



Pease's Building, Bridge Street

1910

<b>Use</b>	Not known	<b>Historic Value</b>	<b>3</b> out of 5
<b>Materials</b>	Concrete	<b>Architectural Value</b>	<b>3</b> out of 4
<b>NZHPT Registered</b>	Not registered	<b>Technical Value</b>	<b>2</b> out of 2
<b>Valuation No</b>	12200-180-00	<b>Symbolic Value</b>	- out of 3
<b>Legal Description</b>	Lot 71 DP 2934	<b>Rarity</b>	- out of 2
		<b>Townscape Value</b>	<b>2</b> out of 2
		<b>Group Value</b>	<b>2</b> out of 2
		<b>Overall Cultural Heritage Value</b>	<b>12 out of 20</b>
<b>Reference</b>	Br11		

**Description**

Pease's building is a two storey building of doric architectural style. It was constructed of ferro-concrete with ornamental iron columns. According to Standish (1980), it was the first building with a suspended floor built outside Europe. The building once had a full glass hip verandah (red side glasses) with iron poles and framing.

**History**

Built for the Pease Brothers in 1910, the first occupant of the larger shop was Mr H G Carman who operated a fine library, book, toy and fancy goods shop until his death. His daughters carried on the business until the late 1960s.

The first floor of the building has housed the offices of many Eltham businesses, including the Carmens Bookshop, a clothing factory, farm machinery, and a gymnasium. During the 1960s, the first floor was converted into residential flats.

The building was also said to have been designated as an air raid shelter during the Second World War.

For many years, the basement was used as a rifle range by the Eltham Miniature Rifle Club, (Eltham Argus 1947). Mr Rolly Walker also used it for his Youth Group activities, in particular table tennis and archery. The building is now used by a fitness group as a gymnasium.

**Architect**

J W Rough and J A Duffill

**Builder**

Not known.

**Sources**

Don Drabble, Eltham Historical Society

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Standish R (1984), *Eltham 100 Years*, Rosen Argus Printing Co Ltd; Eltham

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