

SUMMER HILL MAIN STREET STUDY 1993

INVENTORY

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Name of Building:			
Former Name: Woodhill and Murray's Building			
Owner:			
Lessee/s:		Current Use/s:	
Date of Construction:	Architect:	Builder:	
<p>History: This building occupies the site of one of Summer Hill's oldest commercial buildings. The Rate Books of Ashfield Municipal Council indicate that the building was erected in 1882 for the owners, Woodhill & Murray, the first tenant being the well-known Summer Hill storekeeper, George Hodgson. By 1885 Hodgson had moved further down Lackey Street and the premises were rented by a series of tenants. The illustration in the 1884 <i>Town and Country Journal</i> shows the building at that time to have been single-storeyed. In 1893 the building was rebuilt and enlarged in an ebullient style, and given an elaborate two-storey six-bay timber posted verandah which has since been removed.</p>			
<p>References: Water Board plans. Ashfield Municipal Council Rate Books. <i>Sands Directories.</i></p>			
<p>Description: A two-storey brick and stucco building whose principal facade interest now lies in its elaborate parapet design. The building has two bays, of face brickwork below cornice level, where it was formerly shielded by the verandah, and now incorporating three windows in each bay. Above the cornice each bay is further subdivided by angled piers ascending to pinnacles with knobs. The centre section of each bay rises to a pediment which penetrates a rectangular frame and is surmounted by a large finial. The tympani of the pediments are decorated with foliation and one bears the interlocking numerals of the date '1893' while the other bears the interlocking initials 'WM'. Below the suspended metal footpath awning, No. 7 has one shopfront with two side entries, while No. 9 has two shopfronts with adjacent entries near the centre. The shopfronts are all of recent construction.</p>			
<p>Modifications: The whole facade has been blandly painted. The upper windows, at least one of which would formerly have been a doorway to the upper verandah, have modern metal window frames. The shopfronts have been changed.</p>			

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Contribution To Streetscape:	<i>Appropriate Scale/mass</i>	<i>Compatible Form/shape</i>	<i>Harmonious Style</i>	<i>Compatible Materials</i>	<i>Existing Colour Scheme</i>	<i>Existing Shop Fronts</i>
	1	1	1	1	4	4
1= Excellent 2= Good 3= Fair 4= Poor 5= Disruptive						
Heritage Listings	LEP	NT	AHC	Heritage Study	Other	
Statement of Significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * An important element in Lackey Street, appropriately matching the scale and complementing the detail of the adjacent Stanton Building to its north. * A building whose history embraces one of the earliest retail premises in Lackey Street. 						
Recommendations For Conservation Action: <p>(a) <i>Immediate:</i> Adopt appropriate paint colour and signage schemes. Remove paint from face brickwork unless this proves to be impossible, in which case paint it in a colour simulating brick.</p> <p>(b) <i>Medium Term:</i> Replace upper window frames with joinery or members of more appropriately traditional forms and details.</p> <p>(c) <i>Long Term:</i> Consider rebuilding shopfronts with more appropriate framing and detailing.</p>						
Desirable Planning Objectives:						
Additional Comments:						

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1993 PHOTOGRAPH

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Photograph taken by
Robert Irving

