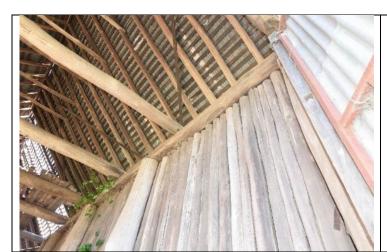
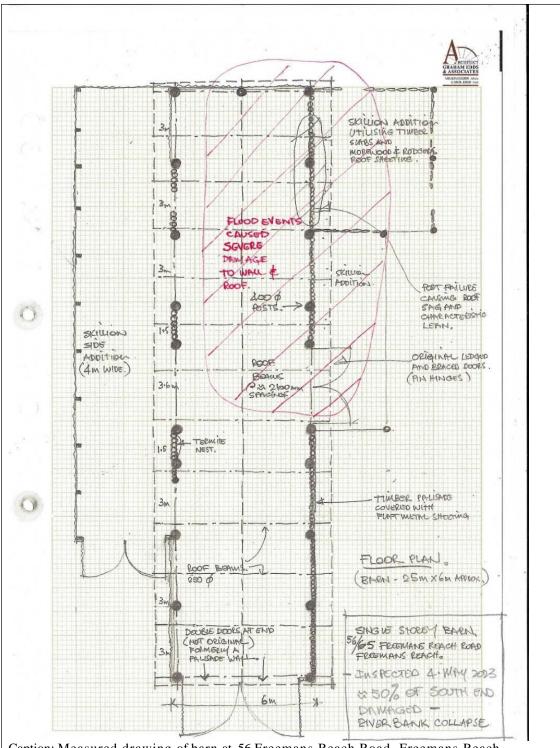
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Caption: Barn at 56 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach

(interior)

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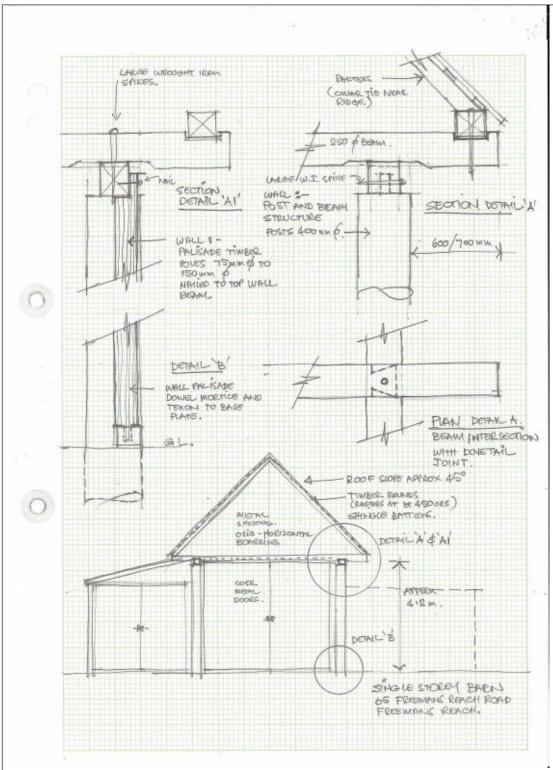


Caption: Measured drawing of barn at 56 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach

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Caption: Measured drawing of barn at 56 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach Copyright Owner: Graham Edds & Associates

Date: 2010

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Two storey slab barn
ADDRESS	123 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Wilberforce
LOT/DP	Lot 2 DP 214155
RECOMMENDED MANA	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State or local listing
SUMMARY	110t recommended for blace of focus insuing
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19th to Late 20th century
MODIFICATION/DATE	Early 21st century- substantially altered
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CURRENT USE	Dwelling over garage?
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE	Located on separate allotment to associated late 19 <sup>th</sup> /early 20 <sup>th</sup> century weatherboard cottage.
MAIN BARN	Barn not accessible for inspection. Based on 2010 study a tall 3 bay barn with
STRUCTURE	round columns and gabled roof.
	Condition: Good
	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Three
ROOF STRUCTURE	Not accessible for inspection
LOFT	Not accessible for inspection
SKILLION 1	End skillion possibly a car port.
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated steel
WALL CLADDING	Corrugated steel
OPENINGS  EL CORING (CROUND)	Series of double doors on ground floor and modern windows above.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Not accessible for inspection
FLOORING (LOFT)	Not accessible for inspection
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not accessible for inspection
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	*
OTHER (Fixings?) HISTORY	Not accessible for inspection
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HISTORICAL NOTES	No. 123 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is located on part of a 75 acre
	grant (Portion 73 Parish Wilberforce) made to soldiers Jonas Bradley, Samuel Whitehead and Samuel Higginson in 1797.
REFERENCES	Grant Register Serial 2 page 197
INTEGRITY/	Little. Barn has been substantially altered including reclad CGI, new garage door
INTACTNESS	entries, new side and rear skillions and introduction of dormer windows to loft
	level (DA 128/13). According to owners only the corner posts survive. No other
	original internal fabric remains.
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Caption: Barn at 123 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach

(exterior)

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Caption: Barn at 123 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach

(exterior)

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Date: May 2023

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Two Storey Slab Barn with Loft
ADDRESS	230 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Wilberforce
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 738945
SHI No.	1743036
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	N
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State or local listing
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 18th to mid 19th century
MODIFICATION/DATES	?
CURRENT USE	N/A- Demolished
FORMER USE	Barn

2023: Barn has been demolished.

## [2010 inventory sheet]

This 2 storey barn with loft is located behind a modern brick residence (replacement to a contemporary timber cottage) and within 5 metres of the new residence rear wall. Fair condition with NW wall and structure sagging over 2 bays.

The barn is rectangular in shape, two bays wide x four bays long (approx 6.7m x 12.0m). Originally 2 storey with a loft but now 2 storey as it appears that the roof structure has been replaced at some earlier time. The loft is evidenced by an access door within each gable end but the structure internally, as viewed from ground level, does not reflect this. The first floor with its spaced timbers probably to allow drying and or air movement between levels. The ground floor has a timber boarded floor over the entire barn area. Attached to the northern end is a more recent skillion addition of lesser quality of construction.

#### Structure:

The barn is structured with post and beam with posts continuous over the full wall height (approx 5.2 metres) and presumably into the ground to provide the structure. Posts at 3.3 and 3.0 m spacing. First floor structured by 250mm diam beams and floor joists supported at the perimeter by a perimeter beam and centrally with another row of circular posts. External cladding, vertical slabs approx 2.7m high fixed to the inside of the perimeter floor beam, and above by vertical timber planking butt jointed.

