

2.19 Hardinge Road, no. 32: House

Schedule number:

NCC Heritage Group:

Type of site (archaeological site/historic place/historic area): Archaeological site, historic place, historic area

Address: 32 Hardinge Road, Ahuriri

Legal Description: LOT 1 DP 26160 (CT 48/40 47/76)

Construction date: c.1860/70s



Figure 171 32 Hardinge Road beside Wilson Hall. Source: Chris Cochran, April 2019.



Figure 172 Extent of 32 Harding Road. Source: Napier City Council property on-line



Figure 173 Location of 32 Harding Road Source: Napier City Council GIS

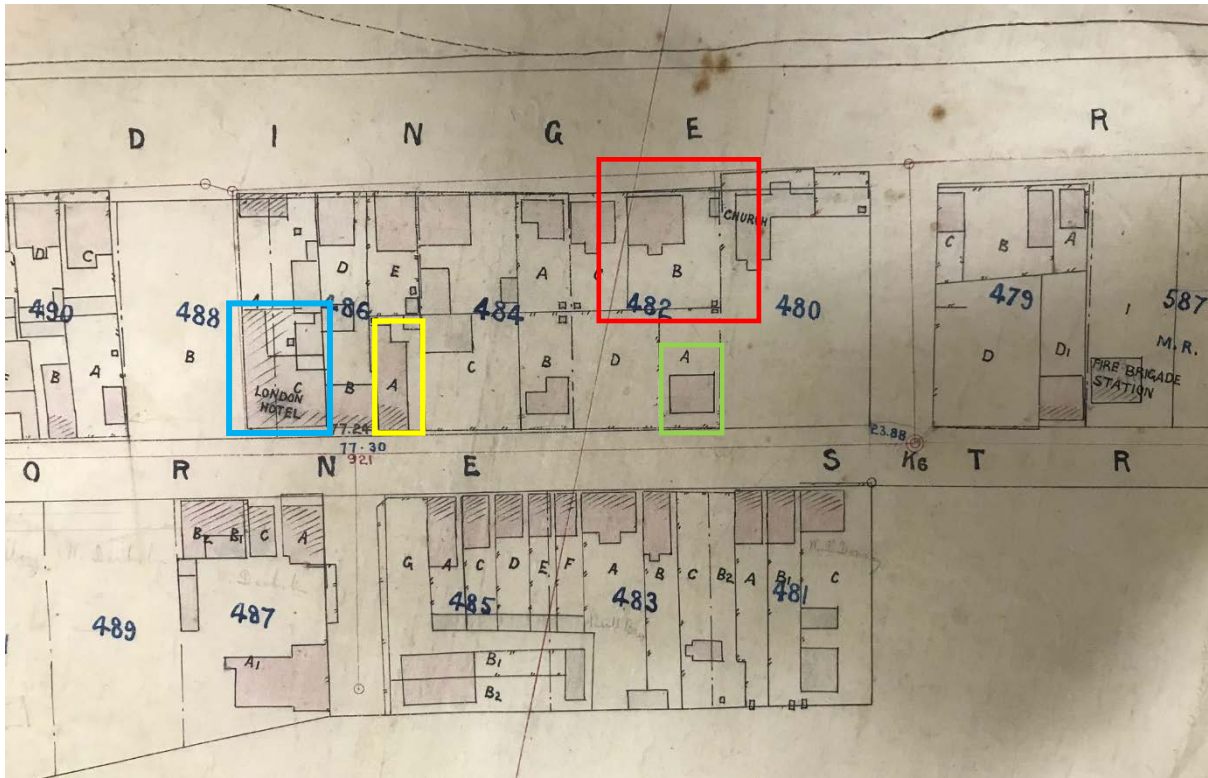


Figure 174 32 Hardinge Road between 1880-85 (red) Rolls Bakery (yellow); 82 Waghorne (green) London Hotel (blue) Source: MTG Hawke's Bay Bowman

Architect:

Builder:

Original function/use: Residence

Original owner:

Current use: Residence

Current owner:

Significance: Aesthetic, architectural, historical, social.

Summary: The history of this house is tenuous; it is built on former reserve land and was in existence by the early 1880s. Architecturally, this building has some interest as an example of a bay villa, of handsome shape and detail, although this is not enhanced by the modern roofing material.

History: This building is on Lot B of TS 482 originally government reserve, but later possibly Harbour Board lease. The history of this place is tenuous, but it has significance for being an early cottage, from a period when the Eastern Spit was a very busy commercial part of Napier and the area was interspersed with businesses and domestic dwellings. It has historic value because it was probably built on government reserve land that later became Harbour Board lease.

