



44 Egmont Street

1925

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

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

Not registered.

Owner
The Trustees
Morning Trust
PO Box 425
Hawera

Title
Pt Lot 1 DP 4689
ID: 015118

Use
Offices

Description

The building at 44 Egmont Street is a three storied reinforced concrete building, modest in its size and architecture. The main facade is arranged as two bands of windows above the verandah, with a bracketed cornice above each band; abstract geometric decorative details add interest to an otherwise straightforward piece of commercial architecture of the 1920s. The facade has remained unaltered but for modernisation of the ground floor shop windows.

History

This commercial building was built for Mr A O Brown as shop and offices. It is today in use as professional offices.

Architects

The architects were Messenger Griffiths and Taylor; a copy of one of the original drawings, showing half-inch details of the facade, is held by the District Council and is dated November 1925.

Statement of Significance

This building has modest architectural interest as a typical commercial building of the 1920s, the work of Messenger Griffiths and Taylor, an important local architectural firm. Its main value is its townscape quality for its scale and decoration, in an area of a high concentration of period buildings.

Sources

New Plymouth District Council building file 172/46.