area (ibid., 9782, 16702). It is likely that the shop was either 'looked after' or leased out to another merchant during this time. The family may have later moved to Casterton, where all members of the family have been buried.

Edward Ingram, a blacksmith, married Elizabeth Welch, and they lived in Coleraine for some time. Both their children, Maria and Annie were born in the Coleraine area in 1865 and 1868 respectively (ibid., 21137, 8265). Little is known about the Welch family, as they were only in the township for a short time, by the mid 1870s the blacksmith's shop was owned by Henry Clapham of Merino, who was presumably an absentee landlord, as the birth of all his children were registered in Merino (ibid.).

In 1879 a tinsmith, Mark James purchased the blacksmith's shop from Clapham, and later, in 1881 the workshop and residence from William Heath. Mark James was born in Staffordshire, England. He emigrated to

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Australia in the mid nineteenth century and married Emma Taylor (originally from Lancashire, England) in 1866 (VPI, Reg. No. 386). The James family appear to have spent a considerable time in Mortlake, where Mark James probably worked as a Tin smith. The first seven children of Mark and Emma were born in the township between 1869 and 1877 (ibid.), five of whom survived past infancy. The children who survived were Lucy Jane (1868), Henry William (1870), Sarah Hannah (1873), John Taylor (1875) and Eliza Louisa (1877).

The James family arrived in Coleraine in 1879, and purchased both stores and the residence, where three more children were born, Charles Albert (1879), Ernest Edward (1882) and a child who died in infancy, Augustus Gordon (1884) (ibid., 1684, 1630, 15778).

An illustration from the Coleraine Albion Supplement in 1893 shows the existing building, without the current timber parapet, advertising 'M. James, Tinsmith, Plumber, Tankmaker' above the western portion of the store, and 'Timber Yard, Doors and Sashes, Building Material of all descriptions' above the eastern part of the store. It appears that in 1893, the existing building was symmetrically divided into two smaller stores, with two separate front entrances, divided by a large six paned window. Each store also then had a large twelve paned display window extending from the outside corner of the frontage. The store at this time sold Galvanized Iron, rigging and spouting, paper machines, oils, paints, glass and timber and building material of all descriptions. There is also mention in the illustration that 'Gun Repairing a Specialty by a Component Tradesman' (CA Supplement, 1893). The illustration also indicates that Mark James had his timber supplied by his own sawmill, Curdies River Saw Mills (ibid.).

By 1939, the advertisement placed in the 'Coleraine Centenary Celebrations' refers to the business as 'James Bros. - contractors, timber merchants, undertakers, Etc.' (Centenary Committee, 10), claiming that they were agents for Metters' Windmills, Rogers' paints and Jennings Fibrous plaster (ibid.). The James family have continued to occupy this store and residence from this time, and are prominent members of the local community.

The nineteenth century has brought about some changes to the original shop. A gabled parapet has been added to the top of the original timber shopfront, and the roof altered to become one roof form. Other alterations to the exterior of the building, include the covering up of the entrance on the west and replacement of panes in the original display windows. It is not known when this work was carried out.

The James family (descendants of Mark and Emma James) continue to occupy the same store and residence, the business now known as 'C.H James & Son, registered builders and plumbers'.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.19 Marketing and retailing

Theme 8: Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

The condition of the building is very good.

INTEGRITY:

High degree of integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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What is significant?

The store and residence at 100a Whyte Street is located on the north east corner of Gage and Whyte Streets, in the centre of Coleraine. The building comprises a single storey store and attached residence. The store has a symmetrical façade, with two entrances separated by a large display window. The entrance on the western side has been covered up with timber. There are also large display windows extending inwards from the corner of the building on the western and eastern corners. The store may originally have been divided in two, housing two separate businesses. The original store had two identical timber parapets which have been replaced by a single twentieth century gabled timber parapet spanning both sides of the store. The original display windows have been altered to make larger panes. The store and residence has been owned and operated by the James family since 1879, which makes it perhaps the longest running family business in Coleraine. The original trade of Tinsmith, plumber and building supply merchant has been carried into the twenty first century by the James family, who continue to operate similar trade from the premises at 100a Whyte Street.

How is it significant?

The store and residence at 100A Whyte Street Coleraine is of historical significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The timber store and residence is of historical significance for its links to an important local family, the James' who have operated a trade in building and plumbing from the premises for over one hundred years continually. It is of further historical significance as one of a very small number of remaining nineteenth century retail premises in Coleraine with a largely intact original shopfront.

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

ASSESSED BY: TFH

ASSESSMENT DATE:

01-Jul-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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