

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Geraldton Place Number: 307 Category: 5

 Assessment Date:
 05/12/1996
 Last Revision Date:
 15/02/2010

 HCWA Number:
 13466
 Asset ID:
 MCH127054

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Site of Wainwright's Universal Store

Other Names: Shenton's Store

Type of Place: Site

Address: 249 Marine Terrace

Suburb: Geraldton

LOCATION

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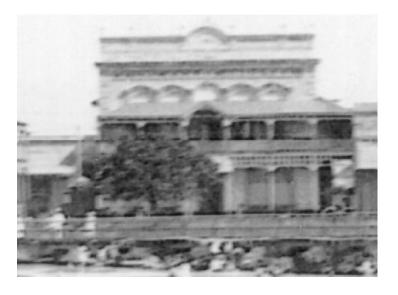


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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lot 100

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 11562

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Store
Current Use: Site

Ownership:

Public Access: No Occupied: Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Not applicable Roof: Not applicable

Condition: Good Integrity:

Original fabric: Modifications:

Site only of a blacksmith's shop.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1890 Source: Champion Trail

Architect: Unknown Builder: Unknown

George Shenton, chemist, merchant, farmer and entrepreneur, bought land on the corner of Marine Terrace and Gregory Street in the 1860s and went on to erect a large warehouse and departmental store, which was managed for a short time by Henry Gray. The warehouse was linked to the Esplanade Jetty by a rail line to facilitate the transportation of goods to ships. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, pp46 & 60) The store was taken over by Wainwright's of London in 1887, (Ibid., p77), and continued to be an important trading business dealing in wool, grain, sandalwood, colonial requisites and later serving miners with food and equipement. With the opening of the new jetty at Durlacher Street and the shifting of the railway station to Forrest Street in 1894, this end of Marine Terrace became less busy. Subsequent uses for the building included a boarding house, dormitory and rest house for servicemen on leave during World War 2. According to Shirley Scotter the building was empty for many years until it was used by the Police Boys Club. The building was demolished in 1973 and the land now accommodates a variety of

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businesses including the Kentucky Fried Chicken premises.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 308 Commercial services and industries

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AHC: 3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages

3.19 Marketing and retailing

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of Wainwright's Store has historic significance for its connection to the early commercial development of Geraldton and for its association with Geraldton businessmen and local identities George Shenton and Henry Gray.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 5

Level of Significance: HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance

for its previous use and its role in the historical

development of the locality.

Management

Proposed development may need to have **Recommendation:** regard to possible archaeological evidence

remaining on the site. Recognise and interpret

the site if feasible. This may be achieved

through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, signage, public art, paving treatment and landscaping as well as design treatment of

any new development which reflects the

former use of the site.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan",

Generated: 13/12/2018 Page 3 of 4 2002 - Buildings 34, 37-40.

GLLSPC - Buildings (Businesses), Jetties & Marine Terrace.

"Champion Trail".

Bain., M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.

"Geraldton: a photographic history", Geraldton Regional Library, 2004.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos

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