

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: STEWART'S GENERAL STORE & RESIDENCE (FORMER)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Station Street GLENTHOMPSON

STUDY NUMBER: 380

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Glenthompson

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 6 **SECTION:** 1 **PARISH:** PARISH OF YUPPECKIAR

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 434J J3; VicRoads 229 M10; located on the north side of Station Street, immediately adjacent to Mac's Glen Thompson Hotel and opposite the former Railway Station.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Heritage Inventory



Stewart's General Store & Residence, Station Street, Glenthompson

Image Date: 29/05/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

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

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The single storey timber building is in two parts. The store, on the western side of the block, is built to the street boundary, is symmetrical about the central front door and has two multi-paned shop windows. It is framed in timber, clad in conventional weatherboard and has a corrugated iron roof. The roof is a single gable. Originally there was a verandah across the footpath with an double-ogee curved timber valance. (The roof of the verandah may have been changed because it is straight or possible concave in an early photograph and convex in a later photograph.) One shop window survives with its 16 panes but the other has been replaced by an off-centre garage door. At the rear of the store there is an enclosed verandah which incorporates a brick chimney. The residence is built approximately 1.2m back from the street boundary, it is also symmetrical about the central front door and has four-paned double-hung sash windows. It is framed in timber, clad in conventional weatherboard and has a corrugated iron roof. Its roof is a double gable. There is a verandah post supported timber verandah across the façade, a small verandah on the eastern elevation and a verandah on the northern, or rear, elevation. The front verandah retains its double-ogee curved timber valance. The rear verandah has triangular pointed boards as a valance. There is a chimney on the side elevation serving the south-west room, probably used as a parlour. The plan of the residence is traditional with four rooms and a central passage. It may be that there was a detached kitchen at the rear, or side, since demolished.

HISTORY:

According to the Glenthompson Township Plan, a J Wilson purchased allotment 6 of section 1 on 10 August 1880. He also bought the adjacent block on the same day where the hotel now stands. He may have been the Joseph Wilson who is listed as a storekeeper at Strathmore in the Shire of Mount Rouse rate books which includes a reference to "Glenthompson" subsequently crossed out. (SMR RB 1871 #130 and 1872 #140.) Wilson continued to operate from Strathmore for some time because it was the stronger town until the advent of the railway in 1878.

If the store and residence date from the 1860s, they may be the oldest surviving structure in Glenthompson. Local historian, Hope Henry writes that after John McLennan built his combined hotel, store and post office about 1868, the first permanent structure in Glenthompson, a second store was built by a person called Pyle (Henry, 5) ~~No person called Pyle is rated by the Shire of Mount Rouse at this time. The only storekeeper~~ who is rated in Glenthompson, other than McLennan, is Alexander Arbuthnot McKenzie. In 1871 he was charged 20 pounds for his store compared with 45 pounds for the hotel. In 1870 McKenzie is described as a farmer and is rated at 20 pounds for 242 acres at Bilpah (SMR RB 1870 #254 and 1871 #77). By 1872 he was rated 55 pounds jointly for his store and land which suggests that the store had been improved or extended.

C Stewart was the owner the general store in the Interwar years, after the new hotel was built beside it, according to a photograph held by the GHS under "Streetscapes of Glenthompson". Another photograph shows the left hand side of the store with its original verandah beside the original Mac's Hotel.

There is no J Wilson buried at Glenthompson cemetery.
There is no C Stewart buried at Glenthompson cemetery.

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

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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 building was demolished in 2003

INTEGRITY:

Good degree of integrity but altered internally.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

Stewart's General Store and residence, located adjacent to Mac's Hotel in Railway Street, Glenthompson is a single storey timber building in two parts. The store, on the western side of the block, is built to the street boundary, is symmetrical about the central front door and has two multi-paned shop windows. It is framed in timber, clad in conventional weatherboard and has a corrugated iron roof. It is thought that the store and residence date from the 1860s, and if so, they are the oldest surviving structures in Glenthompson. The store and residence are believed to have been occupied by a number of different occupants, but in the mid nineteenth century, the Stewart family ran the store and lived in the residence, leading to the structure being known as Stewart's store. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The buildings have since been demolished.

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

COMPARISON:

364 Turner's Store and Residence, Memorial Road, Glenthompson
386 Wheeler's Orient Store, Memorial Road, Glenthompson

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
	Mac's Hotel and Adjacent Store		
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