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Site Name: Shop and Residence

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Address: 80 McKillop Street Geelong 3220

Approx. Date: 1854-55

Integrity: Moderate

Significance Level: C (Local)

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History

This site at 80 McKillop St., Geelong, on the south-east corner of McKillop and Sutherland Streets, is located on part of Allotment no. 7, Section 20B, of the 1858 Geelong Town Plan. The original proprietor of the land was J. Cullen.

William Upton, owner of a 2 storey weatherboard and iron building (consisting of 8 rooms, a candlery and store) in Sutherland Street, off McKillop Street, added this large brick shop of 5 rooms, on the corner of McKillop and Sutherland Streets in 1854-55, complementing the existing candle factory. Another room appears to have been added to the brick building in the early 1860s, and was described in the Geelong Rate Book (Barwon Ward) for 1864-65 as "a brick 2 storey building with 6 rooms". Two years before his death in 1884, William Upton relinquished the property and business in favour of his son, William Charles Upton and wife, Jane, but William Charles and Jane soon parted with the brick shop in November 1888, the new purchaser being John Daniel, ironmonger, who acquired the property for 500 pounds.

John Daniel added a seventh room to the building in c. 1890, and an eighth c. 1895. However, he does not appear to have lived or worked at the premises himself, preferring to lease it to a succession of tenants until his death around the turn of the century. The

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property, then known as 140 McKillop Street, was administered by his Estate for many years, until its disposal in January 1920 to Thomas Horwood, a Highton investor. A monumental mason, David O'Connor occupied the premises for at least 6 years from 1915 to 1920. In December 1922, after undertaking major plumbing work in 1921, Thomas Horwood sold the building to Frederick Ernest Robert Stevens, a painter, who owned and occupied it until 1943. The new proprietor, Agnes Mary Griffen, householder of Melbourne, held the building for 6 years and then sold it to Lloyed Hamilton Searle, of 25 Coquette Street, Geelong West, who undertook major plumbing and sanitary work on the property in 1950. Presumably after the death of Lloyd Searle, the premises was handed on to Jack and Margaret Searle in 1951, before again being sold, this time to Charles Gilbert Cowan of Fyansford in 1956.

There have been a number of proprietors since 1960 - Gaetano and Josephine Pane Bianco (March- October 1974), and Anthony William and Mary Clare Lanarch-Jones (1974-1980). In the 1960s or 1970s, the building was converted to flats and in more recent years has been a hairdressing salon.

Description

The building at 80 McKillop Street, Geelong, is set on a contextually small allotment for the local area. As a commercial building, this structure takes up the full width of the block and abuts the front boundary, although there appears to be some open space at the rear.

The asymmetrical, two storey, rendered brick, Victorian Regency styled building is characterised by a gabled and hipped roof form, and a chamfered corner that accentuates the corner location of the building. The roof form is clad in galvanised corrugated steel. Two early brick (now painted) chimneys with rendered and corbelled tops adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs are features of the eaves.

On the first floor are regular bays of early timber framed 12 paned double hung windows with rendered sills (one window on the McKillop Street facade has been blocked up).

The ground floor openings appear to have been altered, with the introduction of arched timber framed openings and doors. The corner arched timber and glazed doorway may have replaced an original door opening in this location.

At the rear are early single storey, rendered brick wings with gable roof forms clad in galvanised corrugated steel. These wings abut the side boundary and are stepped, following the contours of the site. They also have narrow eaves and there is an early single doorway.

Statement of Cultural Significance

The building at 80 McKillop Street, Geelong, has significance as a reasonably intact example of the Victorian Regency style for a commercial building. Although altered, the building was originally constructed in 1854-55 as an extension to William Upton's candle factory. In the early 20th century, the building served as the location of monumental mason business of David O'Connor.

The building at 80 McKillop Street, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level. Although partially altered, the building demonstrates original design qualities of a Victorian Regency style. These qualities include the gabled hipped roof form of the main building, and its chamfered corner. Other intact or appropriate qualities of the main building include the two storey height, rendered brick wall construction, regularly arranged timber framed 12 paned first floor windows with rendered sills, narrow eaves, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, brick chimneys with rendered tops, and the corner ground floor door

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location. The rear single storey stepped wings with rendered brick wall construction, gabled roof forms clad in galvanised corrugated steel, narrow eaves and the single doorway also contribute to the significance of the place.

The building at 80 McKillop Street is historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with William Upton's candle factory business from 1854-55, as it was at this time when he carried out extensions to his neighbouring two storey weatherboard and iron building. The building also has associations with John Daniel, prominent ironmonger (1888-c.1900) and later with David O'Connor, monumental mason (1915-c.1920).

Overall, the building at 80 McKillop Street is of LOCAL significance.

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