



42 King Street

c.1905?

Themes in development: transport and trade.

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

Not registered.

Owner

Marjory White
14 Victoria Road
New Plymouth

Title

Pt Lot 2 DP 5218,
Lot 2 DP 6147
ID: 015092

Use

Workshop

Description

The building of Arnold White, Upholsterers, at 42 King Street is a modest shop/workshop built in brick. It has a plastered front elevation with rusticated columns and a bracketed cornice running the full width of the building. (The columns and cornice match very closely those of the building at 30-38 Devon Street East - see the Heavily Modified section of the inventory.) Two large four-paned windows and two timber panelled doors are original, so that the King Street elevation is authentic from this early period. The building represents a transition from the 19th century timber buildings in the CBD, some with masonry party walls, to the plastered concrete buildings that are common in the 1920s.

History

The original owner may have been the New Zealand Carrying Company as the building was their "pantehnicon" depot early in the century according to signage that shows in an early photo. In the 1930s it was used by the hardware merchants C and A Odlin, and is today an upholsterers workshop, so the building has housed an interesting mix of light industrial uses without significant change.

Architect

The architect is not known.

Statement of Significance

This is a modest building architecturally, but it has technological interest for its brick construction and for its unaltered main facade over some 90 years. It has historical interest for the mix of uses, and townscape quality in bridging the important groupings of heritage buildings in Egmont Street and Queen Street.

Sources

Taranaki Museum, photograph.