



## Heritage Citation



### Corner Shops

### Key details

Also known as	Raymont's Store
Addresses	At 15 Samford Road, Alderley, Queensland 4051
Type of place	Shop/s
Period	Victorian 1860-1890
Style	Free Classical
Lot plan	L10_SP147984
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2005 Date of Citation — July 1998
Construction	Walls: Timber

<b>People/associations</b>	Thomas Raymont (Occupant)
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<b>Criterion for listing</b>	(A) Historical; (D) Representative; (H) Historical association
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Built circa 1885 this shop was owned by Thomas Raymont, variously described as storekeeper, saddler and grocer. The shop was important to the district and from the early 1890s also served as the district post office until 1920. The store was run by the Raymont family until 1930, and leased to others for the next 40 years. It remains a part of a commercial precinct in suburban Alderley.

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## History

This property at the junction of Samford and South Pine Roads has been the location of stores since about 1887. Originally granted to Matthew Henry Clissold, an area of 1 acre 3 roods and 36 perches was purchased by Elizabeth Webber Raymont, a spinster in 1877. The property was transferred to Richard Raymont, a vigneron at 'Oakridge', Upper Kedron, in January 1882. Richard Raymont died not long afterwards and the property was transmitted to Thomas Philip Raymont in May 1885.

Although Thomas Raymond [sic] is recorded as living in South Pine Road from 1883-4, he is first listed as a storekeeper from 1887. Thomas Raymont took out a mortgage for £250 with the Brisbane Permanent Benefit Building and Investment Society in December 1885, which may have paid for the construction of a store. From 1887 until the early 1890s Thomas P. Raymont is listed variously as a storekeeper, saddler and grocer. Listings for Samford Road and South Pine Road show T. P. Raymont as the occupant of the first store at the junction of these roads and the premises as a general store and post office from 1893.

Thomas Raymont died in May 1919. The store was then run by Mrs Raymont, and a mortgage for £350 was taken out in that year. The operation of the post office was separated from the store with the opening of the Alderley Post Office around 1920. Title to the store was transmitted to William Webber Raymont in January 1920. Further mortgages were taken out in 1924, 1925 and 1926, which may have paid for extensions to or the upgrading of the Raymont store. In 1930 the store was leased to John Thomas Moran, who in turn transferred the lease to Allan Johnston in April 1931. The property was transferred to Lillian Anna Raymont, widow, upon the death of William Raymont in 1959. The association of the store with the Raymont family ended in 1973 with the transfer of the property to Matilda Investments.

These traditional shops mark the history of the Raymont families' contribution and service to the local community, dating from the establishment of Samford and South Pine Roads as major thoroughfares. The stores were present when the Alderley Arms Hotel, nearby blacksmith's premises and the Enoggera Shire Offices (now in Alderley Avenue) were established - with them, these stores formed the hub of the early Enoggera community. Their prominent location at the junction of the roads makes them a landmark that records the history of the early development of the area.

# Statement of significance

## Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

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### Historical

#### CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history  
as the site of shops servicing the community since 1887.

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### Representative

#### CRITERION D

The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or classes of cultural places

as a rare example in the area of a substantial line of intact traditional shops with awnings.

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### Historical association

#### CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

for its association with the Raymont family.

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## References

1. Queensland Post Office Directories, 1876-1940
2. Certificates of Title.
3. Donnelly, John J., *Hotels of Brisbane*, (thesis, 1963)

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**Note:** This citation has been prepared on the basis of evidence available at the time including an external examination of the building. The statement of significance is a summary of the most culturally important aspects of the property based on the available evidence, and may be re-assessed if further information becomes available. The purpose of this citation is to provide an informed evaluation for heritage registration and information. This does not negate the necessity for a thorough conservation study by a qualified practitioner, before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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