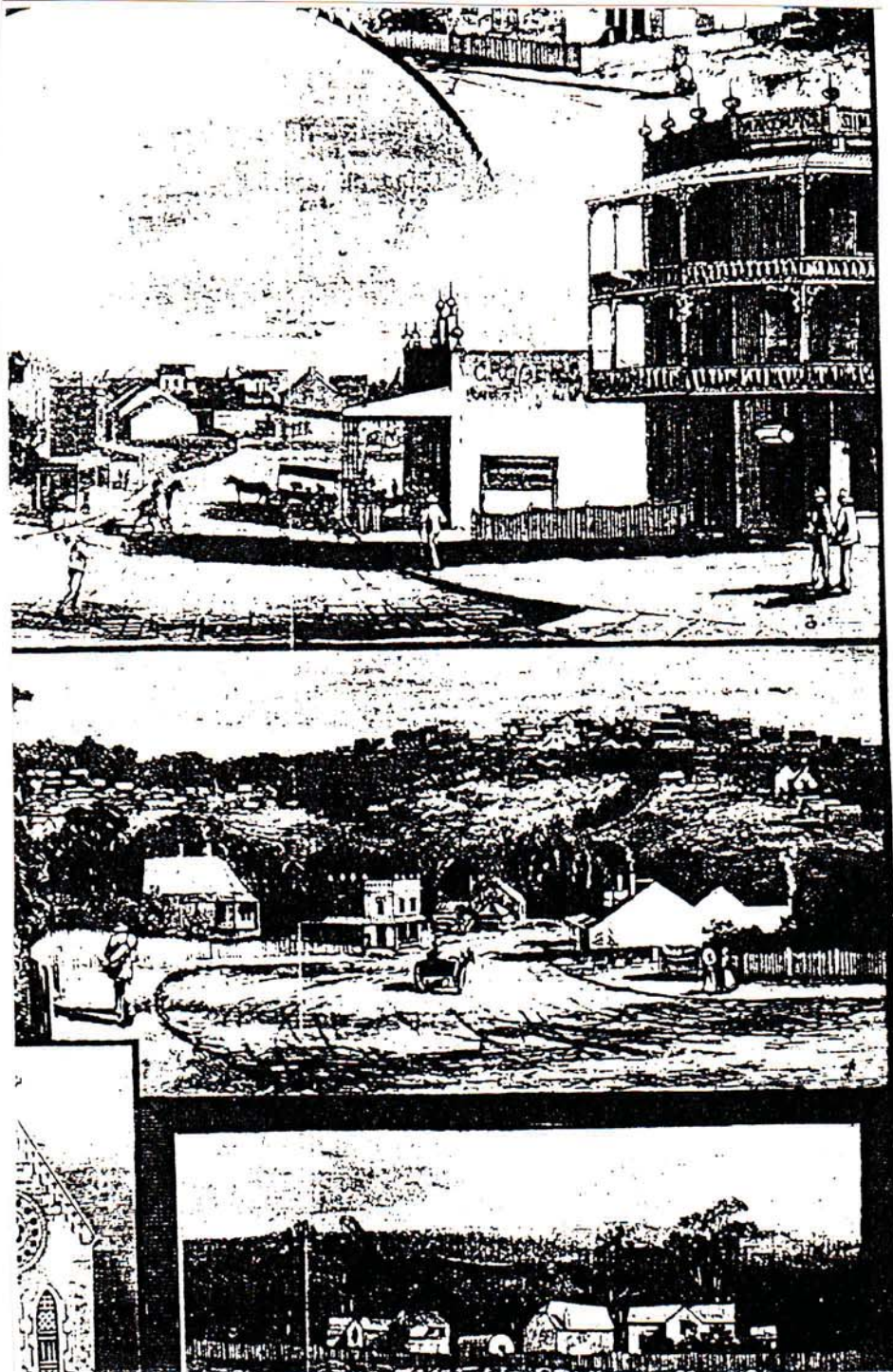
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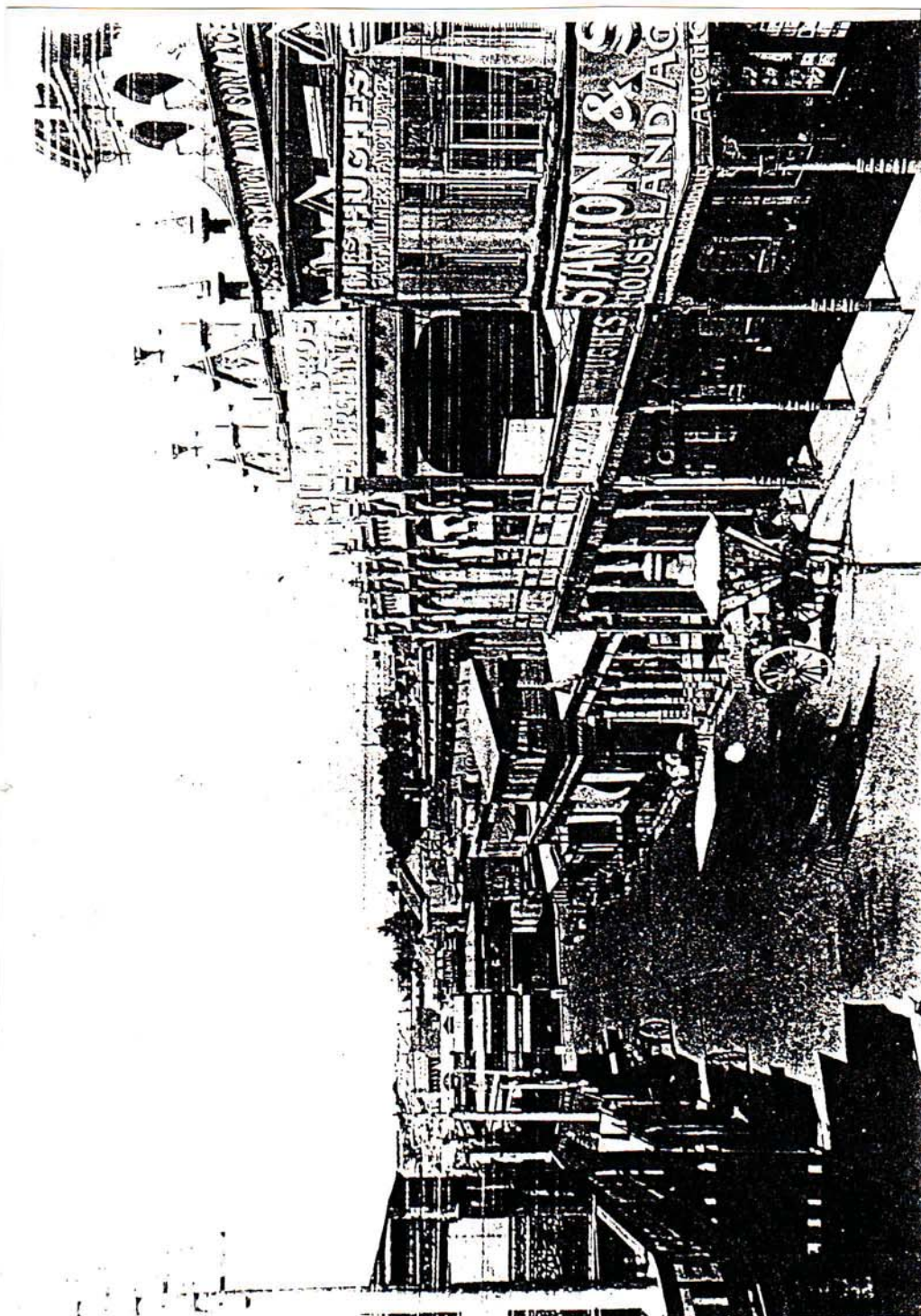


