

COTTAGE – 24 Hobson Street, Feilding



Architect: Unknown

Construction date: 1875-80, likely to be 1879

Visible materials: Painted timber shiplap weatherboard cladding and joinery, painted corrugated steel roofing

Architectural style: Georgian Box Cottage

Use/building type: Residential

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New Zealand Historic Places Trust Registration: -

Proposed category: B

PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY¹

The cottage was built between 1875 and 1880 by the Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation for the Manchester Block. The first owner was Sam Daw, one of the earliest of Feilding's settlers. Daw was born in 1837 and in 1856 joined the Kings Dragoon Guards as a trumpeter and served in India for 12 years. He emigrated to New Zealand in 1874 and settled in Feilding the following year. He became a well-known coach driver in the district. Early additions to the house are the dormer and verandah facing the street.

Daw began the Feilding Brass Band in 1880 and held early practices in the cottage.

Recent owners have refurbished the house rebuilding the front dormer and adding a dormer to the rear, restoring the verandah and adding casement windows to the street front, and building a coachhouse to the rear of the property.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

¹ Former NZHPT Manawatu Branch Committee files

The one and a half storey timber framed Georgian Box cottage faces the street and has a central front door with casement windows either side. These were replacements for the damaged original double hung sash windows. The simple hipped verandah extends the full width of the elevation and shades the door and two front rooms. The rebuilt dormer facing the street is slightly off-centre and has a pivot timber window. The rear elevation has a stepped lean-to to the southern two-thirds of the house. There are two chimneys located on the northern side of the house. The age of the house is reflected in the shiplap weatherboards and the stopped corners.

The house has a combination of double hung sash and casement windows.

The street boundary is defined by a stone and concrete fence with a central concrete path leading to the front door while there is a concrete driveway to the side. The rear of the section has a concrete drive to the coachhouse, grassed and planted areas.

No plans of the building have been sighted and the inspection of the house was from the exterior only.

REVIEW OF REPORT

Based on a review of the report and viewing of Council files, the assessment undertaken in 2014 for this building is still applicable as at April 2021.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE VALUES

The building has **moderate local** significance for **physical, historic, and cultural** heritage values.

The building has **moderate architectural** and **representative** values in its Georgian Box cottage style, detailing and craftsmanship. As one of a number of surviving Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation cottages in and around Feilding, it has **high group** values. The house has **high associative** values with first owner, Sam Daw, a well-regarded coach driver and musician who established the Feilding Brass Band. As an example of an Emigrant and Colonist's Aid Corporation cottage, it has **low to moderate educational** values.

The house has a **low to moderate** level of **authenticity** with modifications including street elevation windows and the rear dormer window.

SOURCES

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