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HIGH STREET

USE: residence.

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1857.

FIRST LAND PURCHASE DATE:
R. Aitken, 12.5.1856.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:
brick.

CONDITION AND INTACTNESS:
good.

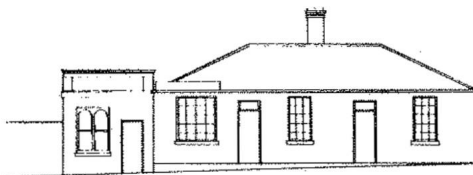
SIGNIFICANCE: A largely intact building of the 1850's.

HISTORY: The Mount Alexander Mail of 17 November 1856 carries an advertisement for Aitken and Marshall's transport services to Castlemaine. In 1857 Aitken appears to have decided to provide accommodation for the travellers in Maldon as the same newspaper reports on 2 June 1857 that a license is to be granted to Robert Aitken on condition that a stable is erected and the house finished within a fortnight. The Carrier's Arms appears to have ceased being used as a hotel before 1864 when Aitken is described as a contractor and carter, High Street.¹ Earlier he had been one of the contractors for the Market Hall in 1859.² The building appears to have been used as a residence until 1868³ when Dr John O'Neill appears to have used it as a residence and surgery. In 1893 the small surgery building attached on the south side of the building was erected.⁴ Dr O'Neill still occupied the building in 1900.

The earliest photograph obtained of the Carrier's Arms, (PH7) taken about 1860, shows that the southern window was larger and there was a sign at gutter level, which suggests that this was the hotel section of the premises. The building was unpainted at this time. The 1867 panorama (PH p5, see page 2) shows that this window has been altered to two smaller windows but by 1900 (see PH 6) (see A(4)) these had been altered to the present window and the building painted. Although these have altered the building from its original state, the present window details and door mouldings are compatible with the building.

1. Moon, Tarrangower, Past & Present, p.25
2. Ibid. p.15
3. 1868 Post Office Directory.
4. 1891-1894 ratebooks.

FORMER CARRIER'S ARMS HOTEL



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c1900



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PH7 High Street West Side c1860