

Arizona Takeaways, 91 Devon Street West

c.1885?

Themes in development: transport and trade, cultural and social.

Cultural heritage values: historic, architectural, technical, townscape and group values.

Not registered.

Owner

Steve Zavos
PO Box 593, New Plymouth

Title

Lots C & D DP 296, Lot 1 DP 8407
ID: 015148

Use

Takeaway food

Description

Arizona Takeaways is an early two-storeyed timber building, with corrugated iron side walls typical of the 19th century. Although altered at ground floor level, the first floor has significant remnants of the original classical detailing. These include pilasters at either corner with carved floral brackets supporting a cornice with dog-tooth mouldings; this cornice used to support an open balustrade, now removed. The details over the two windows are a scaled down version of the composition of the facade. The building shows in a well-known view of the town in the 1880s, where it appears as one of the typical late-nineteenth century timber buildings, of which few remain today.

History

The early history of the building is not known. Alterations were carried out in 1970 for S S Zavos; other earlier alterations have included the removal of the balustrade and the pediments over the windows, and the replacement of the verandah, which was supported on posts, to one hung from the building.

Architect

The architect is not known.

Statement of Significance

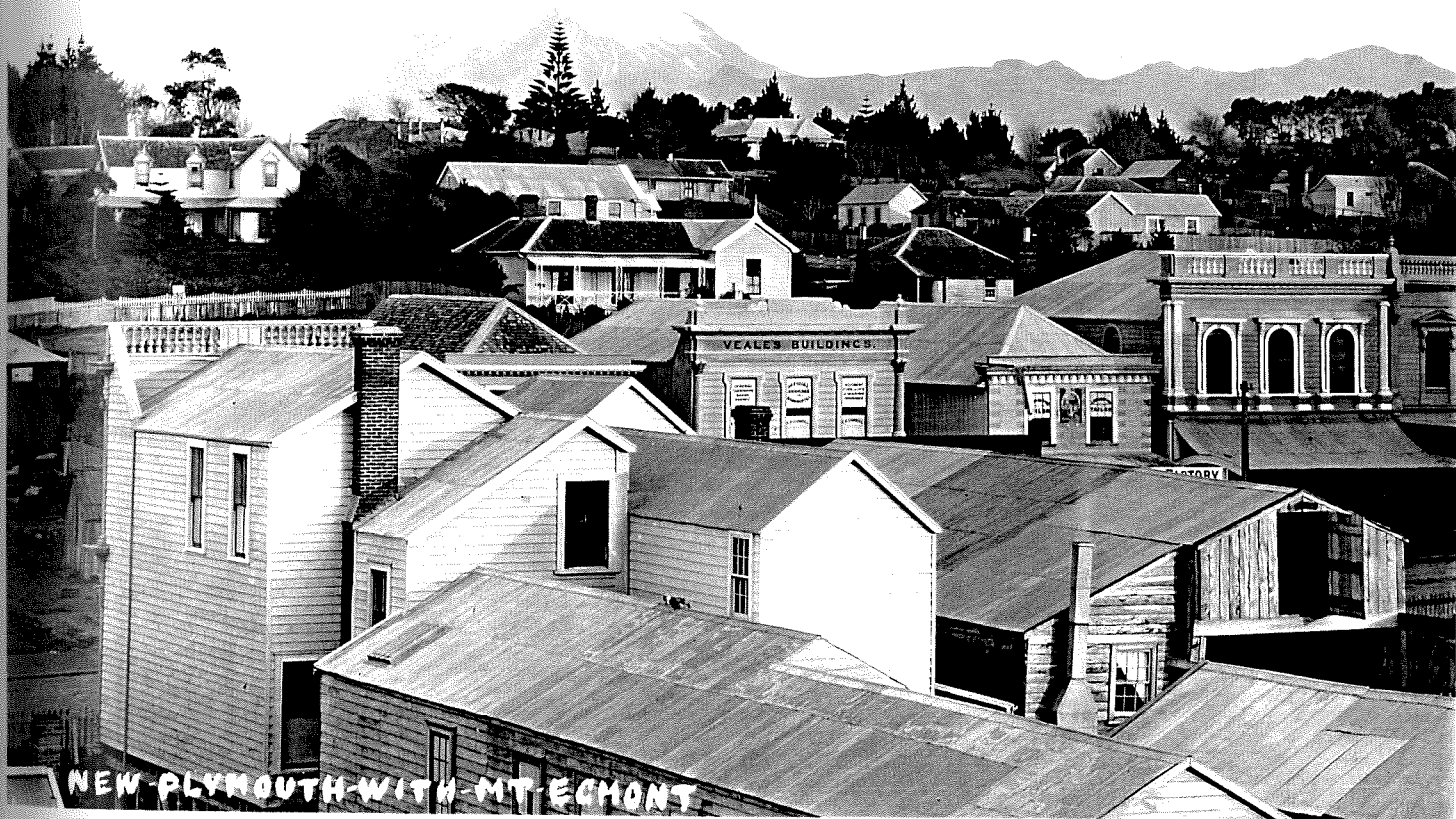
Arizona Takeaways is significant as a 19th century timber building of a type once common in the city and now rare. (See item DE10 for a comparable example.) It has technical and architectural interest for its timber detailing, and has townscape and group value for its scale and decorative interest. Of four early timber buildings in a group here (the others are 93, 95 and 101 Devon Street West), number 91 is selected as the least modified from its original form.

Sources

New Plymouth District Council building file 152/91.

Photos in the Taranaki Museum.

Photo in the Alexander Turnbull Library, no 1044.



Devon Street West, 1880s

Arizona Takeaways is the building in the extreme right of the photocentre; it is the only building in this photo still standing.

Taranaki Museum photo (see also a similar view, Alexander Turnbull Library, photo no 1044.