



Gerrand's Building, High Street

no date

<b>Use</b>	Retail	<b>Historic Value</b>	1 out of 5
<b>Materials</b>	Plastered masonry, timber windows, corrugated iron roof	<b>Architectural Value</b>	1 out of 4
<b>NZHPT Registered</b>	Not registered	<b>Technical Value</b>	1 out of 2
<b>Valuation No</b>	12340-331-00	<b>Symbolic Value</b>	- out of 3
<b>Legal Description</b>	Lot 1 DP 7722	<b>Rarity</b>	- out of 2
		<b>Townscape Value</b>	1 out of 2
		<b>Group Value</b>	1 out of 2
		<b>Overall Cultural Heritage Value</b>	5 out of 20
<b>Map Reference</b>	HiS7		

**Description**

Gerrand's Building is a two storey commercial building, possibly built in two parts as a party wall divides the front facade to High Street. Each half of this facade has three arched windows with the original timber joinery, a bracketed cornice above and a central pediment to the roof parapet with a triangular top. Acorns (or urns?) mark the outside corners of the building and the top of the party wall. These are classical features that were once common but they have generally been lost from 19th century buildings in earthquakes. The ground floor retail shops have been modernised.

**History**

The building was possibly built in two stages, but dates are not known. (It is also thought that to the left hand side of the party wall the building is timber, with a matching brick building later added to the right - to be confirmed.)

In 1904, J B Gerrand opened a watchmaker and jewellery business in Palmerston North. In 1924 two sons, Victor and Ivan, joined the business, and in 1928 J B Gerrand and Sons Ltd opened a branch in Hawera, managed by Victor Gerrand. His brother Ivan took over the business in 1935, and the firm was later managed by a third generation member of the family, Ivan's son Ian Gerrand. Other tenants have included the Carlton Tearooms which occupied the upper floor at one stage.

**Architect**

Not known.

**Builder**

Not known.

**Statement of Significance**

Gerrand's Building has architectural and townscape value for its simple classical design. It is a comfortably scaled and proportioned building in the central part of High Street, contributing to the sense of place with other heritage buildings in the vicinity. The building has a long association with the jewellery business.

**Sources**

*Hawera Star Centennial*, 29 April 1982

**Date**

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