

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: TURNER'S SHOPS AND RESIDENCE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Memorial Road GLENTHOMPSON

STUDY NUMBER: 364

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Glenthompson

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: Part SECTION: 1 PARISH: PARISH OF YUPPECKIAR
F1a

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 434Jj2, VicRoads 229 N10, located on the south side of the Glenelg Highway on a service road between Thompson and Scott Streets.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



2210 Turner's Store & Residence Glenthompson.jpg

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EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All of the land, and all of the structures, including the pair of shops and the residence, excluding the interiors of the buildings.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Turner's shops and residence are located on Memorial Road, in the centre of Glenthompson. The commercial building is a pair of painted brick shops which are symmetrically arranged. The entrance to each shop is adjacent to the exterior wall, and has an identical recessed timber door with a six pane glass panel. The shop front windows are in three large panes along the street front. The roofs of each shop are identical, being simple corrugated iron gables, with an elementary brick pediment built across the facade of both shops to unite the structure. A simple timber and corrugated iron verandah extends over the pavement. The verandah posts are unturned square posts, and the corrugated iron has been painted blue. The residence is adjacent to the shop, and is a single storey asymmetrical timber house with a low pitched gable and a side entrance door, adjacent to the pair of shops. The residence has not been internally inspected.

HISTORY:

There is very little information available about the pair of brick shops located in Memorial Road Glenthompson, or the associated residence.

It is known that the land on which the shops and residence stand were originally part of Allotment F1a, taken up by John McLennan in the first land sales of Glenthompson (at this time, it was actually allotment 10 of section 1 [prior to subdivision]). John McLennan is considered to be the 'founding father' of Glenthompson, arriving in 1862, he ran a hotel, store and postal service from a building located on this land, called 'Mac's Hotel'. A later hotel was built in Station Street, which still survives as Mac's Hotel. There is an historical photograph of "John McLennan's combined hotel, post office and store - Glenthompson's first building of substance" reproduced in the 'Shire of Mount Rouse Centenary History'. This shows a very simple timber building of a domestic scale and form with a projecting room on the right, a central front door flanked by windows and a verandah across the facade. It is likely to be the hotel which faced the Glenelg Highway, on the site of the present pair of shops and residence. According to Hope Henry in 'Glenthompson History', "Mr. McLennan was the first white man to build a house in Glenthompson in 1862, having applied for a rural site. He built a Hotel and Store and carried on the duties of Postmaster free of charge."

When the new hotel was built in Station Street (probably in the later 1870s), McLennan donated part of his land (Allotment 10, Section 1) for the purposes of building a Mechanic's Institute, and later, part of this allotment also became an extension of McLennan Street, through to the highway (Department of Lands and Survey, 1942).

It is thought that the shops and residence were built in the very early twentieth century, the shops from locally made bricks. It is not known who the shops and residence were built for, or if an architect or builder were responsible for the design. Frank Turner became a store keeper after World War Two. The detail on the parapet previously read "Frank Turner General Providers, Fruit Supplies and Sporting goods". The Turner family operated the shops and lived in the associated house for some years.

Later in the 1980s, Joy and Noel Lambourne remodelled the brick shops and opened a takeaway business for a few years, which closed in 1990.

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

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

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CONDITION:

Fair

INTEGRITY:

fair degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Turner's Shops and Residence are located on the south side of Memorial Road, in the centre of Glenthompson. The pair of shops are identical symmetrical single storey brick shops, abutting the pavement. The house is in the very late Victorian style, a single storey timber structure with a side entrance, set back from the street. The land on which they stand was the first land taken up in Glenthompson, by John McLennan, who is considered to be the founding father of the township. McLennan built the first "Mac's Hotel" on the site in the early 1870s, and operated a hotel, store and postal service from the building. The advent of the railway prompted John McLennan to build a second "Mac's Hotel" opposite the Railway Station in Station Street later in the 1870s. Subsequent subdivision of the land saw part donated for a Mechanics Institute, and part became an extension of McLennan Street, to allow access through to the highway. It is thought that the pair of brick shops date from the very early twentieth century, and the timber residence from the late nineteenth century. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design of either structure. Both buildings are in fair condition, and retain a good degree of integrity externally.

How is it significant?

The shops and residence are of historical significance to the township of Glenthompson and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The shops and residence, known as Turner's are of historical significance for the sites connections with the important John McLennan, who built the first substantial structure on this site in the 1870s, Mac's Hotel. The site is of further historical significance for its changing use over time, to have been subdivided several times, and large portions donated to the Glenthompson Mechanic's Institute, and to create a public road. Of further interest is the later occupation of the residence and pair of shops by a variety of businesses, the most important of which was the Turner's who operated the shop and lived in the residence for many years.

COMPARISON:

386 Wheeler's Orient Store, Memorial Road, Glenthompson

380 Stewart's General Store, Station Street, Glenthompson

ASSESSED BY: AEN

ASSESSMENT DATE:

13-Jan-04

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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Mac's Glen Thompson Hotel

Mac's Hotel and Adjacent Store

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Department of Lands and Survey	Township of Glenthompson, Parish of Yuppeckiar, County of Villiers	1942
Hope Henry	Glenthompson History	1954 1-3
Kathleen Dickie	Notes on Glenthompson's History	n.d
Mount Rouse Shire Council	Shire of Mount Rouse, In the Centre of the Fertile Western District of Victoria: Centenary Celebrated	1966