Simply supported roof structure is a lightly framed and considered a replacement. Only one or two circular beams of the loft structure remains.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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# [2010 inventory sheet]

An example of a rural barn located on a farming property near the Hawkesbury River. One of the larger high barns and unusual being double storey with a loft within the roof gable. Contains a combination of wall cladding types. Considered of exceptional significance. Associated with the 100 acre land grant promised in 1794 to William Smith, soldier.

INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS Demolished
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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Two storey slab barn with skillion
ADDRESS	279 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Wilberforce
LOT/DP	Lot 2 DP 78007
SHI No.	1743037
EXISTING HERITAGE	N
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGI	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing
SUMMARY	Recommended for Local listing.
	Site inspection required to clarify condition and integrity.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Mid to late 19th century
MODIFICATION/DATES	20 <sup>th</sup> century
CURRENT USE	Machinery shed?
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	Behind two-storey late 20 <sup>th</sup> century house 90m south of the road.
	Access to the site was denied but we were able to establish the existence of the
	barn and photograph it from the road. Description is based on this and previous
	inspection of 2009 by Graham Edds & Associates.
	2009 Description: Good condition, well cared for, and altered significantly.
	Originally 2 storey now with two separate floor areas at the opposing bay ends.
	Barn extended with a large side skillion for the entire length. The entire barn with skillion now clad with corrugated metal except for the gable ends that
	retain the original horizontal weatherboards. No evidence of timber slabs in
	existence and structure altered significantly.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	The barn is approximately 12 x 5m and 4.9m high to eaves. It has first floors in
Will Brita Brita	each end bay and a later skillion addition. Round posts support adzed square
	longitudinal beams and round cross beams.
	Condition: Not known
	Date: Mid- late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Three
ROOF STRUCTURE	Sawn rafters with collar ties, battens suitable for iron and wind bracing.
	Condition: Not known
	Date: Mid- late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
FIRST FLOORS	Floor structures replaced, stair in skillion addition.
	Condition: Not known
	Date: Mid- late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 1	Noted as later addition.
	Condition: Not known
DOOE OF A PROPER	Date: 20 <sup>th</sup> century
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated steel long sheets
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: 20 <sup>th</sup> century
WALL CLADDING	Corrugated iron short sheets
	Condition: Not known
	Date: 20 <sup>th</sup> century

OPENINGS	Central bay had double doors.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete slab
FLOORING (LOFT)	Replaced.
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Concrete slab
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Two stairs in skillion leading to first floor
OTHER (Fixings?)	Iron bolted plates connecting cross beams to longitudinal beam.
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Unknown
HISTORY	

The barn at No. 279 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is located on a part of a 90 acres grant (Portion 75, Parish Wilberforce) made to William Singleton, ex-convict, on 1 June 1797 to be known as Singleton Farm.

On 22 July 1811, Benjamin Singleton mortgaged the 90 acres at the Hawkesbury named Singleton farm to Richard Barnes for £186 to be repaid by 20 February 1812. That was followed on 27 June 1814 by deed with the following parties  $1^{st}$  William Singleton, Wilberforce  $2^{nd}$  Robert Campbell, senior  $3^{rd}$  Benjamin Singleton, son of William Singleton. It related to a debt of £590/17/11 to be paid by William Singleton to Campbell. To meet that liability, the transfer of Singleton Farm to Campbell was arranged by this deed. Robert Campbell agreed to let the farm to William Singleton for 4 years for £200 per annum.

Campbell appears to have sold the land in various parcels, but none of those transactions appear to have been registered. The next relevant transaction for this land occurred on 2 & 3 February 1824 when a deed of Lease and release, James Doyle of Windsor sold 20 acres to Richard Dunstan, of Wilberforce for £200. The 20 acres was described as part of an allotment of 40 acres 'according to boundaries pointed out and agreed upon', and was bounded by Barrington farm 33 chains, by John Cobcroft senior 29 chains 25 links, by James Turner, 23 chains and by the Hawkesbury River. It was part of William Singleton's grant. The spelling of the name Dunstan varied in different records.

Richard Dunstan held the land until his death. By his will of 7 May 1873, Richard Dunstan gave 20 acres, part of an allotment of 40 acres plus 14 acres 1 rood at the north-west corner of the 20 acres, just described to Harriett Caddan. Richard Dunstan died on 12 August 1879.

A conveyance of 24 November 1879 included the following parties, 1<sup>st</sup> Harriet Caddan, Windsor, widow 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Dunston, Wilberforce, farmer 3<sup>rd</sup> William Dunston, Wilberforce, farmer. By that deed, Harriet Caddan conveyed land in the will of 7 May 1873 being 20 acres, part of an allotment of 40 acres to her brother, Robert Dunston, plus livestock, harness, agricultural equipment, one boat, and one pair of oars and one pair of paddles.

Robert Dunston signed his will on 21 September 1903 and later died on 1 October 1903. An auction sale advertised Robert Dunston's farm, measuring 20 acres plus several acres more 'together, with comfortable cottage, large barn, and stables' on 13 August 1904. Subsequently, on 6 October 1905, Arthur John Berckelman, executor of the will of Robert Dunston conveyed the 20 acres, part of an allotment of 40 acres to Edith Amy Caterson, wife of Wellington Caterson, or Freemans Reach, farmer for £600.

Based on available information regarding this barn, it appears it was constructed by Richard Dunstan, or members of the Dunstan family in the mid to late  $19^{th}$  century. The Dunstan family constructed many mid to late Victorian style notable residences within the Kurrajong/Kurmond region west of the Hawkesbury River and were known for their building skills.

REFERENCES	Grants, Volume 2 No 334
	Old Register, Book 5 page 79 No 613
	Old Register, Book 6 page 5 No 1289
	Old System Deeds, No 661 Bk C; No 941 Bk 196 and No 671 Bk 789
	Windsor and Richmond, Gazette, 13 August 1904, p 11

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 279 Freeman's Reach Road, Freemans Reach is of historical significance as a surviving mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century barn that is associated with the Dunstan family who first obtained the land in 1824 and continued to reside and work the land until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Although significantly altered, the barn remains in agricultural use and continues to contribute to the historical character of the agricultural landscape along Freemans Reach Road.

