

Railway Houses, Waihi



Location: Maddocks St, near railway station, Waihi, built 1925 Railway Factory House Style: roof B porch B

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category: Cat II Waihi Rail Station Historic Area

HDC Heritage Category: **B** - Heritage Feature. Regional or Sub Regional Significance

Other:

Physical Description: The four pre-fabricated 1925 houses have the same basic floor plan and feature the four different roof and porch variations made at the factory. The two platelayers cottages and Station Masters House were constructed prior to 1906 and feature older style double hung windows, transoms over the entries and wider porches.

Other known names:

Notable features: Located adjacent to the Waihi Railway Station. Station Masters house is on original site with adjacent laundry shed. The houses add to the integrity of the Waihi Railway Station Historic Area.

Materials: timber, corrugated iron.

Date of Construction: c.1904-1906 and 1925

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Heritage Type:

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

Date Period:

1881-1910

Significance:

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

Thematic Context

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

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History: Of the remaining six railway houses in the Historic Area, four have considerable architectural significance and mark the development in 1919 of low-cost, mass produced George Troup architecturally designed houses. These were pre-cut, numbered and marked for specific house types. Completed house 'bundles' were sent by rail from the Frankton factory to sites near railway stations, and took 2-3 weeks to assemble. The accompanying 'drawings' covered every facet of construction to aid the unskilled labourers. The other two houses and the Station Master's House (and the two relocated) were made to Public Works (NZR) designs.

The Waihi Railway Station Historic Area has considerable historical, architectural, social and technological significance as the most complete collection of early railway buildings remaining in New Zealand. The railway houses represent a wide cross-section of typical railway architecture.

Architect: Government architect designs (1904-1906). George Troup, Architectural Branch of the Railways (design 1925).

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer: Department of Public Works (NZR)

History of changes: NZR House.

One house relocated to 18 Islington Terrace in 1975 (no. 237)

One house relocated to 51 Consols Street in the 1970s (no. 225)

Condition: good

Integrity: substantially intact

Current Uses: private residences

Former Uses: railway workers houses located at the Waihi Rail Station

Registered owner: various

Legal Description: various

Reference Source: R. Irvine; NZHP Waihi Railway Station Historic Area Report. 'An Inventory of Features', James Mackay July 1994.

Don Lockwood (2003 Pukewa Waihi, p184)

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Associated Pictures:



Railway Factory House Built 1925, Style: roof A porch A



Railway Factory House Built 1925, Style: roof D porch D

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Railway Factory House Built 1925, Style: roof C porch C



Platelayers Cottage, Built 1904/05.

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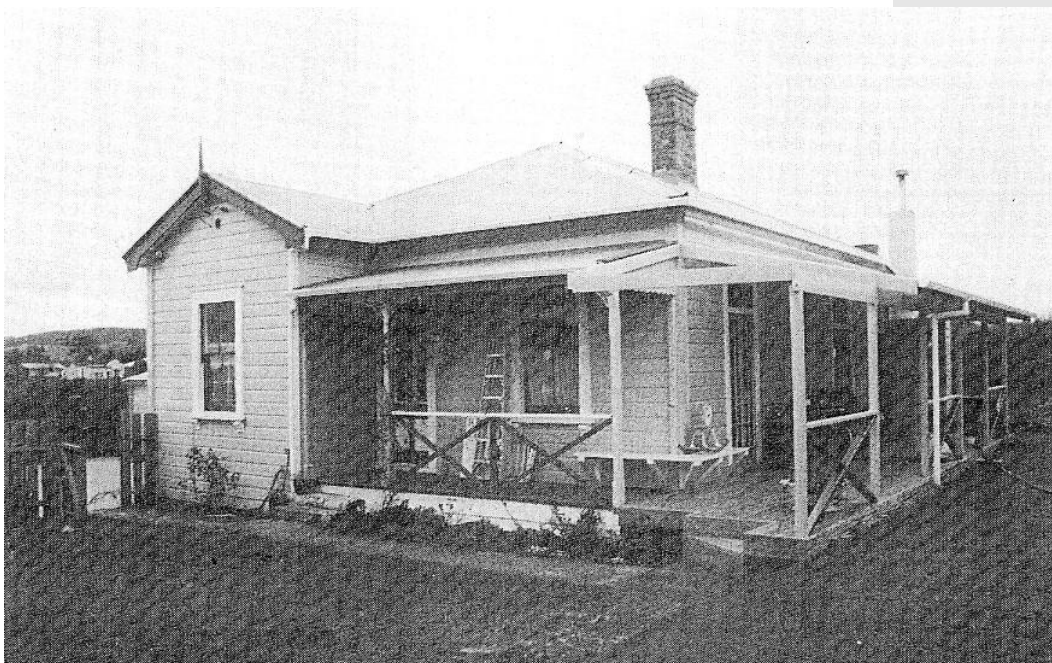
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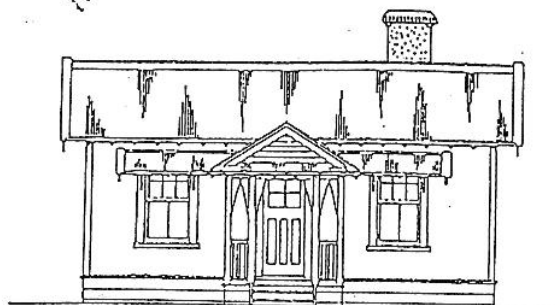


Platelayer Cottage Built 1906; Design referred to as a 'sunshine house'; Class B public works design (Mackay 1994:13).

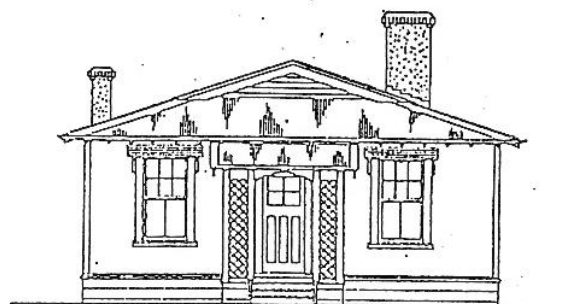


Station Master's House, built 1904 at a cost of £496-10s-0d. (Photograph Mackay 1993:51)

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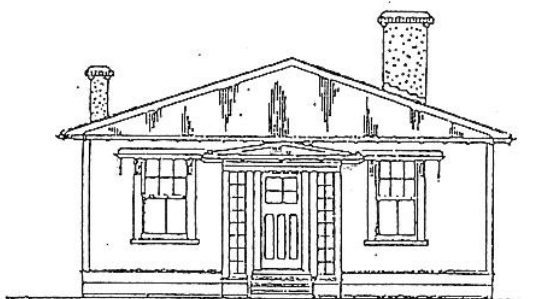


ROOF A, PORCH A



ROOF B, PORCH B

TYPICAL ELEVATIONS



ROOF C, PORCH C



ROOF D, PORCH D

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Frankton House Factory Prefabricated House Plans—Standard Plans (Kellaway 1990 in Mackay 1994:44)