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# Stained Glass Window at Hamilton Baptist Church



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## Location

48 Gray Street, Hamilton, SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn Hughes, 2013;
Architect/Designer	Unknown,
Hermes Number	196611
Property Number	

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

*Argus*, 23 August 1933, p.10; AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: B2455, Stevenson Alexander John.

With thanks to Pastor Trevor Walmsley, Hamilton Baptist Community Church for names of the men and image of the windows.

## **Memorial Window Subject**

Ornamental

## **Memorial Window Text**

n/a

## **Memorial Window Inscription**

n/a

## **Memorial Window Description & History**

A series of six windows was unveiled in the Hamilton Baptist Church in August 1933, all of which were installed to commemorate men who died in the Great War, one of whom was Alexander Stevenson.

Alexander John Stevenson was 22 when he enlisted at Ballarat on 15 February 1916. He had some military experience having spent two years in the Naval Brigade at Portland, a year training in Hamilton under Sgt Major Corbett and Sgt Fraser and two years musketry in the Hamilton Rifle Club. He was accepted, despite previously being rejected as medically unfit, and embarked for England on 27 June 1916. He was promoted to Corporal in November, shortly before proceeding to France with 39 Battalion. Like many others, he contracted mumps and was hospitalised before rejoining the ranks in January 1917. He was promoted to Sergeant and wounded in action barely a month later on 15 October 1917. Sergeant Stevenson died at 44th Casualty Clearing Station the same day and only 11 days after his brother had been killed in action. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. A. Farrington at Nine Elms British Cemetery Poperinge, Belgium.

Image is representative of all six commemorative windows.

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