

GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME

former Millar house

ADDRESS

1256 Waipahi Highway, Pukerau

PHOTOGRAPH



(April 2022)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM No.
(at time of assessment)

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HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Section 6 Block III Town of Pukerau

GDC FILE NUMBER

3229308

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

c.1938

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER**

Unknown

STYLE

Bungalow

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

One-and-a-half-storey building with L-shaped footprint and gabled roof forms. Principal, north-facing elevation has arcaded inline porch and gable end window with fire escape balcony. Casement windows; contrasting brick base, gable end and stringcourse. Carport shelters secondary entry at south end of east wall.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Brick, timber, corrugated metal roofing.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

East and west windows replaced; sliding door installed on north elevation (pre-2008).

SETTING

The house stands on the south side of Waipahi Highway, near the centre of the block bounded by Kaiwera Road in the west and East Street in the east. The house is set back but visible from the roadway within an established garden. Fence posts contemporary with the house frame the drive and a pedestrian gateway. The scheduled setting is the land parcel on which the house is located, it does not include the neighbouring lot (Section 7 Block III Town of Pukerau).

HISTORY

The Town of Pukerau was surveyed in 1876 and the settlement duly developed into a rural service centre and the site of Norton's pipeworks and brickworks. Section 6 Block III of the original survey was purchased by Leonard Millar in 1937. Millar (1903-81), who had grown up in Pukerau, married Amelia Potter in 1924 and the couple had two children; they were later divorced. Leonard Millar's occupation was variously described as brickmaker and cheesemaker in the relevant electoral rolls and street directories. He retired in Pukerau and the house was sold after his death. Millar is buried in the Pukerau Cemetery, along with other family members. The house remains in private residential use.

HISTORIC AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Millar house has historic significance for its association with Leonard Millar, his family and their contribution to the settlement of Pukerau.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Millar house has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its early occupants.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former Millar house has architectural significance as a late 1930s bungalow with a distinctive design that retains a good level of authenticity, despite some changes to the fenestration.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former Millar house has technological and craftsmanship significance as an interwar masonry dwelling, which was likely built from bricks manufactured by the Norton's company for which Millar presumably worked.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former Millar house has contextual significance as a local feature on SH 1 as it passes through the settlement of Pukerau.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the building post-dates 1900, its site may have limited potential archaeological value.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former Millar house has overall heritage significance to Pukerau and to the district of Gore as a whole. The building has historic significance for its association with Leonard Millar, his family and the 20th century history of Pukerau. The former Millar house has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its early occupants and architectural significance as an interwar bungalow with a distinctive design. The former Millar house has technological and craftsmanship significance for the quality of its brick masonry construction that likely used locally-produced bricks and contextual significance as a local feature in Pukerau. The property's site may have limited archaeological value.

REFERENCES

- *Otago Daily Times* 13 August 1934, p. 8; 11 April 1949, p. 7.
- *Mataura Ensign* 22 December 1917, p. 5.
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Extent of scheduling, former Millar house, 1256 Waipahi Highway, Pukerau.