



The Warehouse, corner High and Regent Streets no date

Use	Retail	Historic Value	2 out of 5
Materials	Plastered masonry	Architectural Value	3 out of 4
NZHPT Registered	Category II Register Number 850	Technical Value	1 out of 2
Valuation No	12340-369-00	Symbolic Value	1 out of 3
Legal Description	Lots 1-9 DP 2632 Lots 10-14 DP 2658	Rarity	- out of 2
		Townscape Value	2 out of 2
		Group Value	1 out of 2
		Overall Cultural Heritage Value	10 out of 20
Map Reference	HiS5		

Description

The Warehouse building is a strong piece of classical design, with the facades to High Street and Regent Street elaborately ornamented with a stepped and curved profile to the parapet, a heavy moulded cornice that arches over the windows, and prominent triangular pediments to the round-headed timber windows. The bays are divided by fluted pilasters with Ionic capitals. The verandah fascia is now closed in, but underneath the original cast iron verandah is completely intact. The ground floor retail area has been modernised.

History

This building was built for Mr R Nolan, who had his office on the corner of the second floor. The date of construction of this building is unknown but is believed to be around the 1900s.

Three generations of the Gerrand family occupied the Jeweller and Watchmaking shop on this corner. The main premises was occupied by the Taranaki Farmers Co-op from the mid 1950s. Although the ground floor retail area has been modernised, the elaborately ornamented facades to High Street and Regent Street remain. The original cast-iron veranda is intact but closed in. The Warehouse presently occupies the building.

Architect

Not known.

Builder

Not known.

Statement of Significance

The value of The Warehouse building relates to its architecture, a vigorous piece of classical design and in authentic condition including the cast iron verandah. It stands on a prominent corner in the centre of Hawera, making a positive contribution to the townscape quality of the area by its decorative finish, scale and silhouette. Further research would no doubt establish an interesting history of retail and commercial use.

Sources**Date**

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