The overall form and configuration of the barn with gabled roof, corrugated metal cladding and weatherboard

gable ends is a representative example of the historic barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.	
ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	Local
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No 279 Freeman's Reach Road, Freemans Reach, although significantly altered is of historical significance as a surviving mid to late 19 <sup>th</sup> century barn, that provides evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land by the Dunstan family, who first obtained the land in the 1820s and retained ownership until the early 20 <sup>th</sup> century. The barn remains in agricultural use today. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level.</i>
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	The barn has historical associations with Richard Dunstan and his descendants, noted early settlers and local builders, who have resided in the Hawkesbury district since the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Located behind an early 21 <sup>st</sup> century house and partially obscured from view by mature trees, the barn nevertheless contributes to the historical character of the agricultural landscape along Freeman's Reach Road.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	Although retaining its overall form and potentially its hardwood structure, the barn has been significantly altered and has limited potential to provide further information that would not be obtainable elsewhere.  Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 279 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is not considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area. <i>Does not meet the criterion.</i>
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The barn at No. 279 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today.  The basic form of the barn is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district, although the extent of change has diminished the significance of the barn.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/ INTACTNESS	Unknown

### **IMAGES**



Caption: Barn at 279 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach (exterior) Photographer: G. Edds Copyright Owner: Graham Edds & Associates

Date: June 2023

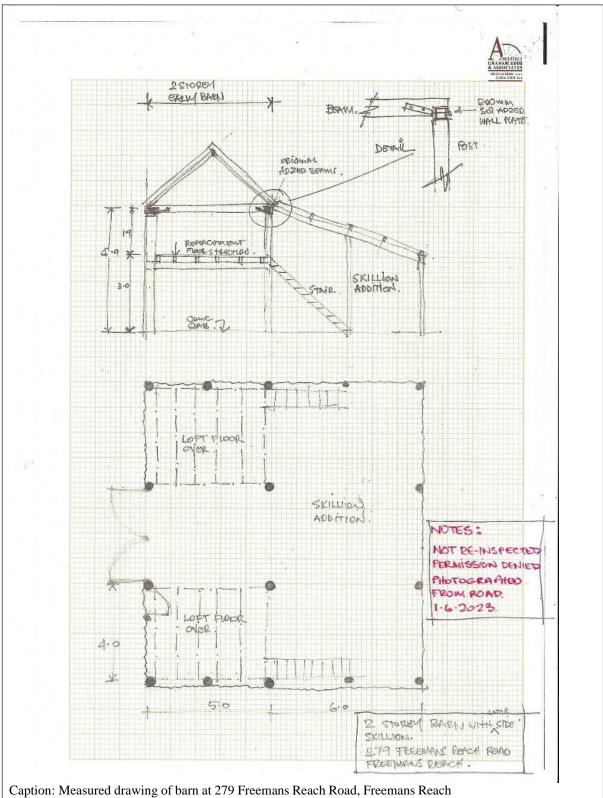


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Caption: Barn at 279 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach (interior) Photographer: G. Edds Copyright Owner: Graham Edds & Associates

Date: 2009

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ITEM DETAILS	
	C 1 CM CLLD
NAME	Complex of Two Slab Barns
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Stillwell Farm; Glenridge Turf Farm
ADDRESS	331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 2 DP 77950
SHI No.	1743038/ 1740147
EXISTING HERITAGE	No
ITEM	
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Recommend for State heritage listing
SUMMARY	Recommend for Local heritage listing.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	Accommend for Local ner rage fishing.
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	Dan
	a1920/1940
CONSTRUCTION YEAR	c1830/1840
START & END	Yes
CIRCA	
PERIOD	Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
CURRENT USE	Machinery stores (both barns)
FORMER USE	Barn
	A) to the south and a larger one (Barn B) to the east of the single-storey house.
BARN A	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Single-storey with loft. Round timber posts closely spaced, round timber loft floor beams resting on rectangular sawn longitudinal beams bolted to posts.  Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century Condition: Good
NO. OF BAYS	Seven
ROOF STRUCTURE	Steep 45°+ pitch round rafters, sawn battens suitable for corrugated roofing (previously had shingle battens).  Condition: Good
LOFT	Not accessed. Weatherboard wall claddings.
	Condition: Good
SKILLION 1	Single-storey skillion to the east. Sawn rafters supported on round beam on round posts.  Condition: Good
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated steel with two transparent panels each side. All recently replaced, along with battens (previously had shingle battens).
WALL CLADDING	Corrugated steel over vertical timber slabs at lower level and steel over weatherboard cladding to loft and gable.
OPENINGS	External door apertures to three ground floor compartments with modern wire doors. Possible doorway in northern gable, sheeted over.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Earthen
FLOORING (LOFT)	Loft mainly floored with timber boarding but the southern bay has a ventilated floor of slender round boughs with remains of maize still present.
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Earthen
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Loft supported on round timber joists. Internal partitions of vertical slabs fixed at top to round timber loft floor beam and set into ground at bottom.
OTHER (Fixings?)	Hollowed out trunk trough in southern bay.
OTHER (Fixings?)	Hollowed out trunk trough in southern bay.

CURRENT USE	Mainly empty machinery stored in skillion.
CHANGES FROM 2010?	New roofing, removal of shingle battens.
BARN B	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Single-storey tall barn supported on round timber posts, occasional round timber cross beams, rectangular adzed longitudinal beams with morticed and tenon joints between posts and longitudinal beams.  Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century  Condition: Good
NO. OF BAYS	Nine
ROOF STRUCTURE	Round timber rafters, some pairs of rafters have collar ties, pit sawn shingle battens remain plus modern ones suitable for corrugated roofing. Slatted ridge ends for ventilation.  Condition: Good
LOFT	Remains of loft at southern end with boarded floor for ½ bay only.  Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century  Condition: Good
SKILLION 1	Single-storey skillion to the east constructed in same manner as main barn.  Noted in 2010 as containing milking stalls.  Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century  Condition: Good
SKILLION 2	Skillion at southern end constructed with pole rafters and shingle battens. Not accessed.  Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century Condition: Good
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated steel Date: unknown Condition: Good
WALL CLADDING	Corrugated steel. Remains of weatherboards in skillion gable. No sign of any timber slabs – assume that they were removed when re-clad in steel. Date: Late 20 <sup>th</sup> century Condition: Good
OPENINGS	Doors of corrugated steel. Window opening in skillion 1 no joinery.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Earthen
FLOORING (LOFT)	Timber boards plain edged with gaps between
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Earthen
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Loft supported on round timber joists.
OTHER (Fixings?)	Evidence of mortise and tenon joints in main structure between posts and longitudinal beams.
CURRENT USE	Machinery store
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Milking stalls removed.
HISTORY	1

This site is part of a grant of 350 acres made to Daniel Robinson and others on 22 July 1795, known as Stillwell Farm. The grantees quickly assigned the grant to John Palmer on 21 September 1795. It is notable that Stillwell Farm was named after John Palmer's wife Susan Stillwell, who married Palmer in 1783.

