

11 Devon Street East

c.1910?

Themes in development: transport and trade, cultural and social.

Cultural heritage values: historic, architectural, technical and townscape values.

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Description

The two-storey building at 9 - 11 Devon Street East is a masonry building probably dating from the first decade of the 20th century. The ground floor has two display windows with doors into two shops between; access to the first floor is via a stair on the east side. The verandah is now suspended from the wall above, but was probably supported originally on cast iron posts. The first floor has three double-hung windows with hood moulds and keystones, and above these a bracketted cornice runs between two scroll-supported caps. A triangular pediment completes an ordered, symmetrical composition.

History

The early history of the building is not known. The present verandah was added by Roebuck Construction in 1957, and other alterations were carried out in 1960-61 (this was an addition of three floors in concrete and steel at the back designed by R W Syme), also 1967 and 1971. There are presently two shops on the ground floor and Roger French, photographer, on the first floor.

Architect

The architect is not known.

Statement of Significance

This is a modest commercial building, typical of many that once made up the fabric of the CBD, but which have now largely gone. It is a carefully executed classical design, well proportioned and with the exterior still in relatively original condition. It has townscape value as a well scaled building, interesting in its detail.

Sources

New Plymouth District Council building file 151/9-11.