

GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME former Carroll/MacGibbon house

ADDRESS 155 Kana Street, Mataura

PHOTOGRAPH



(April 2022)

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Sections 4 & 5 Block XI Town of Mataura Bridge

GDC FILE NUMBER 326517 & 3280414

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1892?

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** Unknown

STYLE Bay villa

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Single-storey building with irregular footprint and gabled roof forms. Principal elevations face south-east and north-east; former has veranda with cast-iron 'lace' valance that terminates at a gabled bay with boxed bay window. Side, north-east elevation has double gables with large, faceted bay windows on either side of a recessed porch. Main entry has side- and fanlights.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber framing & rusticated weatherboard cladding, corrugated metal roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Bay window additions to north-east elevation (c.1907?). Extended to south-west (pre-1938). Chimneys removed (c.2010?). Veranda remodelled, including new posts; new fenestration? (date unknown).

SETTING

The house stands on the north-west side of Kana Street, overlooking its intersection with Argyle Street. The setting is suburban residential with a rural aspect to the south-east. The scheduled setting is both land parcels on which the building is located.

HISTORY

Irish-born stevedore Robert Carroll (1849-1928) immigrated to New Zealand with his wife Margaret (nee Kearney) in 1874. In 1887 the Carrolls settled in Mataura, where Robert became a mill worker and Margaret was a tailoress. Of the Carrolls' ten sons, Alphonsus ('Phonse', 1895-1974) became a noted rugby union and rugby league player. When the Carrolls moved to the Manawatu in 1904 to take up farming there, their Kana Street property was acquired by Archibald MacGibbon, who was involved in running the family's successful mercantile business in Mataura and Gore. At the time the house change hands it was described as a 7-room dwelling with a dairy, washhouse and all necessary outbuildings. Archibald MacGibbon (1877-1947) was one of Thomas and Isabella MacGibbons' New Zealand-born children; he married Mary Mair (1875-1954) in 1907 and the couple had six children. The house remained in MacGibbon family ownership until 1951; it has since passed through other hands and remains in private residential use.

HISTORIC AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Carroll/MacGibbon has historic and social significance for its association with the Carroll and MacGibbon families and the contribution they made to the early development of Mataura. It is noteworthy that a modest bay villa, built to house a large family, would then be purchased by one of Mataura's leading merchants.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Carroll/MacGibbon has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its early occupants.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former Carroll/MacGibbon has architectural significance as a late Victorian villa with Edwardian alterations and additions. The designer of the house is currently unknown.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former Carroll/MacGibbon has technological and craftsmanship value for the evidence it can provide of late Victorian and Edwardian construction methods and materials. The builder of the building is currently unknown.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Carroll/MacGibbon has contextual significance for the contribution it makes to the historic character of Kana Street.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the building pre-dates 1900, its site has potential archaeological value relating to the colonial development of the property.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Carroll/MacGibbon house, 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 the Carroll and MacGibbon families and the contribution they made to the development of Mataura. The former Carroll/MacGibbon has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its early occupants and architectural significance as a late Victorian bay villa with Edwardian-era alterations and additions. The former Carroll/MacGibbon house has contextual significance for the contribution it makes to the historic character of Kana Street and its site has potential archaeological value in view of the dwelling's age.

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Extent of scheduling, encompassing both land parcels, former Carroll/MacGibbon house, 155 Kana Street, Mataura.



The MacGibbon house in c.1913. Mataura Museum.