The transaction was one of a number of instances where powerful officers or a government officials used soldiers to become the recipients of small grants that were then consolidated into a larger holding in the hands of those officials.

John Palmer, NSW commissary, appointed in 1790 had made the acquaintance of convict John Stogdell/Stockdale, who had arrived on the First Fleet on the ship, *Alexander*. Stogdell had administrative skills, as well as the ability to read and write. Palmer was soon using him in responsible roles managing his

business concerns. Stogdell acquired land on the Hawkesbury both for himself, and for John Palmer. From September 1796 to November 1800, whilst John Palmer was overseas, Stogdell was agent for Palmer and supervised the construction and completion of Palmer's unfinished residence at Woolloomooloo, supervising the tradesmen and overseeing the fitting out of the premises, so that the building was complete by the time Palmer returned.

John Palmer senior assigned Stillwell Farm to his son George Thomas Palmer on 16 October 1806.

By a deed of Lease and release, dated 10 & 11 January 1838, George Thomas Palmer and his wife Catherine sold 70 acres to Robert Farlow senior for £700 (although Farlow may have been leasing land from Palmer before the purchase).

Robert Farlow had been sentenced to 7 years transportation, arriving in the colony in 1801 and receiving his ticket of freedom in 1811. His wife Ann and daughter Maria came to Australia at the same time as free settlers.

The 70 acres was described as bounded on the east by Simon Norris and Benjamin Wood and on the north by the government road (now Bachelors Wharf Road), 20 chains, 29 links on the west by another part of Stillwell Farm, and on the south by the Hawkesbury River. Robert Farlow's 70 acres now contains Nos. 331, 353 and 355 Freemans Reach Road fronting the Hawkesbury River and Nos. 332 and 354 Freemans Reach Road to the north of Freemans Reach Road.

The land to the west amounting to 44 acres was sold to Robert's son William Farlow on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 1838 by a deed of Lease and release, for £440. This land now contains No. 374 Freemans Reach Road.

Together, the Farlow family owned 114 acres of the former Stillwell Farm lands.

By his will of 21 November 1851, Robert Farlow senior left 53 acres to the use of his wife, Harriet, for her life.

Robert Farlow had already conveyed 17 acres by deed of Lease and release on 8 & 9 October, 1840 for £170 to his son James Farlow, farmer of Wilberforce, and he appears to have received a further 30 acres via his father's will. The balance of Robert Farlow's land (23 acres) passed to another son, William Farlow. No. 331 Freemans Reach Road is located within this 23 acres.

Robert Farlow senior died on 22 May 1853.

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On 1 December 1853, William Farlow, of Yellow Munday, innkeeper conveyed an area of 23 acres left to him by his father to James Farlow, Freemans Reach, farmer for £700. The 23 acres was described as bounded on the east by Simon Norris and Benjamin Wood, on the north by the main road, and on the west by the land left to James Farlow by the will of Robert Farlow. James Farlow now held the whole of the original 70 acres of land purchased by his father in 1838.

James Farlow's will of 4 March 1886 divided the land into equal thirds for the benefit of his daughters, although it appears that his son James William Farlow actually managed the land, together with William Farlow's original 44 acres, as he took out a mortgage over the total 114 acres in 1893.

In 1888, an article appeared in *The Daily Telegraph* noting that a fire at the property of James Farlow, of Freemans Reach, burnt the weatherboard house, barns and other outbuildings to the ground. The exact location of these buildings is not known.

James Farlow senior appears to have been a successful arrowroot and maize farmer and cart horse breeder, winning a number of prizes at various agricultural shows in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Similarly, his son James Farlow junior was also a well-known farmer and breeder of draught horses and trotters.

The Farlow family retained ownership over the land until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Located on part of the former Stillwell Farm lands, a large dairy farm, the property is now in use as a turf farm known as Glenridge Turf Farm.

REFERENCES	Old Register, Book 1 page 153 no 1160
	Old System Deeds, No 574 Bk M; No 91 Bk N; No 840 Bk 29 and No 178 Bk
	739
	Real Property Application Packet, No 27953, NRS 17513, State Archives of
	New South Wales
	Primary Applications 27951 and 27950
	Certificate of Title Vol. 4011 Fol.214
	Article: "Fire at Windsor"; The Daily Telegraph, Monday 8 Oct 1888, p. 5
	Article: "Farm Produce"; The Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser, Sat 23 Aug

1884, p. 371
Article: "Agricultural Society of New South Wales"; The Sydney Mail and
NSW Advertiser, Sat 4 May 1872,m p. 548
Article: "The Death of Mr. James Farlow"; Windsor and Richmond Gazette,
Sat 8 Sept 1888, p. 3
Obituary: James Farlow; <i>The Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser</i> , Sat Wed 27
Sept 1905, p. 788
Barkley-Jack, Jan, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed: A new look at
Australia's third mainland settlement, 1793-1802, pp 119-120, 190-201

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barns at No. 331 Freeman's Reach Road, Freemans Reach are of historical significance as surviving early 19<sup>th</sup> century barns that are located on a portion of Stillwell Farm, a grant of 350 acres made in 1795 and purchased shortly thereafter by Commissary John Palmer, who named the farm after his wife Susan Stillwell. The large dairy farm was subdivided and the barns are located on land associated with the Farlow family who first obtained 70acres in 1838 and continued to reside and work on the property until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Sited within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the barns are located in a small complex with weatherboard cottage and mature trees that together make a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands along Freeman's Reach Road. The overall form and configuration of both barns, with corrugated metal cladding, corn drying lofts, surviving timber slabs are good representative examples of the historic barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

Each of the barns retains surviving evidence of early 19<sup>th</sup> century construction techniques including round timber posts closely spaced, round timber loft floor beams, evidence of shingle battens, loft with ventilated floor of slender round boughs with remains of maize still present, internal partitioning of vertical slabs fixed at top to round timber loft floor beam and set into ground at bottom and rectangular adzed longitudinal beams with morticed and tenon joints between posts and longitudinal beams. The relatively high integrity of the barns and extent of surviving early construction techniques makes these barns rare in the Hawkesbury City local government area.

