GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL

HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME	former Rogers house
ADDRESS	5 Irk Street, Gore
PHOTOGRAPH	

(April 2022)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. (at time of assessment)	H8	**HNZ LIST NO. & CATEGORY**	n / a
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Part Section 3 Block VI Town of Gore		
GDC FILE NUMBER	3230454		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	c.1924		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/ BUILDER	Brodrick & Royds, architects		
STYLE	English Cottage Arts & Crafts		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Two-storey building with rectangular footprint plus single-storey service wing at the rear (south); centre-gutter hipped roof forms. Arched entrance loggia at north-east corner; side (west) entry sheltered by suspended canopy. Multi-pane casement-and-fanlight type fenestration; eyebrow mould over central window on ground floor of principal (north) elevation with oriel window above. Faceted bay windows on ground floor of north elevation; deep eaves with ornamental metal brackets. Matching boundary wall.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Brick, cement roughcast plaster, tile roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Conversion to professional rooms (post-1986).

SETTING

The former house stands on the south side of Irk Street, east of its intersection with Fairfield Street. It is the only wholly residential building in a town centre street that also includes the former H & J Smiths' department store, which are also a scheduled heritage item, and a number of interwar Art Deco Moderne style commercial buildings. A single-car garage is located at the south-west corner of the property. The scheduled setting, which includes the boundary wall in front of the house, is the land parcel on which the building is located.

HISTORY

Dr JE Rogers was appointed the Medical Superintendent of Gore Hospital in 1907 and held that role for over 40 years. Joseph Ernest Rogers (1871-1951) had been a volunteer in the Murihiku Mounted Rifles and served in the South African War and World War I as a medical officer. He was born in Southland, trained in England and worked in Wyndham before moving to Gore in 1907. In the following year Rogers married Violet Holms; the couple had three children. Initially the Rogers family lived on the other side of Irk Street; they built a house at #5 in c.1924. At the time of his death in 1951 Dr Rogers was described as 'one of the best-known doctors in Otago and Southland, and probably one of the oldest in practice in the Dominion' (*Press* 30 January 1951, p. 8). The property remained in the Rogers family until 1959, thereafter it was owned by Irene Gilkison and her heirs until it was subdivided to its current extent in 1985 and sold to Challenge Corporation in the following year. The former residence has housed a dental practice for a number of years.

HISTORIC AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Rogers house has historic and social significance for its association with Dr JE Rogers and his family and with the changing pattern of development in Irk Street over the course of the 20th century.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Rogers house has cultural value as it is locally esteemed for its design and recent refurbishment.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former Rogers house has architectural significance as an English Cottage Arts & Crafts style house designed by noted Invercargill architectural practice Brodrick & Royds. Cuthbert Brodrick (1867-1946) was born in Invercargill and trained in Melbourne, Australia. He practised in Invercargill between 1897 and 1943, having been in partnership with his former pupil, Thomas Royds (c.1884-1936), between c.1916 and Royds' death in 1936. Brodrick called tenders for a house for Dr Rogers in Wyndham in 1905 and the partnership designed a house for Violet Rogers' parent at Waimahaka in 1929.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former Rogers house has technological and craftsmanship value for the quality of its interwar brick and plaster construction and detailing. The contractor for the building is currently unknown.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Rogers house has contextual significance for the important contribution it makes to the interwar character of Irk Street within the town centre. Although it is no longer in residential use, the building continues to demonstrate Irk Street's history as a mixed-use, semi-residential environment.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the building post-dates 1900, its site may have limited potential archaeological value. DP 589, dated September 1904, shows that the subject site was then 'vacant ground'.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Rogers house has overall heritage significance to Gore and to the district of Gore as a whole. The building has historic and social significance for its association with long-serving medical officer Dr JE Rogers and his family and, more generally, the development of

the town centre during the interwar period. The former Rogers house has cultural value because it is esteemed as an example of Arts & Crafts domestic architecture and architectural significance as the work of noted Invercargill architects Brodrick & Royds. The former Rogers house has contextual significance for the contribution it makes to the historic character of the town centre and as a reminder of Irk Street's residential history; its site may have limited archaeological value.

REFERENCES

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Extent of scheduling, former Rogers house, 5 Irk Street, Gore.