
Booriyalloak



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Location

Ballarat Road and corner of George St HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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SIGNIFICANCE: »As the home of Isaac Routledge and John Laidlaw, mayor. Important remnants of original garden including *Washingtonia robusta*, Washington or Mexican palms.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Booriyalloak (formerly Rokeby)

Ballarat Road (corner of George Street)

This house has local significance as the home of the Hamilton bootmaker and hotel keeper, Isaac Routledge (1823-1902), who had a shop from 1872 on the site of 73 Gray Street, ([i]) the present office of Francis Punch, Architect. Booriyalloak, formerly known as Rokeby, in Crown Allotment 8, Section 97 was constructed for

Routledge in 1890 on land he purchased in 1888. ([ii]) Later, Booriyalloak was owned and occupied in the 1920s by a Hamilton mayor, John Laidlaw, who in 1930 launched the Mayor's Unemployment Relief, an attempt to deal with the impact of the Great Depression. ([iii])

The house is remarkably simple for its time of construction and suggests a much earlier phase of domestic architecture in its detailing. It has been altered especially about the verandah and is in poor condition. Part of the property has been converted to a caravan park. Remnants of the original garden survive including important *Washingtonia robusta*, Washington or Mexican palms.

[i] *Hamilton Rate Book 1872*, No. 152; Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 97; *Hamilton Spectator*, 29 April 1902 (obituary).

[ii] *Hamilton Rate Book 1890*, No. 824 (brick house, NAV 70 pounds).

[iii] *Ibid.*, 1920, No. 1416 (house and land, NAV 64 pounds); Garden, p 199.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1890,
Other Names	Rokeby,
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Physical Description 1

MATERIALS:

Roof: »corrugated iron

Walls: »dark brick

Dressings: »cement render

Plinth: »bluestone

Windows: »timber dhs

Paving: »concrete

Other: »timber verandah new cast iron

Physical Description 2

NOTABLE FEATURES:»detailing around front door

Integrity

INTEGRITY: F

CONDITION: F

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1890s

Government: local

Notable Men & Women: I Routledge & J Laidlaw

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