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URBAN CONSERVATION STUDY: BUILDING IDENTIFICATION FORM.

BUILDING ADDRESS

132 ABERDEEN STREET.

HISTORY

In 1872, on the north-west corner of Aberdeen and St. James Streets there stood a three roomed brick building. Mrs. James was the rate payer. In 1874 Mrs. Hooper was the ratepayer and in the following year Lloyd Hooper is listed as the rate payer of a two storey brick shop and a four room cottage.

However, Gladys Seaton notes that; in January 1887 Hooper announced that he has sold the business he had conducted for twenty years to Arthur Morris who described himself as a family grocer and wine and spirit merchant. Morris was still there in 1890-1 but not in 1905-6 when Lloyd Hooper was back in his old store. In the 1920's this was Mary Hooper's. After Mary Hooper's marriage to William McRorie the business was listed in his name. The 1916 Directory lists Lloyd Hooper and William McRorie, grocer as occupants. It is not known when the gabled storage sheds were built. It is currently used as a Bottle Shop.

DESCRIPTION

132 Aberdeen Street is a two storey brick building set on bluestone footings and it has a corrugated iron hipped rounding is on the upper floor and part of the ground floor. They are regular double-hung windows with shutters. The front windows have a simple enframements and sills and the side windows have flat arched voussoirs and sills. Rendered quoining is on the wall where the roof line changes and at the wall angles. A solid parapet clearly establishes the front of the building.

Many alterations have changed the character of this building particularly in the front. The structure to the west of the two storey section is an addition and the whole of the lower storey facade and the verandah are alterations.

To the north of the two storey building and abutting it, are a series of storage sheds with gabled roofs. The are variously clad in corrugated iron and weatherboards.

SIGNIFICANCE

Apart from the ground floor of the front facade the building and accommpanying sheds have an excellent degree of integrity. It was built for the well known Geelong grocer, Lloyd Hooper and is one of the earliest of his stores. It is of local significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

G.R.P.S.

A more sympathetic ground floor front facade and careful removal of the paint from the brickwork would greatly enhance the character of this building.

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