GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL

HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME	former Kemp house
ADDRESS	7 North Terrace, Gore
PHOTOGRAPH	

(October 2021)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. (at time of assessment)	n / a	**HNZ LIST NO. & CATEGORY**	n / a
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot 2 DP 8376		
GDC FILE NUMBER	3256916		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	c.1896		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/ BUILDER	Unknown		
STYLE	Square-plan villa		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Single-storey building with rectangular footprint and centre-gutter roof with projecting bays on north and south elevations. Flared return veranda is carried on paired posts, has timber valance and end walls with glazing on east elevation. Entrance door has side- and fanlights; corbelled chimney. Double-hung sash windows.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber framing and plaster cladding, corrugated metal roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

North bay with apsidal roof added (early 2000s?).

SETTING

The house stands on the west side of North Terrace, at its southern end. The house is set within an extensive garden and can be seen from the roadway. The scheduled setting is the land parcel on which the building is located.

HISTORY

Title for a block of land on the south side of Norton Street, between what are now Garnet Street and North Terrace, was issued to Alfred Kemp in 1888. The property was originally outside the Gore town limit in an area known as Jacobstown. Kemp (1856-1926) was an English-born cordial manufacturer with premises in River Street; he married Ann Curle (1865-1928) in Wyndham in September 1896. The couple had one child, a son called Edwin, in 1898; he died at sea from influenza in September 1918 whilst in transit to serve in World War I. The North Terrace property was transmitted to Kemp's widow Ann in 1926 and then sold by her executors to Samuel Nicolson in 1929. It remained in Nicolson family ownership until 1955 and thereafter lots within the block were subdivided and sold individually. In 1956 the Kemp house lot was sold to Ian and Doreen Gilchrist, who subdivided the property to its current extent in 1972. The house has since passed through other hands; it remains in private residential use.

HISTORIC AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Kemp house has historic significance for its association with Alfred and Ann Kemp and their family and, more generally, the residential development of Jacobstown in the north of Gore.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Kemp house has cultural value as it demonstrates the way of life of its original and later occupants.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former Kemp house has architectural significance as a square-plan villa that retains a good level of authenticity and has been sympathetically extended. The house's designer is currently known.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former Kemp house has technological and craftsmanship value for the quality of its late Victorian construction and detailing. Its builder is currently unknown.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Kemp house has contextual significance for the contribution it makes to the streetscape and as a reminder of the late 19th century development of Jacobstown.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the building pre-dates 1900, its site has potential archaeological value.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Kemp house has overall heritage significance to Gore and to the district of Gore as a whole. The building has historic significance for its association with Ann and Alfred Kemp and their family and, more generally, the late 19th century residential development of Jacobstown in the north of Gore. The former Kemp house has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its early occupants and architectural significance as a square-plan villa that retains a good level of authenticity. The former Kemp house has technological and craftsmanship value for the quality of its construction and detailing and contextual significance for the contribution it makes to the streetscape and as a reminder of the first phase of residential development in Jacobstown, north of Gore. The property has potential archaeological significance in view of the dwelling's age.

REFERENCES

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Extent of scheduling, former Kemp house, 7 North Terrace, Gore.