Notable people:

Architectural style/description: The house at 32 Hardinge Road has the form of a bay villa, a common style during the latter part of the 19th century, characterised (in this case), by a strong gable-roofed form coming forward from the main body of the house, closing off the end of the verandah that runs along the front elevation. The verandah has fretwork brackets, a slightly concave roof, and it shelters a central door with French doors on either side. The gabled portion has a three-sided bay window with double-hung windows and a concave roof with brackets to the eaves. The main roof is hipped, of quite steep pitch, and is clad in Decramastic tiles; originally this would have been corrugated steel. The wall cladding is plain lapped weatherboards.

The house takes its place in a long row of interesting buildings, facing north across to the waters of the Port of Napier, and although one of a number, it plays a part in an important townscape of buildings strung along the harbour frontage. It has a compatible neighbour to the east, in the Knox Presbyterian Church.

Alterations: Building re-roofed in Decramastic tiles.

References:

Bowman Map

Theme: Settlement

Hapu/Iwi:

Cultural connections:

Recommendations: To be listed on the District Plan.

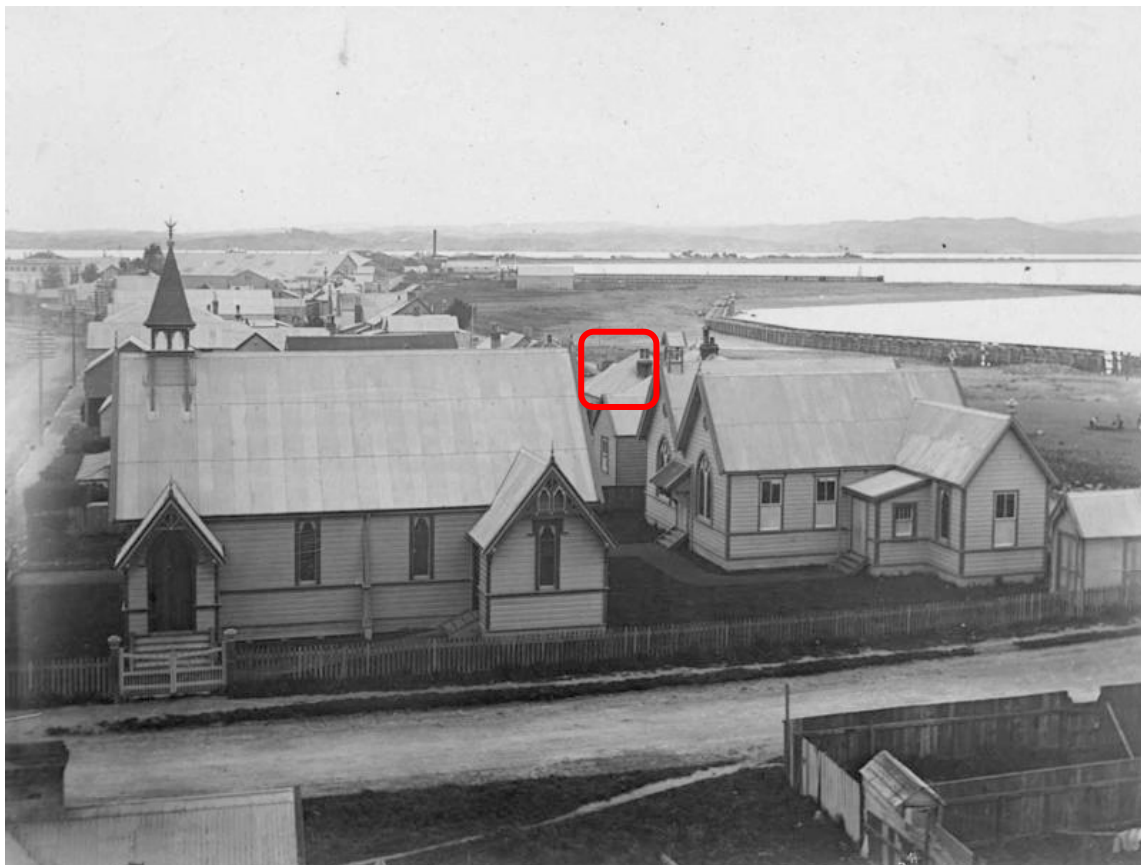


Figure 175 Presbyterian Church and Wilson Hall 1904, portion of 32 Hardinge Rd marked in red.
Source: MTG Hawke's Bay Object no 3679



Location of 32 Hardinge Road 1880s. Source: MTG Hawke's Bay object no. 838