

Local Heritage Register: Armati's Pharmacy



North Side of Victoria Street ca. 1930, looking west from Marsh and Webster, from the right Dalrymple building, then Dalrymple number two, then Armati Pharmacy showing 'Chemist' in the awning, and lastly Hamilton's building.

Building Name:	Armati's Pharmacy
Street Address:	110 Victoria Street
Property Description:	Lot 1 and 2 on RP700824
Land Area:	203m ²

Description

This building makes a significant contribution to the Victoria Street heritage collection and was built for prominent Mackay citizen: Percy Armati.

The construction of this building completed the northern streetscape of Victoria Street after the Hamilton's building construction in 1912 and Dalrymples in 1917.

The Building

The building was designed by prominent architect W.H. Faircloth and built in 1924 by Messrs, Gibson and Sutherland under the supervision of Mr J.W. Kington.

The building is brick and concrete featuring a cantilevered awning and Roman Ionic Order features such as six pilasters and an architrave moulded with frieze. There are two large windows with circular heads and a central rectangular window.

The ground level contains two shops with a central entrance and offices above. The building was extensively outfitted with solid maple trim and stairs. The upper level was occupied by Mr R.L. Donnan, a dentist.

Percy Edgar Armati

Armati's operated two pharmacies, one in the local heritage-listed 'Sharps' building at 22-24 Sydney

Street which Percy opened in 1906 and the other 'new' premises, the 'Central Pharmacy' in Victoria Street traded from 1928.

Mr Armati was renowned for filling customer demand and stocked gifts, novelties and a wide range of photographic material in his store.

Percy was born in Townsville in 1878, attending Townsville grammar school. The family had chemist stores in Townsville where he trained with his father. He then opened his own store in Winton before coming to Mackay in 1906. He traded in Mackay for more than 40 years and died in Sydney in 1950. His brother Clive continued to operate the family business in Townsville at that time.

Percy helped found the City Bowls club and was a keen cricketer and fisherman. He married Miss Isobelle Florence (Bee) McLean of Pinnacle Station in 1912. They had two sons who are both doctors in Sydney.

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Statement of Historical Significance

Criteria	Significance
A: Historical significance	The building was constructed by local contractors Gibson and Sutherland under the supervision of draftsman, John Kington, and to a design by architect, Frederic Herbert Faircloth. The building is also important in demonstrating building boom of the Interwar period in Mackay.
B: All aspects of heritage significance	Does not meet this criterion.
C: Scientific significance	Does not meet this criterion.
D: Architectural significance	Does not meet this criterion.
E: Aesthetic / architectural significance	The building at 110 Victoria Street retains original classical detailing above the awning including broken pediment, dentils pilasters and modillions. The building is part of a larger group of buildings along Victoria Street that make an outstanding contribution to the streetscape.
F: Aesthetic or other significance	Does not meet this criterion.
G: Social significance	Does not meet this criterion.
H: Historical significance	Does not meet this criterion.

References:

- Daily Mercury, 'Death of City Chemist' 15 August 1950, page 2
- Daily Mercury, 'City improvements', 10 October 1924, page 2
- Daily Mercury, Personal, 2 May 1906, page 2
- Daily Mercury, 'Wedding Bells' 10 April 1912.

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