



Teeds, 56 Devon Street West

c.1890?

Themes in development: transport and trade, cultural and social.**Cultural heritage values:** historical, architectural, technical, rarity, townscape and group values.**Registered:** Category III on the New Plymouth District Planning Scheme.

Owner	Title	Use
Teeds Chemists Ltd PO Box 8098 New Plymouth.	Lot 4 Pt Lot 3 DP 1256 & Pt Mangaotuku Stream Bed ID: 015135	Retail

Description

Teeds Building at 56 - 60 Devon Street West is one of the rare 19th century timber buildings left in the CBD. It is in two distinct parts, separated by a masonry party wall, with timber-framed and weatherboarded structure between. The treatment of each part, although similar, is sufficiently different to suggest that they may have been built at different times. The western section has three double-hung windows each framed with a hood supported by carved brackets, while above is a bracketted cornice and a triangular pediment with a sunburst motif. The eastern section has two windows, cornice but no pediment. The end of the party wall has a cast head with luxuriant hair and a garland of fruit below.

History

The early history of the building is not known. The present verandah has been added, probably in two distinct stages; in its original form it would have been supported on cast iron posts. According to Council records, alterations were made to the building in 1949, 67 and 73.

Architect

The architect for the original building is not known.

Statement of Significance

This is an early timber commercial building, typical of many that once made up the fabric of the CBD, but which have now largely gone. It is a carefully executed classical design in timber, well proportioned and with the exterior above verandah level still in relatively original condition. It has townscape value as a well scaled building, interesting in its detail which includes a notable piece of sculpture in the head on the party wall.

Sources

New Plymouth District Council building file 152/56.