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BUILDING ADDRESS

180 AUTUMN STREET.

HISTORY

The earliest date that can reliably be put on this building at this stage is 1864-5. Many buildings were empty in 1861-2 and even more in 1862-3 and so it is difficult to trace the building with certainty. It is suggested that J.A. Head was the ratepayer of a weatherboard building on the site prior to the existing building being constructed circa 1864-5.

It is also suggested that the plastered, brick building of four rooms and kitchen and the stables was built for Charles Homewood in 1864. The property remained with the Homewood family for at least fourteen years although Charles Homewood appears to have died as Mrs. Homewood was the ratepayer from 1869-70 until at least 1877-8. In 1869-70 the property is described as having a vineyard and the building was enlarged from four rooms to six early in the 1870's.

By 1884-5 Thomas Honey was the owner and occupier of the property and he was a farmer. Thomas Honey continued to own it until some time after 1900. However he only occupied it until the early 1890's and then the occupants were John Thomas (hawker) in 1895-6 and George Buttriss (carrier) in 1900-1. By 1895-6 it is described as brick, seven rooms and stabling.

DESCRIPTION

It is a finely proportioned, single storey brick and stucco building with a hipped roof covered in slates. The front elevation is symmetrical with a central front door and a double-hung window on either side. Decorative elements include the stucco quoin work on the wall angles and the doorway. The west extentions, verandah and fence were alterations carried out circa 1910. Quoin work is similar to that employed at the former Shearers' Arms hotel, 202 Aberdeen Street.

SIGNIFICANCE

180 Autumn Street was an early building in this area. It was owned by two families, first Homewood and then Honey, in the nineteenth century. The well proportioned building is set well back from the front boundary on land now greatly reduced in size. It is of local significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS

G.R.P.S.

A more appropriate colour and verandah would greatly enhance the character of this property as would a more symmpathetic extension.

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