Source Town and Country
Journal

Photographer

Date 1884

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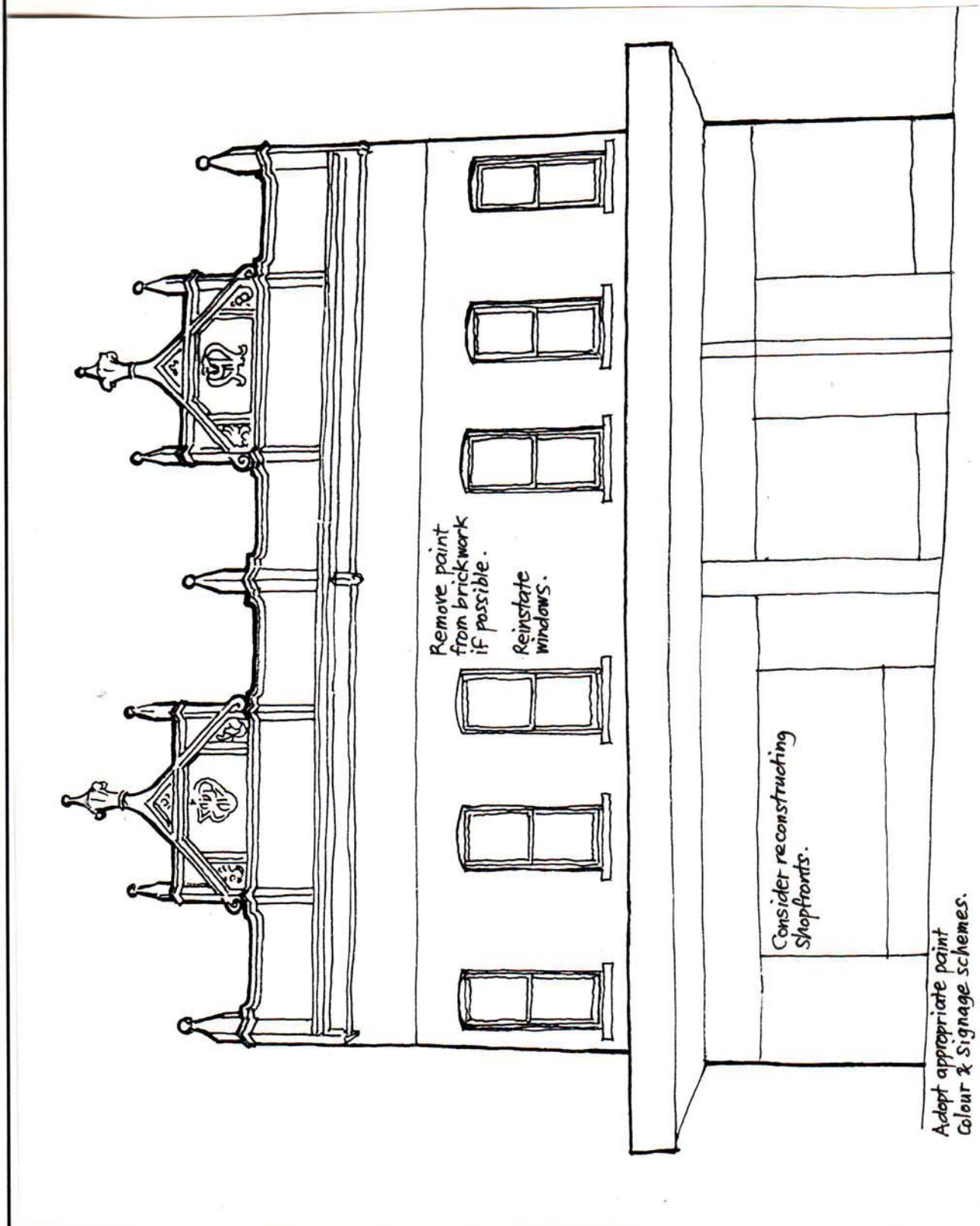


Source Broadhurst MAB Photo	Photographer	Date 1910
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1. SPARROW parapet all moulded work.
2. STONEWARE. flat rendered panels.
- 3 MISTLETOE window frames. 4 VENETIAN RED shutters.
- 5 MIDDLE BRONZE GREEN awning front
- 6 GREY GREEN awning soffit.
- 7 Strip paint from originally exposed brick elements or paint to match unpainted brickwork.