

<b>Area:</b> Geraldton	<b>Place Number:</b> 307	<b>Category:</b> 5
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 05/12/1996	<b>Last Revision Date:</b>	15/02/2010
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 13466	<b>Asset ID:</b>	MCH127054

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Site of Wainwright's Universal Store
<b>Other Names:</b>	Shenton's Store
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Site
<b>Address:</b>	249 Marine Terrace
<b>Suburb:</b>	Geraldton

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b>	14.15	<b>GPS Northing:</b>	6814460.00	<b>GPS Easting:</b>	266267.000
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## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 100	<b>Assess No.:</b>	11562
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Store		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Site		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	No	<b>Occupied:</b>	Not Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Roof:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Condition:</b>	Good	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

Site only of a blacksmith's shop.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1890	<b>Source:</b>	Champion Trail
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Builder:</b>	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 equipment. 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

businesses including the Kentucky Fried Chicken premises.

### HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	308 Commercial services and industries 308 Commercial services and industries
<b>AHC:</b>	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

<b>Management Category:</b>	5
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance for its previous use and its role in the historical development of the locality.
<b>Management Recommendation:</b>	Proposed development may need to have 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",

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