89 Haven Road

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Listed cat 2 historic place # 5165 HNZPT

Part Sec 67 SO 112


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Highly modified mid-Victorian dwelling. Section 67 was awarded by crown grant to JS Mill in 1854. The property was transferred to David Johnston in 1863 but not developed by him until he returned to Nelson after a period of working for the Customs service elsewhere. Johnston (1819-1900) was appointed Collector of Customs for the Port of Nelson in March 1868, having previously held the same role at Greymouth. David and Amelia (died 1887) had a family of twelve children, seven of whom survived their parents. The Johnstons lived in Waimea Street upon their return to Nelson and appear to have built the Haven Road house in c.1874. The house remained in family ownership until the mid-1920s at least. By 1939 it was owned by ADJ Clunies-Ross; in 1961 by BB Jones & Son Ltd. Since the turn of the 21st century the house has been enlarged and used for guest accommodation.

Additions and alterations undertaken to the building since the turn of the century have significantly compromised its authenticity. The arched door and window openings and the quoins on the façade are the only notable external features to have been retained. The building has been enlarged with the addition of a first floor and the roof has been altered on a number of occasions, most recently in c.2019.

Assessment: The dwelling has been highly modified and now has insufficient authenticity to merit scheduling on the district plan. While its historic association with David Johnston and his family remains, the façade is only partially intact, and the remainder of the building has been greatly altered to accommodate its modern use as an accommodation provider.

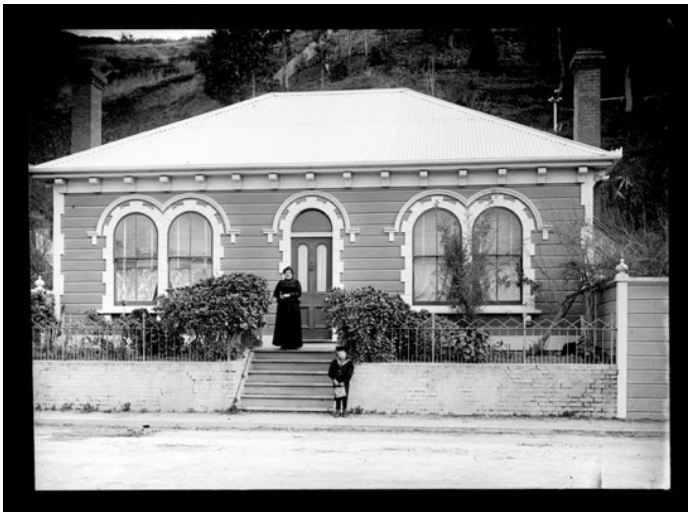
Recommendation: Delete from heritage schedule.

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Undated photograph, Nelson Provincial Museum.



Building reroofed in corrugated iron. Undated photograph, Nelson Provincial Museum.



Building in July 2010 [HNZPT].



Rear view showing first floor addition.

Assessment according to the heritage criteria:

Historic And Social Significance
The former Johnston house is associated with David and Amelia Johnston and has some historic and social value as a demonstration of their taste and social standing in the later 19th century.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance
The former Johnston house has modest cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of an early settler Nelson family who were associated with the port.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance
The former Johnston house has limited architectural value as a highly modified late Victorian square plan villa with a long history of additions and alterations. The building is no longer a significant or authentic example of its style. The designer is unknown.

Technological And Craftsmanship Significance
The former Johnston house has limited value under this criterion given its modified state and diminished authenticity. The builder is unknown.

Archaeological Significance
The site of the former Johnston house has potential archaeological significance given the colonial development of the property.

Scientific Significance
The former Johnston house may have minor scientific value for its potential to provide further information about the original design and construction of the building and its history of modification.

Group, Landmark And Contextual Significance
The former Johnston house has some contextual value as a modified Victorian dwelling that contributes to the historic character of Haven Road.

Summary Statement
The former Johnston house does not meet the criteria for scheduling and lacks sufficient authenticity to embody heritage significance. HNZPT has not opposed the removal of this item from Appendix 1 (see Submission 398).

Recommendation
Delete this item from Appendix 1 as it does not meet the heritage assessment criteria.

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