

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME Geraldine Presbyterian Sunday School Hall / St Andrew's Hall

ADDRESS 10 Cox Street, Geraldine

PHOTOGRAPH



(Dr J Wilson, September 2018)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. n / a **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** n / a
(at time of assessment)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION [Part of] Lot 1 DP 41190

VALUATION NUMBER 2475157400A

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1912

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** JS Turnbull, architect; Angus Fyfe, contractor

STYLE Vernacular

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Single-storey building with rectangular footprint and gabled roof. Symmetrical façade with central recessed entry framed by round-headed opening, open bed pediment and pilasters. Double-hung sash windows with multi-pane uppers. Gable end has board and batten trim with circular window and brackets. Rooftop ventilators (one partial only).

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber framing and rusticated weatherboard cladding, corrugated metal.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Church office addition to side/rear (1950s/60s?).

SETTING

The hall is located on that part of the church property overlooking Wilson Street, in the block bounded by Talbot Street to the east and Hislop Street to the west. St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and manse are located on the Cox Street frontage of the same land parcel. The former Johnson / McKechnie cottage is on the opposite side of Wilson Street. The extent of setting is limited to that portion of the land parcel on which the hall is located.

HISTORY

Geraldine was part of the Temuka parish from 1872 until 1879, at which time Geraldine became a separate charge. The town's first Presbyterian church opened in February 1873. George Barclay, the minister credited with the early vigour of Presbyterianism in the Timaru district, was the minister at Geraldine from 1879 until 1889. The foundation stone of a new Sunday School Hall, to be known as St Andrew's Hall, was laid on 20 June 1912. The building opened for use in late November of the same year. Alexander Mackenzie was a major benefactor of the new hall, in which a room was named in his honour. Later in the 20th century a new wing to accommodate the church office was built at an oblique angle to the hall on its west side. A smaller hall at the rear of the office wing may have been moved on to the site, it is known as the Rangitata Hall. In 1950 a new cobblestone church replaced the original timber structure; the manse beside it in Cox Street having replaced an earlier manse in 1917. The church complex is still fully utilised by the church today.

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

St Andrew's Hall has historical and social significance as a place of Presbyterian education and fellowship since 1912. The building has additional value for its association with Alexander Mackenzie (1838-1915), an early South Canterbury settler who farmed at 'Riverford,' Geraldine.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

St Andrew's Hall has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of the church community and the varied educational and social activities undertaken by its congregation.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

St Andrew's Hall has architectural significance as the work of Timaru architect JS Turnbull. Timaru-born James Turnbull (1864-1947) trained in Melbourne and then established a practice in Timaru in c.1895. The son of Richard Turnbull, a prominent Timaru businessman and politician, Turnbull also designed Job Brown's Beehive Stores (heritage item #117, 1901-2) in Temuka, Chalmers Church (heritage item #38, 1903-4) and a large number of Timaru houses. Turnbull went into partnership with Percy Watts Rule in c.1920, after which time Rule was the principal designer in the firm. The firm designed the Temuka Library (heritage item #118, 1926-27), St James' Anglican Church at Franz Josef (1928-31) and the 1930 additions to the Bank Street Methodist Church (heritage item #51).

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

St Andrew's Hall has technological and craftsmanship value for its timber construction and detailing. The contractor Angus Fyfe (1873-1950) was a local carpenter and a member of the congregation.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

St Andrew's Hall has contextual significance as a local historic feature and for its relationship with St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and manse. It is the oldest of the three principal buildings on the church property.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

Although the hall post-dates 1900, its site probably may possess archaeological values in light of the development on the church property since the early 1870s.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

St Andrew's Hall has overall heritage significance to Geraldine and Timaru district as a whole. The church hall has historical and social significance for its 107-year association with the congregation of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and cultural value as a place of Christian education and fellowship. St Andrew's Hall has architectural significance as a vernacular building with classical and bungalow detailing designed by Timaru architect James Turnbull and technological and craftsmanship value for its timber construction and detailing. St Andrew's Hall has contextual significance as a local historic feature and for its relationship to St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and manse. The site of St Andrew's Hall may have archaeological values in view of the pre-1900 development that occurred on the site.

HERITAGE CATEGORY

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