

# Historic Heritage Inventory

## Talisman Mining Co. Office (former), Paeroa



**Location:** State Highway 2 , Paeroa

### Heritage Status

**Historic Places Trust Registration Number:**

**Historic Places Trust Category:**

**HDC Heritage Category:** C - Heritage Item. Local or Neighbourhood Significance

**Other:**

**Physical Description:** Timber bay villa with corrugated iron roof.

**Other known names:**

**Notable features:**

**Style:**

**Materials:** Timber, corrugated iron

**Date of Construction:** c.1890s

**History:** The original Talisman claim comprised of 30 acres of ground through which a short rich reef was traced. In 1894, 280 tons of quartz was extracted and processed through the NZ Crown mines plant. The results of this induced the proprietors to erect a 10 stamp battery with a cyanide plant similar to that erected by the neighbouring Woodstock Company. The mill was defective and little ore was crushed. In 1895-6, the claims of both the Woodstock and

**District Plan Schedule**

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**Heritage Category:** C

### **Heritage Type:**

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

### **Date Period:**

1880-1910

### **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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Talisman were taken over by the NZ Talisman Gold Mining Company who remodelled and expanded the original plant. In 1897, the company amalgamated with the Talisman Extended Co. to form Talisman Consolidated Ltd.

Talisman Consolidated Ltd erected a new mill of 50 stampers and commenced crushing from 1901 with great success. The mine reached a peak in 1914, just as the Crown mine was winding up. By 1918, however, the reef was practically exhausted and the company finally wound up in 1920.

This building was the front office of the Talisman Mining Company Assaying and Payments building, relocated in 1920. The unusual door and right hand corner of the veranda were for security purposes – the door was watched from an observation room at the other end of the veranda.

**Architect:**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**History of changes:**

**Condition:** Good

**Integrity:** Substantially intact

**Current Uses:** Private residence

**Former Uses:** Mine office

**Registered owner:** L.C. Tye, N. Player; Marion Fletcher; Alys Bell; Barbara Tye-Wood

**Legal Description:** Huruhuru 2D

**Reference Source:** M. Cotter (pers. comm.); H. Haysom

**Associated Pictures:**