

HEAPE COURT WAREHOUSE

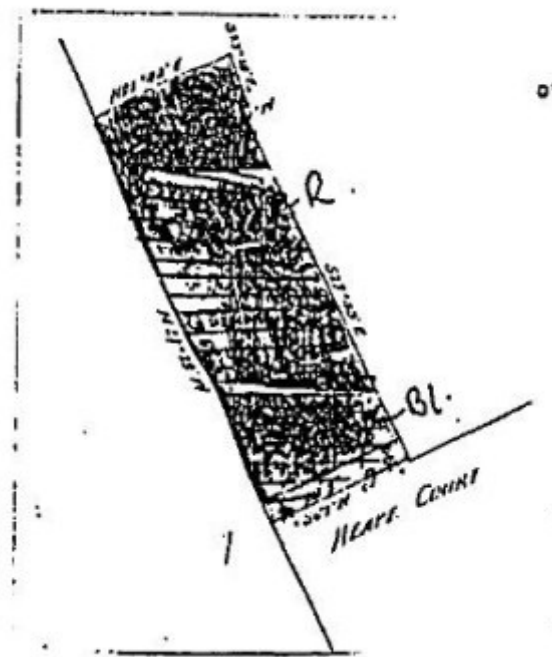


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PLAN 602735K



H0826 plan

Location

REAR OF 361-365 LITTLE LONSDALE STREET MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE CITY

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0826

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO709

VHR Registration

September 4, 1991

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 27, 2000

What is significant?

The Heape Court warehouse at the rear of 361-365 Little Lonsdale Street was built in 1854. This simple two storey brick and bluestone structure with gable roof was built for Joseph Burton Pynsent, a merchant and general outfitter. The building firm was Holmes Bros. of North Melbourne. The gable ends are parapeted and the south gable has a simple coping detail. It was later used as a blacksmith's shop for John Cooper and Sons, wholesale ironmongers and importers, who owned a complex of buildings in the vicinity including shops, stores and large yards. Heape Court has been an important commercial precinct since the early 1850s, housing a variety of businesses. Heape Court, as one of the remaining intact 19th century laneways in the central city, evokes memories of Melbourne's commercial life during the last century.

How is it significant?

The Heape Court warehouse at the rear of 361-365 Little Lonsdale Street is of historical and architectural significance.

Why is it significant?

The Heape Court warehouse at the rear of 361-365 Little Lonsdale Street is historically significant as part of Heape Court, which has been an important commercial precinct since the early 1850s.

The Heape Court warehouse at the rear of 361-365 Little Lonsdale Street is architecturally significant as a rare surviving and relatively intact example of a gold rush period brick warehouse that exhibits the traditional building techniques of the early 1850s. The scale of the building is representative of the type of mid-nineteenth century development that used to characterise the whole Elizabeth Street area.

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	1854,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	785
Property Number	

History

Contextual History:

Heape Court contains other historic buildings, including an 1853 two storey bluestone warehouse behind 303-305 Elizabeth Street, and an 1887 warehouse designed by Twentyman & Askew at the rear of 359 Little Lonsdale Street.

The site of the Heape Court Warehouse at the rear of 361-365 Little Lonsdale Street was purchased in 1851 by Hugh Glass for 200 pounds. Glass subdivided it in 1854 and sold the southern portion (20 ft x 60 ft) to Joseph Burton Pynsent for 450 pounds. Bibbs' map of 1855 shows the new store. Subsequent tenants and owners include George Petty (butcher), John McGee & Co (merchants) and John Cooper and Son (wholesale ironmongers and importers). The Coopers' housed their blacksmith shop in the Heape Court warehouse. (from report by Carlotta Kellaway, May 1990)

Associated People: Joseph Burton Pynsent

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 826.

Heape Court Warehouse, rear of 361-365 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

To the extent:

1. The whole of the building known as Heape Court, 361-365 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne; and
2. All of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 4201 Folio 840081 in Plan 602735K, endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G34 4 September 1991 p.2481]

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/>