50 Wellington Street, Nelson South, Nelson

PC29 owner nominated heritage item

Lot 2 DP 2096





[23 April 2024 & Google Maps]

Historical summary:
A modified bay villa that may have been built by William Hart in c.1884 or, as seems more likely, by George Noble, a baker, in c.1891. Held by members of the Noble family until 1920; property subdivided to its current extent in 1930. T-shaped footprint, lean-to additions to primary and secondary north elevations, new veranda roof and carport erected just beyond property boundary.

Assessment according to the heritage criteria:

Historic And Social Significance
The former Noble house is not associated with a notable person or event and has modest historic and social value as the former home of a local baker and his family.

Cultural And Spiritual Significance
The former Noble house has modest cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of a Nelson baker and his family.

Architectural And Aesthetic Significance
The former Noble house has limited architectural value as a substantially modified late Victorian bay villa. The building is not a significant or authentic example of its style. The designer is unknown.

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

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

Scientific Significance
The former Noble 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 Noble house has some contextual value as a building on an elevated site that contributes to the historic character of Nelson South.

Summary Statement
The former Noble house dates to the later 19th century and was owned and occupied by the Noble family between the later 1880s and 1920. It does not meet the criteria for scheduling and lacks sufficient authenticity to embody heritage significance.

Recommendation
This dwelling does not meet the criteria for scheduling on Appendix 1 of the NMRP.

References:
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