ASSESSED	State
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	State
CRITERIA A)	The barns at No. 331 Freeman's Reach Road, Freemans Reach are of
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HISTORICAL	historical significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the
	land by the Farlow family, first established in 1838 by ex-convict Robert
	Farlow and remaining in the Farlow family until the mid 20 <sup>th</sup> century. Dating
	from the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century, the barns appear to be associated with son James
	Farlow and grandson James Robert Farlow, who appear to have lived and
	worked on the land from the 1840s through to the early 20th century and both
	of whom were locally known as successful dairy farmers and breeders of cart
	horses. The property is also of historical significance for forming part of the
	former Stillwell Farm, a grant of 350 acres made to Daniel Robinson and
	others on 22 July 1795, purchased by Commissary John Palmer shortly
	thereafter, managed by John Stogdell, and passed to his son George Thomas
	Palmer.
	Meets the criterion on a State level
CRITERIA B)	The barns have historical associations with the Farlow family, who have
HISTORICAL	resided in the Hawkesbury district and the Freeman's Reach locality since the
ASSOCIATION	early 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Being located on a portion of the large dairy farm, Stillwell
	Farm, the property is also associated with Commissary John Palmer (after
	whose wife the farm was named), his agent John Stogdell and son George
	Thomas Palmer.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA C)	Located within a small complex together with a weatherboard cottage and
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	mature trees sited within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the two
	corrugated metal clad barns make a strong contribution to the historical
	character of the agricultural landscape along Freeman's Reach Road.
	Both barns are of technical significance, retaining evidence of early
	construction techniques associated with agricultural buildings and timber slab
	construction, including round timber posts closely spaced, round timber loft
	construction, merating round amoor posts crosery spaced, round amoor for

	floor beams, evidence of shingle battens, loft with ventilated floor of slender
	round boughs with remains of maize still present, internal partitioning of
	vertical slabs fixed at top to round timber loft floor beam and set into ground
	at bottom and rectangular adzed longitudinal beams with morticed and tenon
	joints between posts and longitudinal beams.
	Meets the criterion on a State level
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The forms of the barns, with skillions and lofts and retaining evidence of 19 <sup>th</sup>
POTENTIAL	century construction techniques, have the potential to provide further
	information into 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barns at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach are considered to be
·	a rare grouping within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government
	area, for the extent of the surviving evidence of early construction techniques
	and their relatively high level of integrity.
	Meets the criterion on a State level
CRITERIA G)	The barns at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach are representative
REPRESENTATIVE	of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the
	Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and continues
	today.
	The basic forms of the barn with gabled roofs, skillions and lofts are
	representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
INTEGRITY/	High-Moderate integrity
INTACTNESS	Ingh Moderate integrity
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# **IMAGES**



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Caption: Barn A at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach (exterior)

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Caption: Barn A at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach

(interior)

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Caption: Barn B at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach

(exterior)

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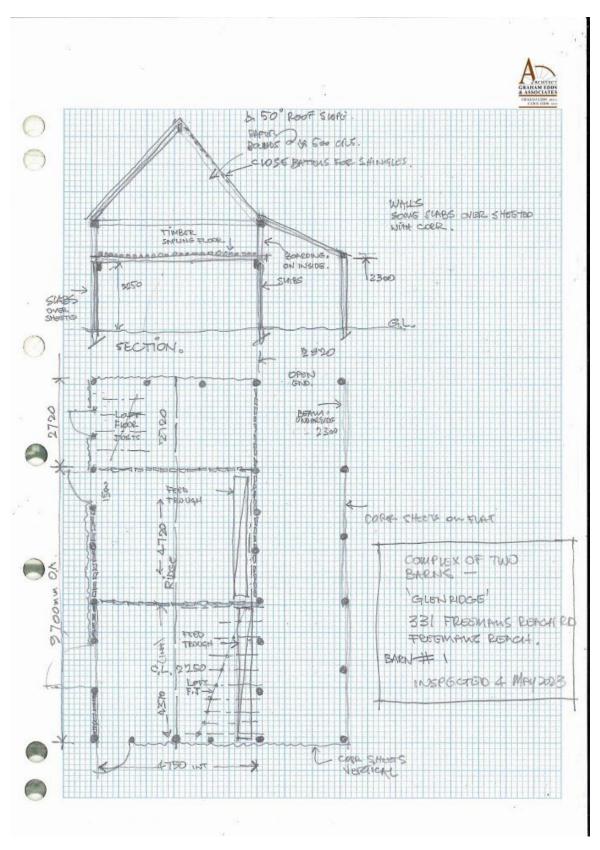
Caption: Barn B at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach

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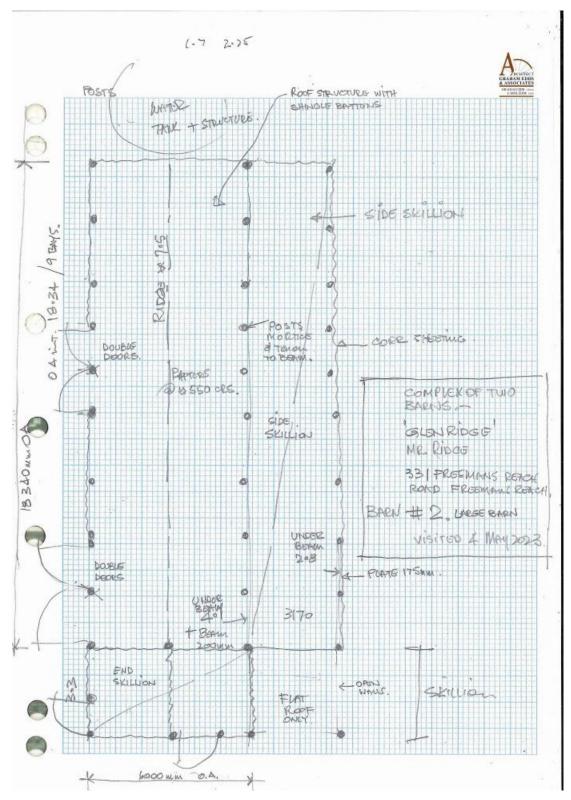


Caption: Measured drawing of Barn A at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach

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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn B at 331 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach Copyright Owner: Graham Edds & Associates

