

GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME former Presbyterian manse

ADDRESS 10 Carlyle Street, Mataura

PHOTOGRAPH



(April 2022)

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lot 1 DP 2140

GDC FILE NUMBER 3207845

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1919

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** Unknown

STYLE Arts and Crafts bungalow

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Single-storey building with rectangular footprint and hipped roof. Principal elevations face north and west; service wing with garage extension runs along eastern side. Return veranda has timber valance; cross-gabled bays on north and west elevations. Exposed rafters, tapered chimneys with diamond motif; double-hung sash windows. Diamond-shaped leadlight window on west elevation by entry. Sunhood over oriel window on north elevation; faceted window sheltered by veranda, which is created by extended roofline and carried on timber posts with stuccoed bases. Entrance door has side- and fanlights.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber framing and weatherboard cladding, cement stucco, corrugated metal roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Garage added to rear lean-to (pre-1983). Door altered at east end of veranda (date unknown).

SETTING

The house stands on the north side of Carlyle (formerly End) Street, overlooking its intersection with Oakland Street. The road boundary is marked by a low fence and the house is partly screened by vegetation. Mataura School is on the opposite side of Oakland Street. The scheduled setting is the land parcel on which the building is located.

HISTORY

Mataura's first Presbyterian church opened in May 1877 on the east side of Kana Street opposite its intersection with Forth Street. A new church to the south of the earlier building was opened on the former Mataura School site by the Rev A McNeur of Milton on 29 March 1933. Previously the presbytery had decided to sell the 1878 manse on Kana Street and build a new one on the other side of the river close to the town centre. Tenders were called in June 1919 and the house was built prior to the subdivision of its lot by Catherine Cameron, wife of local hotelier Hugh Cameron, in June 1921; title was subsequently issued to the Presbyterian church in October of the same year. The Rev James McMaster and his family appear to have been the first residents of the new manse. The house was sold by the Mataura Presbyterian Church in 1960; it has since passed through a number of hands and remains in residential use.

HISTORIC AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Presbyterian manse at Mataura has historic and social significance for its association with the Presbyterian Church of Mataura, its resident ministers and their families and the local congregation. The house was both the home of the Presbyterian minister and his family and a venue for church events, such as the wedding of John Duncan and Gwendoline Auld on 27 September 1932.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Presbyterian manse at Mataura has cultural value as it demonstrates the way of life of its original and later occupants and was a site of church life and pastoral care.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former Presbyterian manse at Mataura has architectural significance as an Arts and Crafts bungalow, a new style of middle-class housing that had eclipsed the popularity of the villa by the later 1910s. The designer of the house is currently unknown.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former Presbyterian manse at Mataura has craftsmanship value for the quality of its timber construction and detailing. The builder of the house is currently unknown.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Presbyterian manse at Mataura has contextual significance for the contribution it makes to the streetscape and as a reminder of the interwar residential development of Mataura.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the building post-dates 1900, its site may have limited potential archaeological value; judging from DP 2140 the site was previously undeveloped.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Presbyterian manse has overall heritage significance to Mataura and to the district of Gore as a whole. The building has historic and social significance for its association with Mataura's Presbyterian Church and the ministers and their families who lived in it between 1920 and 1960. The former Presbyterian manse at Mataura has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its early occupants and architectural significance as an Arts and Crafts bungalow that retains a high level of exterior authenticity. The former Presbyterian manse has craftsmanship value for the quality of its timber construction and detailing and contextual significance for the contribution it makes to the streetscape and as a

reminder of the interwar residential development of Mātaura. The building's site may have limited potential archaeological value.

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Extent of scheduling, former Presbyterian manse, 10 Carlyle Street, Mātaura.



A church gathering at the manse in 1928. Presbyterian Archives.