History

James Lukins (1826-97), in partnership with Thomas Taylor Cheeseman, took over John Carter's lime kiln on the hillside overlooking Haven Road in 1860. A nearby wharf described as new in 1860 was known as Lukins' wharf by 1867. Messrs Lukins and Cheeseman became insolvent and their estate was offered for sale in June 1865; thereafter Lukins operated the kiln on his own account. Lukins' kiln operated until 1957 and has been described as 'undoubtedly the most important source of burnt lime [for construction and agricultural purposes] in the district' ('History of the Lime Industry in the Waimea County', p. 5). Lukins called tenders for a wooden cottage at the port in July 1871; this may have been the dwelling at 231 Haven Road, which survives but has been greatly modified. According to Lawry, Lukins purchased section 37, save for that small lot acquired by the Anglican diocese for a Sunday School and mission hall, in two parts in 1880 and 1883. James and Amelia (died 1893) Lukins' son Edwin (c.1861-1931) and grandson Lewis ran the lime burning operation after James retired. When James Lukins died in 1897 his obituary reported that he was one of the oldest residents of the port and that flags at the port were flown at half-mast to mark his death. Edwin appears to have removed from his home in Russell Street to the house in Haven Road after his parents' deaths; by 1926 his sister Amelia and her son Lewis were in residence. The house was held in family ownership for some years; it remains in private residential use.

Historic And Social Significance

The former Lukins residence has historic significance for its association with three generations of the Lukins family and their lime burning business. More generally, the cottage represents the colonial development of local industries that benefited from their proximity to the Port of Nelson.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance

The former Lukins residence has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its past and present inhabitants.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance

The former Lukins residence has architectural significance as a colonial vernacular dwelling that has been sympathetically restored. The cottage's designer/builder is currently unknown.

Technological And Craftsmanship Significance

The former Lukins residence has craftsmanship value for the evidence it can provide of colonial construction methods and materials.

Archaeological Significance

As the dwelling pre-dates 1900, its site has potential archaeological significance relating to the colonial use and occupation of the land.

Scientific Significance

The former Lukins residence has scientific value for its potential to provide further information about colonial construction methods and the way of life of its early residents.

Group, Landmark And Contextual Significance

The former Lukins residence has high contextual significance as a local landmark and for the contribution it makes to the historic character of Haven Road. Whereas it once overlooked the waterfront, reclamation has changed the aspect but not the proximal relationship of the

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HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME	former Lukins residence
ADDRESS	233 Haven Road, Nelson
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DISTRICT PLAN CATEGORY	A		
HNZPT LIST NO.	1570	**HNZPT LIST CATEGORY**	2
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot 1 DP 9738 & Pt Lot 1 DP 707		
NCC FILE NUMBER	1971084600		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	c.1885?		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/ BUILDER	Unknown		
STYLE	Colonial vernacular		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Single-storey cottage with rectangular footprint and saltbox roof. Straight veranda across east elevation has X-pattern balustrading and paired posts with decorative quatrefoil motif at top; double-hung sash windows. Panelled front door with fanlight and glazed insets.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber framing and rusticated weatherboards, corrugated metal roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Repiled and lean-to addition at northern end demolished; veranda reinstated to original appearance (c.2005).

SURROUNDINGS & EXTENT OF SCHEDULING

The dwelling stands on west side of Haven Road, south of its intersection with Collins Street. Immediately to the north of the site is that of the former Anglican Sunday School and Mission building, which is also a scheduled heritage item. The extent of scheduling encompasses the two land parcels on which the house is located, which is consistent with the Heritage NZPT list entry.