

Heritage

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THE FALLS HOTEL

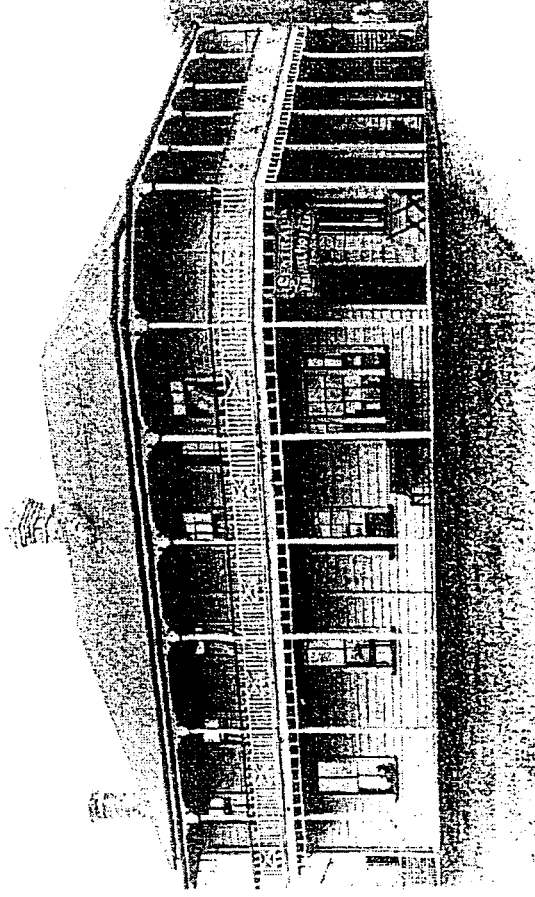
The Oratia Hotel was built in 1873 to provide accommodation for the travelling public. The hotel's name was changed in 1890 to Falls Hotel, after the Waitakere Falls, which were a major tourist attraction in the late nineteenth century. The first proprietor was "Shepherd" John McLeod, Thomas Henderson's farm manager.

For many years the Falls Hotel has been a landmark building in Henderson. However, after the fire in 1953, the building went through a long period of decline.

In 1996, the Norcross Companies and Norcross family gifted the building to the Falls Hotel Preservation Trust for relocation to Alderman Drive, Henderson. The building has been restored to its former glory, while retaining its historic décor and character. It operates as a café and restaurant.

The Falls Hotel is located by the Oratia stream and is part of the Henderson heritage trail. (For further details about the heritage trail, go to <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/viswai/wtd/hrtgril.asp>)

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Falls Hotel in its original state,