

**TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM**

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**HERITAGE ITEM NAME** former Martin's Store & Dwelling

**ADDRESS** 89 King Street, Temuka

**PHOTOGRAPH**



(A McEwan, 12 July 2018)

**FORMER DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO.** No. 127      **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** 2027/ 2  
(at time of assessment)

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION** Lot 1 DP 21126

**VALUATION NUMBER** 2477023100

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** 1872-73

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/  
BUILDER** Daniel West, architect

**STYLE** Commercial classicism

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

Two storey-building with rectangular footprint and hipped roof forms. Veranda across street frontage carried on cast iron posts. Recessed central entry to ground floor shop; four double hung sash windows light first floor above veranda. Rough-hewn bluestone walls with quoins, brackets beneath window sills and simple cornice and parapet. Date inscribed beneath cornice.

**MATERIALS/STRUCTURE**

Bluestone, brick, and corrugated metal.

**ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS**

Brick extension to rear (1891). Outbuildings at rear removed (date unknown). Rear/west elevation rebuilt (2008).

**SETTING**

The store stands on the west side of King Street, north of its intersection with Domain Avenue. The rear (west) elevation overlooks an asphalt carpark that is accessed from Timaru Temuka Highway. The extent of scheduling is limited to the footprint of the building, notwithstanding the potential archaeological values of the land parcel as a whole.

## **HISTORY**

John McRitchie Martin (1836-1917) was a Scottish immigrant who had settled in Temuka by 1862. Martin's earlier home and store were damaged by flooding in February 1868; at the same time three Martin family members, including two children, were drowned. Martin resumed his business after the flood and then erected new premises in King Street in 1872-73. In 1874 Martin leased the property to Joseph Wareing. Martin remained in Temuka until his death in 1917. He was survived by three of his eight children; his wife Margaret having predeceased him in 1909. Joseph and Philip Wareing carried on the business in the later 1870s; when the latter advertised the lease for sale in April 1880 the building contained a 'dwelling house' on the first floor and there was a large grain store, a stable, shed and yard at the rear. Martin's store has passed through a number of hands since 1874 but its use as a drapery has been maintained to the present-day.

## **HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Martin's store has high historical and social significance for its continuous retail use since 1872, its association with John Martin and his family, and, more generally, the development of the Temuka town centre. The former Martin's store has significance as a demonstration of the early phase of the town's development as an important service centre for both local residents and farmers in the district.

## **CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Martin's store has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its former owners, retailers and their customers.

## **ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Martin's store has architectural significance as the work of Timaru architect Daniel West. West (c.1828-1910) was a carpenter turned architect who was in partnership with Robert Barber from 1881, if not earlier, until 1886. West designed a wide range of building types for private clients and also served as architect to the South Canterbury Education Board. Messrs West and Barber designed the Italianate style 'Green Hayes' homestead for John Hayhurst in 1881 (heritage item # 90) and West was also responsible for the design of the vestry building in Temuka Cemetery (1892-93, heritage item # 114).

## **TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Martin's store has high technological and craftsmanship significance for its masonry construction using Timaru bluestone (basalt). During the 1870s Temuka gained a number of brick civic and commercial buildings, but, it appears, only one architecturally designed bluestone building.

## **CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The former Martin's store has contextual significance as a notable historic feature within the Temuka town centre. The concentration of scheduled heritage items and historic character buildings lining King Street, between Fraser Street in the south and Wood Street in the north, gives Temuka's main commercial thoroughfare its distinctive identity and sense of place.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE**

As the building pre-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological significance relating to the construction of the structure and its historic use for retailing.

## SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

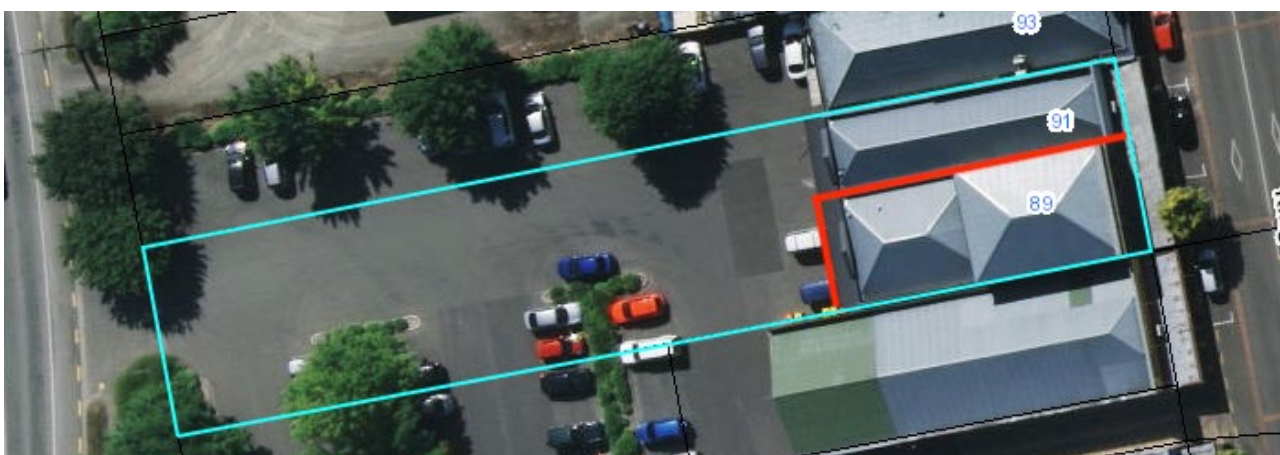
The former Martin's store and dwelling has high overall heritage significance to Temuka and Timaru district as a whole. The building has high historical and social significance for its historic retail use and association with John Martin and cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its former retailers and their customers. The former Martin's store has architectural significance as the work of the architect Daniel West and high technological significance for its masonry construction and detailing. The former Martin's store has contextual significance as a historic landmark within the Temuka town centre streetscape and its site has potential archaeological significance given the building's date of construction.

## HERITAGE CATEGORY

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## REFERENCES

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Extent of setting, limited to the building's footprint, 89 King Street, Temuka. It is noted that 91 King Street is located on the same land parcel.