

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME former St Mary's Anglican Church Vicarage

ADDRESS 69 Talbot Street, Geraldine

PHOTOGRAPH



(Dr J Wilson, September 2018)

FORMER DISTRICT PLAN ITEM No. No. 104 **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** 2022 / 2
(at time of assessment)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lot 1 DP 513399

VALUATION NUMBER 2475155201

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1900

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** James S Turnbull, architect; Messrs Clinch & Lloyd,
contractor

STYLE English Domestic Revival

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Two-storey building with T-shaped footprint and gabled roof forms. Principal elevation faces south-west. Lean-to return veranda terminated by gabled bay with boxed bay window on ground floor. Principal entrance door has side- and fanlights set with leadlight glass. Half-timbered gable ends; paired veranda posts with V-shaped brackets. Double-hung sash windows, bracketed gables and exposed rafters. Secondary gables over principal first floor windows on south-east and south-west elevations. Single-storey lean-tos at rear (north-east elevation); corbelled chimneys. Leadlight windows also light staircase.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber framing and weatherboard cladding, concrete foundations, corrugated iron roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Unknown.

SETTING

The former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage stands on the east side of Talbot Street, south of its intersection with Cox Street (SH 79). St Mary's Anglican Church and church hall are located on the adjacent parcel immediately south of the vicarage. The former Geraldine Post Office (heritage item # 103) is immediately to the north and the former Geraldine Town Hall (heritage item # 108) is on the opposite side of Talbot Street. The Waihi River esplanade

borders the property to the east. The extent of setting is the land parcel on which the former vicarage is located, partly in view of the potential archaeological values of the site.

HISTORY

The first Anglican church built in Geraldine was erected in c.1864. A vicarage, in Cox Street, was erected in 1875 and a new brick church was built in 1882-83, with the old church becoming the church hall. At the turn of the 20th century attendance at services numbered around 100 and Geraldine parish included the churches located at Woodbury, Peel Forest, Mount Peel and Pleasant Valley. A new vicarage was erected in 1900, immediately to the north of the church, the old vicarage having been sold. The contract price, including site works and fencing, was almost £940, considerably more than the £625 the vestry had allowed for in June 1899. Rev Staples Hamilton was the first vicar to live in the new vicarage, one of the rooms of which was regularly used to host the Sunday School. The vicarage was sold by the church in c.2017. It remains in residential use.

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage has historical and social significance for its association with the clergy and their families who dwelt in the vicarage and the Anglican congregation they served. The closeness of the vicarage to the church demonstrates both the typical provision of housing for vicars and their availability and accessibility for pastoral care well beyond the offering of church services around the parish.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage has cultural significance as a demonstration of the way of life of the vicars and their families who lived in the vicarage and hosted church events within their home.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage has architectural significance as an English Domestic Revival style design by James Turnbull (1864-1947). Timaru-born architect Turnbull trained in Australia before returning to Timaru in c.1895. He was also the designer of the Chalmers Presbyterian Church (1903-4, heritage item # 38) and a large number of houses in Timaru. Turnbull gifted the leadlight windows in the house to the church.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage has technological and craftsmanship value for its turn of the century construction materials and methods. Clinch and Lloyd were Temuka builders and contractors.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage has contextual significance as a historic feature on Talbot Street. There are a number of other scheduled buildings on Talbot Street, including St Mary's Anglican Church (heritage item # 105) and the former Geraldine Town Hall (heritage item # 108); together these items contribute to the historic character of the town's principal thoroughfare. The former vicarage, church and church hall constitute a precinct of buildings that exemplify the highly visible presence of the Anglican church in the township.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

Although the former vicarage narrowly pre-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological significance relating to the Anglican church's use and development of the property since the mid-1860s.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

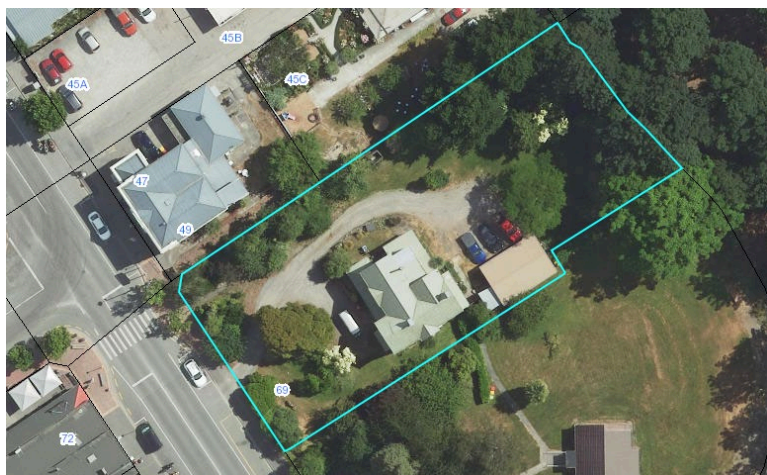
The former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage has overall heritage significance to Geraldine and Timaru district as a whole. The church has historical and social significance for its association with Geraldine's Anglican clergy and their families through the 20th century and cultural significance as a demonstration of their way of life. The former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage has architectural significance as an English Domestic Revival style house designed by Timaru architect James Turnbull and technological and craftsmanship value for its timber construction and detailing. The former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage has contextual significance in relation to St Mary's Anglican Church and hall and as a historic feature in the town centre. The site of the former St Mary's Anglican Church vicarage has potential archaeological significance in view of its pre-1900 use and development.

HERITAGE CATEGORY

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Extent of setting, 69 Talbot Street, Geraldine.