

## Heritage Citation



### Hamilton's Cottage

#### Key details

**Addresses** At 22 Rogers Street, Spring Hill, Queensland 4000

**Type of place** Cottage, House

**Period** Victorian 1860-1890

**Style** Queenslander

**Lot plan** L2\_GTP1650

**Key dates** Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2004  
Date of Citation — March 2011

**Construction** Roof: Corrugated iron;  
Walls: Face brick

**Criterion for listing** (A) Historical; (B) Rarity

This house was built circa 1882 for grocer George Hamilton. It is a rare brick nineteenth century cottage surviving in what was one of Brisbane's earliest suburbs.

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## History

Suburban portion 235 was purchased on 27 December 1858 by John Christian Huessler of Brisbane. He paid £65.7s.8d for 2 acres and 2 perches of land at Spring Hollow (Spring Hill). He subdivided the land into smaller allotments and then conducted a land sale.

On 13 December 1862, Charles George Skinner acquired 1 rood and 4.5 perches of land described as subdivisions 29 and 30 of portion 235. Skinner mortgaged the land for £200 through the Trust and Mortgage Company of Australasia on 27 September 1865. It is possible that Skinner used this money to pay for the construction of the residence at 22 Rogers Street. The earliest edition of the *Queensland Post Office Directories* was published in 1868 but simply lists Skinner as a commission agent living in Brisbane. At that time, Skinner's land also encompassed the current site at 58-60 St Paul's Terrace. The two-storey brick shop now occupying this site dates from 1856 and so it is possible that Skinner had a brick residence built down the hill from this shop sometime during the 1860s.

George Hamilton purchased subdivisions 29 and 30 on 29 November 1872. Hamilton was a grocer and he first appeared as a resident of Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill in the 1874 edition of the *Queensland Post Office Directories*. It shows, however, that he lived in the block situated between Hope and Boundary Streets.

Hamilton is not listed as living at the corner of Rogers and Leichhardt Streets until the 1883-84 edition of the POD. Hamilton's property fronted Leichhardt Street so it seems likely that his street address would be listed under Leichhardt Street rather than Rogers Street. As the research for the POD was compiled in the year prior to publication, it may be assumed Hamilton's residence was built by 1882.

Hamilton continued to reside at this property until his death on 26 January 1899. His estate was passed to Thomas Hamilton and Catherine King Hamilton on 3 October 1899. Thomas Hamilton was a storekeeper and he continued to live at the family's Rogers Street home. The Hamilton family maintained their links with the property until the death of Catherine King Hamilton on 16 March 1937.

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## 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 it is an early brick house constructed in Spring Hill, one of Brisbane's earliest suburbs.

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## Rarity

### CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage as it is an uncommon early brick house surviving in Brisbane.

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## References

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