

**FLEECE INN, THE  
HOTEL  
139 CHARLSTON ROAD,**

**SURVEY DATE: 1991-2**

**STUDY GRADING: C**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1864C**

**FIRST OWNER : BOYD, JAMES ?**



**CITATION:**

**History**

James Boyd, physician, acquired Allotments 51-54 in Charlston Road from the Crown on 22/7/1862. He appears to have erected improvements to the value of 110 pounds on this land in that year. Although described in the 1862 Rate Book as a house, the valuation suggests that the buildings were significantly more substantial than a typical house for the area. The occupant (licensee?) was Senior Walsh. In 1863, Boyd retained ownership but there is no description of the property given, the first entry for the 'Golden Fleece' hotel (Annual Valuation 75 pounds) appearing in 1864. At this time, the publican was Henry Green.

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In 1865, he was replaced by George Albert Howe. Other publicans during the period of Boyd's occupation included John A Judd (1884, 1885), Thomas Burns (1890, '96, '97), Thomas Woodrow (1898-, 1900) and Bridget Valli (1905). Ownership must have passed to Bridget Valli later on for, by 1920, the hotel keeper's name was John Irving and ownership was in the hands of the executors of Bridget Valli. By 1925, the hotel had been bought by Cohn Bros. V.B.Coy. Ltd. (Annual Valuation 100 pounds) and by 1930 it had passed to the CUB, in whose hands it remained in 1950-51<sup>1</sup>.

This hotel is thought by others to have been built c1870-<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A Ward, Bendigo heritage adviser rate search  
<sup>2</sup> Butcher-draft p.17