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Stillwell Farm
ADDRESS	353 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 4 DP 538611
SHI No.	1743039/ 1740140
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Item I347
ITEM	103 1011 1347
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State heritage listing.
SUMMARY	Retain as local heritage item- include information about Barn into listing.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Yes
PERIOD	Mid to Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	Late 20 <sup>th</sup> century
CURRENT USE	Machinery store but largely empty.
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE	Behind 2-storey early Victorian house
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Single-storey 6 metre span x 5.3m high to eaves. Round timber posts 250mm diameter, round timber cross beams, rectangular sawn longitudinal beams bolted to posts.  Date: Mid to Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Condition: Good Five
ROOF STRUCTURE	Rectangular sawn rafters, alternate pairs of rafters have collar ties, sawn battens suitable for corrugated roofing. Slatted ridge ends for ventilation.  Condition: Good
LOFT	Two lofts in skillion separated by full height central bay. Condition: Good
SKILLION 1	Two-storey skillion to the south
CIVIL I TONIA	Date: Mid to Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 2	Steel truss flat skillion to the north Date: Late 20 <sup>th</sup> century Condition: Poor
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated steel
WALL CLADDING	Corrugated steel to main barn, weatherboard to skillion loft level. Two vertical timber slab partitions in SW corner of barn (vestiges of original cladding?) Slatted end walls to lofts.  Condition: Moderate
OPENINGS	Windows in weatherboard loft walls.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Earthen Condition: Good
FLOORING (LOFT)	Timber boards plain edged with ventilation gaps between. Condition: Good
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Earthen Condition: Good

INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Loft supported on round timber joists.
	Condition: Good
OTHER (Fixings?)	Cross beams fixed to posts with iron straps. Beams fixed to posts with bolts with
	square nuts.
	Condition: Good
	Large in ground, brick water tank (now infilled).
	Condition: Poor
HISTORY	

This site is part of a grant of 350 acres made to Daniel Robinson and others on 22 July 1795, known as Stillwell Farm. The grantees quickly assigned the grant to John Palmer on 21 September 1795. It is notable that Stillwell Farm was named after his wife Susan Stillwell, who married Palmer in 1783.

John Palmer, NSW commissary, appointed in 1790 had made the acquaintance of convict John Stogdell/Stockdale, who had arrived on the First Fleet on the ship, *Alexander*. Stogdell had administrative skills, as well as the ability to read and write. Palmer was soon using him in responsible roles managing his business concerns. Stogdell acquired land on the Hawkesbury both for himself, and for John Palmer. From September 1796, to November 1800, whilst John Palmer was overseas, Stogdell was agent for Palmer and supervised the construction and completion of Palmer's unfinished residence at Woolloomooloo, supervising the tradesmen and overseeing the fitting out of the premises, so that the building was complete by the time Palmer returned.

John Palmer senior assigned Stillwell Farm to his son George Thomas Palmer on 16 October 1806.

By a deed of Lease and release, dated 10 & 11 January 1838, George Thomas Palmer and his wife Catherine sold 70 acres to Robert Farlow senior for £700.

Robert Farlow had been sentenced to 7 years transportation, arriving in the colony in 1801 and receiving his ticket of freedom in 1811. His wife Ann and daughter Maria came to Australia at the same time as free settlers.

The 70 acres was described as bounded on the east by Simon Norris and Benjamin Wood and on the north by the government road (now Bachelor's Wharf Road), 20 chains, 29 links on the west by another part of Stillwell farm, and on the south by the Hawkesbury River. Robert Farlow's 70 acres now contains Nos. 331, 353 and 355 Freemans Reach Road fronting the Hawkesbury River and Nos. 332 and 354 Freemans Reach Road to the north of Freemans Reach Road.

The land to the west amounting to 44 acres was sold to Robert's son William Farlow on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 1838 by a deed of Lease and release, for £440. This land now contains No. 374 Freemans Reach Road.

Together, the Farlow family owned 114 acres of the former Stillwell Farm lands.

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By his will of 21 November 1851, Robert Farlow senior left 53 acres to the use of his wife, Harriet, for her life.

Robert Farlow had already conveyed 17 acres by deed of Lease and release on 8 & 9 October, 1840 for £170 to his son James Farlow, farmer of Wilberforce, and he appears to have received a further 30 acres via his father's will. The balance of Robert Farlow's land passed to another son, William Farlow. Robert Farlow senior died on 22 May 1853.

On 1 December 1853, William Farlow, of Yellow Munday, innkeeper conveyed an area of 23 acres left to him by his father to James Farlow, Freemans Reach, farmer for £700. The 23 acres was described as bounded on the east by Simon Norris and Benjamin Wood, on the north by the main road, and on the west by the land left to James Farlow by the will of Robert Farlow. James Farlow now held the whole of the original 70 acres of land purchased by his father in 1838.

James Farlow's will of 4 March 1886 divided the land into equal thirds for the benefit of his daughters, although it appears that his son James William Farlow actually managed the land, together with William Farlow's original 44 acres, as he took out a mortgage over the total 114 acres in 1893.

In 1888, an article appeared in *The Daily Telegraph* noting that a fire at the property of James Farlow, of Freemans Reach, burnt the weatherboard house, barns and other outbuildings to the ground. The exact location of these buildings is not known.

James Farlow senior appears to have been a successful arrowroot and maize farmer and cart horse breeder, winning a number of prizes at various agricultural shows in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Similarly, his son James Farlow junior was also a well-known farmer and breeder of draught horses and trotters.

The Farlow family appeared to have retained ownership over the land until at least the late 20th century, although

today the house and barn at No associated farming lands.	. 353 Freemans Reach Road are on a small allotment separated from the original
REFERENCES	Old Register, Book 1 page 153 no 1160
	Old System Deed, No 574 Bk M
	Old System Deed, No 91 Bk N
	Old System Deed, No 840 Bk 29
	Old System Deed, No 178 Bk 739
	Real Property Application Packet, No 27953, NRS 17513, State Archives of
	New South Wales
	Primary Application 27951 and 27950
	Article: "Fire at Windsor"; The Daily Telegraph, Monday 8 Oct 1888, p. 5
	Article: "Farm Produce"; The Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser, Sat 23 Aug
	1884, p. 371
	Article: "Agricultural Society of New South Wales"; The Sydney Mail and NSW
	Advertiser, Sat 4 May 1872, p. 548
	Article: "The Death of Mr. James Farlow"; Windsor and Richmond Gazette, Sat
	8 Sept 1888, p. 3
	Obituary: James Farlow; The Sydney Mail and NSW Advertiser, Sat Wed 27
	Sept 1905, p. 788
	Barkley-Jack, Jan, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed: A new look at Australia's
	third mainland settlement, 1793-1802, pp 119-120, 190-201

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 353 Freeman's Reach Road, Freemans Reach is of historical significance as a surviving mid to late  $19^{th}$  century timber framed barn that is located on a portion of Stillwell Farm, a grant of 350 acres made in 1795 and purchased shortly thereafter by Commissary John Palmer and named the farm after his wife Susan Stillwell. The large dairy farm was subdivided and the barns are located on land associated with the Farlow family who first obtained the land in 1838 and continued to reside and work on the property until the mid  $20^{th}$  century.

