

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: COLONIAL BANK (FORMER)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Lynch Street BRANXHOLME

STUDY NUMBER: ~~0522~~ 207 **HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

PRECINCT: Branholme

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 2 **SECTION:** 8 **PARISH:** PARISH OF BRANXHOLME

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 473J B12; VicRoads 72 E7; located on the south side of Lynch Street near the intersection of Monroe Street

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Colonial Bank (former), Lynch Street, Branholme.

Image Date: 31/01/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the building including the banking chamber and other offices and the residence and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

A single storey, symmetrical brick building of traditional house form, now painted, which formerly had a timber and cast iron verandah across the western or garden elevation. The northern half of the verandah was enclosed with weatherboards to dado height and sliding glazed sashes above. The roof is hipped with an M-shaped profile and is covered in corrugated iron. The front windows are 2-paned double hung sashes, while the side and rear windows are 12-paned double hung sashes. The two chimneys are located opposite the front windows. The rear half of the house (or its extension) is in weatherboard with the roof continued in the same materials, form and pitch.

HISTORY:

It is not certain when this building was constructed but, from its form, plan and detailing it does seem to have been built as a house rather than as a bank, and before 1870.

The Colonial Bank of Australasia was established in Melbourne in 1855 on the strength of Victoria's wealth from gold and pastoralism. This building was used as a branch between June 1876 and 1880. The manager was Mr. W. Murray who lived at Branhholme, presumably in this house. The bank operated three days a week at Branhholme and three at Condah.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3 Developing local, regional and national economies
3.18 Financing Australia
3.18.2 Banking and lending

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes
8.14 Living in the country and rural communities

CONDITION:

The building is in poor condition

INTEGRITY:

low degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The former Colonial Bank is a single storey, symmetrical brick building of traditional house form located on the south side of Lynch Street near the intersection of Monroe Street. It had a timber and cast iron verandah across the western or garden elevation, which has collapsed. It is not certain when this building was constructed but, from its form, plan and detailing it does seem to have been built as a house rather than as a bank, and before 1870. No architect or builder has been associated with the design. The building has a low degree of integrity and is in poor condition.

How is it significant?

The former Colonial Bank is of historical and architectural significance to the community of Branhholme and to the Southern Grampians Shire

Why is it significant?

The former Colonial Bank is of historical significance as a reminder of a previous commercial activity, and apparently the only bank in Branhholme. The former Colonial Bank is of architectural significance as an example of domestic architecture, particularly for the unusual side verandah.

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COMPARISON:

201 William Howarth's House, Monroe Street, Branhholme
215 Doctor's Residence, 2 Monroe Street, Branhholme

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

31-Jan-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Agnes V. Walter	Branholme 1843-1973	1973	19