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# FORMER LEVICKS AND PIPER WHOLESALE IRONMONGERS WAREHOUSE



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wholesale ironmonger's  
warehouse king street melb  
front view



former levicks & piper  
wholesale ironmonger's  
warehouse king street melb  
detail front window



former levicks & piper  
wholesale ironmonger's  
warehouse king street melb  
rear view

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## Location

46-52 KING STREET MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0431

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO673

## VHR Registration

May 17, 1978

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 8, 1999

What is significant?

The Former Levicks and Piper Wholesale Ironmongers Warehouse was erected in 1859 to a design by Leonard Terry. It is a two storey bluestone building, with a facade composed of classically decorated fenestration, storey divisions and cyclopean rustication below the first storey cornice. Above this cornice the facade is composed of finished bluestone broken by horizontal mouldings at window sill level and below the projecting parapet cornice. The upper window openings are topped with cornice mouldings and slightly recessed.

How is it significant?

The Former Levicks and Piper Wholesale Ironmongers Warehouse is of historical and architectural significance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Former Levicks and Piper Wholesale Ironmongers Warehouse is of historical significance as one of the few surviving warehouses in the south-west part of the city, serving as a reminder of the maritime and commercial character of this part of the city in the 19th and early 20th centuries. When Melbourne's port facilities extended almost as far up the Yarra as Queen Street, the south-western portion of the city was the location for numerous warehouses and other buildings with maritime and commercial functions. This warehouse, and the others in its vicinity, provide some evidence of the original maritime character of this precinct, and suggest, by their substantial appearance, the growing wealth and importance of Melbourne as a port city in the wake of the gold rushes.

The Former Levicks and Piper Wholesale Ironmongers Warehouse is of architectural significance as a fine example of a 19th century bluestone warehouse, and of Leonard Terry's warehouse buildings. The building is typical of Terry's conservative classical style, with graceful proportions and skilful use of bluestone. This is one of Terry's earlier commissions, although in 1858 he had designed the Melbourne Club. He went on to become the colony's principal designer of banks and Anglican Churches, becoming the diocesan architect in 1860.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or

consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1859,
Architect/Designer	Terry, Leonard,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Other Names	GRAINSTORE TAVERN, AUSTRAL GRAIN STORE,
Hermes Number	761
Property Number	

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

This warehouse has had a number of occupiers over the years. It was constructed for Levicks and Piper, Wholesale Ironmongers, who used it until 1865. It was then used as a free and bonded store by Graham and Bergin and WJ Greig and Co. until 1869. Hardy Wilson and Co., produce merchants, occupied it from 1869 to 1874, when Russell and Gillespie took it over briefly. From 1875-1881, JH Pow and Isaacs were the occupants, followed by Eliza Tinsley, iron and steel merchants, from 1883 to 1924. After 1924 it was used as a grain store by Austral Grain and Ambler and in 1975 converted to a restaurant. It has since been a nightclub and entertainment venue.

Associated People: Tenant LEVICKS & PIPER, ELIZA TINSLEY;

## Extent of Registration

Historic Building No. 431, The Former Levicks and Piper Wholesale Ironmongers Warehouse (presently known as the Grain Store Tavern Pty. Ltd.). 46-52 King Street, Melbourne (to the extent of the total external shell of the building).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 39 - May 17, 1978 p.1289]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*