Together with the notable two storey early Victorian dwelling, the large single storey barn (now clad in corrugated metal) with two lofts and rear skillion, makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands along Freeman's Reach Road and the Hawkesbury River floodplains. In its overall form and configuration, it is a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

Containing a double loft with central bay, evidence of former timber slab cladding and early construction techniques including the use of iron straps fixing cross beams to posts, the barn is of technical significance for demonstrating mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century construction methods for agricultural buildings and has the potential to provide further information into 19<sup>th</sup> century farming methods.

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ASSESSED	Local
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The barn at No. 353 Freeman's Reach Road, Freemans Reach is of historical
HISTORICAL	significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land by the
	Farlow family, first established in 1838 by ex-convict Robert Farlow and
	remaining in the Farlow family until (at least) the mid to late 20 <sup>th</sup> century.
	Dating from the late 19 <sup>th</sup> century, the barn appears to be associated with son
	James Farlow and grandson James Robert Farlow, who appear to have lived and
	worked on the land from the 1840s through to the early 20 <sup>th</sup> century and both of
	whom were locally known as successful farmers and breeders of cart horses.
	The property is also of historical significance for forming part of the former
	Stillwell Farm, a grant of 350 acres made to Daniel Robinson and others on 22
	July 1795, purchased by Commissary John Palmer shortly thereafter (after
	whose wife the farm is named), managed by John Stogdell, and passed to his
	son George Thomas Palmer.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA B)	The barn has historical associations with the Farlow family, who have resided in
HISTORICAL	the Hawkesbury district and the Freeman's Reach locality since the early 19 <sup>th</sup>
ASSOCIATION	century. Being located on a portion of the large dairy farm, Stillwell Farm, the
	property is also associated with Commissary John Palmer, his agent John

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	Stogdell and son George Thomas Palmer.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA C)	Located directly behind a notable two storey Victorian dwelling, the large,
AESTHETIC/	corrugated metal clad timber framed barn with early rear skillion, makes a
TECHNICAL	strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands along
	Freeman's Reach Road and the Hawkesbury River floodplains.
	Containing a double loft with central bay, evidence of former timber slab
	cladding and early construction techniques including the use of iron straps
	fixing cross beams to posts, the barn is of technical significance for
	demonstrating mid to late 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction methods for agricultural
	buildings.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks,
	historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these
	building types.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The form of the barn, with skillion and lofts and retaining evidence of mid to
POTENTIAL	late 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction techniques, the barn at 353 Freemans Reach Road,
	Freemans Reach has the potential to provide further information into 19 <sup>th</sup>
	century farming methods.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at 353 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is not considered to be
·	rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA G)	The barn at 353 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is representative of the
REPRESENTATIVE	long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the
	Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and continues
	today.
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillion and lofts is representative
	of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
INTEGRITY/	Moderate integrity
INTACTNESS	

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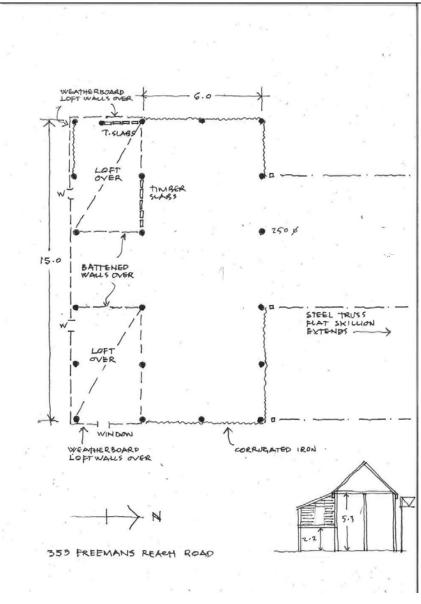
Caption: Barn at 353
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Caption: Barn at 353
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Caption: Sketch plan and elevation of barn at 353 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners

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ADDRESS	375 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	House and slab barns / Stillwell Farm (House and Slab Barns)
NAME	Complex of Four Slab Barns
ITEM DETAILS	

LOCAL COMPADEA	Tr. 11.	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	Wilberforce	
LOT/DP	Lot 2 DP 77951	
SHI No.	1743040	
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	N	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT		
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State or local listing	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION		
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn	
DESCRIPTION		
CIRCA	Y	
PERIOD	Late 18 <sup>th</sup> to mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century	
MODIFICATION/DATES	?	
CURRENT USE	N/A- Demolished	
FORMER USE	Barn	
2023: Barns have been demolished		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE		

The Hawkesbury Heritage Study 2007 assessed this complex as:

This group is of high importance as an intact Victorian farm group comprising a substantial two storey house, two slab barns and two slab sheds. Surviving groups of nineteenth century farm buildings such as this that include barns and sheds along with the homestead are becoming rare.

The site is associated with colonial Commissary John Palmer who purchased the 14 soldier allotments in 1795 and named the property "Stillwell Farm" after his wife, Susan Stillwell. By 1804 the land was being leased for farming.

This group is highly evocative of the settlement which lined the banks of the Hawkesbury at Freemans Reach. The location of the group between the river and the road reflects the importance of the river for transport.'

The Cserhalmi report confirmed that the age of the buildings is likely to be 1865, and are of high local significance for their ability to demonstrate early settlement patterns of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley. And further conclude that the grouping of buildings is one of a small number of homesteads that date from the 1860s and that remain largely intact and could be considered of state significance.

This present study of slab barns and outbuildings concludes that the structural techniques of barn structures utilising mortise and tenon and utilising pegged / spiked joints are historically rare and worthy of state significance and potentially constructed prior to 1820.

INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS Demolished

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single storey Slab Barn
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Sunny Farm
ADDRESS	<del>                                     </del>
	435 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Wilberforce
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 199701
SHI No.	1740125
EXISTING HERITAGE	Y – No. I345 (Heritage Item No. 1740125)
ITEM?	WANTE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P
RECOMMENDED MANAGEN	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing.
SUMMARY	Determine the self-self-self-self-self-self-self-self-
	<b>Retain as local heritage item.</b> Site inspection required to establish date,
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	condition, and integrity.
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	Dull
CIRCA	Υ
PERIOD	Potentially mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century
TERIOD	Potentially contemporary with house i.e. mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century
CURRENT USE	Machinery shed
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	Close to the southern side of the road, 20m east of a c1850 house with jerkin
	head roof.
	Access denied but visible from road.
DESCRIPTION	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Main barn is approximately 9 x 6m on plan. It has round posts set into
WAIN BARN STRUCTURE	concrete slab with girts suitable for corrugated iron cladding.
	Condition: Not known
	Date: Potentially mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Not known
DOOF CERTIFICATION	A 1 250 C 1
ROOF STRUCTURE	Approximately 35° roof pitch. Condition: Not known
	Date: Potentially mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	N/A
SKILLION 1	Skillion runs full length of barn on western side and is constructed in the same
	manner as the main barn.
	Condition: Not known
DOOF CLADDING	Date: Potentially mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron short sheets Condition: Moderate
	Date: Not known
WALL CLADDING	Corrugated iron short sheets
	Condition: Moderate
EL CODDIG (CD CVDD)	Date: Not known
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete slab
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Concrete slab
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HISTORY	

This site is part of a grant of 350 acres made to Daniel Robinson and others on 22 July 1795, known as Stillwell Farm. The grantees quickly assigned the grant to John Palmer on 21 September 1795. It is notable that Stillwell Farm was named after his wife Susan Stillwell, who married Palmer in 1783.

The transaction was one of a number of instances where powerful officers or a government officials used soldiers to become the recipients of small grants that were then consolidated into a larger holding in the hands of those officials.

John Palmer, NSW commissary, appointed in 1790 had made the acquaintance of convict John Stogdell/Stockdale, who had arrived on the First Fleet on the ship, *Alexander*. Stogdell had administrative skills, as well as the ability to read and write. Palmer was soon using him in responsible roles managing his business concerns. Stogdell acquired land on the Hawkesbury both for himself, and for John Palmer. From September 1796, to November 1800, whilst John Palmer was overseas, Stogdell was agent for Palmer. While Palmer was overseas, Stogdell supervised the construction and completion of Palmer's unfinished residence at Woolloomooloo, supervising the tradesmen and overseeing the fitting out of the premises, so that the building was complete by the time Palmer returned.

John Palmer senior assigned Stillwell Farm to his son George Thomas Palmer on 16 October 1806.

George Thomas Palmer sold 213 acres 22 perches, part of Stillwell Farm to Thomas Tebbutt on 3 July 1843 for £3,197. Tebbutt divided that 213 acres 22 perches into smaller parcels, selling them to Thomas Lynch, Hugh Geehan, William Nicholls and John Tebbutt. On 2 July 1846, Thomas Tebbutt conveyed 69 acres bounded on the north by a government road known as Bachelor's Walk and on the west by the road from the river to the Wilberforce Common to William Nicholls, farmer of Freemans Reach for £1,035. William Nicholls probably built the present house on the corner of Freeman's Reach Road and Gorricks Lane soon after.

This cottage is clearly shown in this position on a road survey of November 1877 as well as on a later survey of February 1890.

In the absence of a site inspection, it is assumed that the barn was constructed contemporary with the cottage in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century.

REFERENCES	R. 1533.1603, Sheet 2; R.3877.1603, Crown Plans
	Old System Deeds, No 60 Bk 11; No 655 Bk 347; No 865 Bk 898
	Barkley-Jack, Jan, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed: A new look at
	Australia's third mainland settlement, 1793-1802, pp 119-120, 190-201

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 435 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is of historical significance as potentially a surviving mid 19<sup>th</sup> century barn located on a portion of Stillwell Farm, a grant of 350 acres made in 1795 and purchased shortly thereafter by Commissary John Palmer, who named the farm after his wife Susan Stillwell. The large dairy farm was subdivided and the barn is located on that portion owned by Thomas Tebbut (of The Peninsula Farm, Windsor). The barn appears to have been constructed by later owner William Nicholls in conjunction with the house.

Sited directly behind a mid 19<sup>th</sup> century jerkin head roof cottage on the street frontage, the barn and house make a strong contribution to the historical character of Freemans Reach Road.

The overall form and configuration of the barn is representative of the historic barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE	Local
TYPE	
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No. 435 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is of historical significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land, and as potentially a surviving mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn. The property is also of historical significance for forming part of the former Stillwell Farm, a grant of 350 acres made to Daniel Robinson and others on 22 July 1795, purchased by Commissary John Palmer shortly thereafter, managed by John Stogdell, and passed to his son George Thomas Palmer.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL	The barn has no known associations with historical persons of note, although
ASSOCIATION	being located on a portion of the large dairy farm, Stillwell Farm, the property
	is also associated with Commissary John Palmer (after whose wife the farm was named), his agent John Stogdell and son George Thomas Palmer, as well

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	as later owner Thomas Tebbut (of The Peninsula Farm, Windsor).
	Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	The barn at No. 435 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is potentially associated with a mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century jerkin head roof house which together make a strong contribution to the historical character of Freemans Reach Road.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The form of the barn, with gable roof and skillion has the potential to provide
POTENTIAL	further information into mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 435 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is not
	considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local
	government area.
	Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA G)	The barn at No. 435 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach is representative
REPRESENTATIVE	of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the
	Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19th century and continues
	today.
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof and skillion is representative of
	the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Unknown

## **IMAGES**



Caption: Barn at No. 435 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach (exterior)

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Caption: Barn at No. 435 Freemans Reach

Road, Freemans Reach (exterior)

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Slab Barn- Demolished
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Associated with Wellow Farm
ADDRESS	527 Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Wilberforce
LOT/DP	Lot A DP 157584
SHI No.	1743041
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	N
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State or local listing
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	?
CURRENT USE	N/A- Demolished
FORMER USE	Barn

2023: This barn has been demolished

## [2010 inventory sheet]

A large barn with integral skillions each side (although one side framed with steel beams). Fully enclosed on three sides with corrugated metal. Steeply pitched gable ends characteristic of other nineteenth century barns. Although access was denied, timber slab claddings were observed within the barn at the south west corner from the car location.

# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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[2010 inventory sheet]

Characteristic of the Hawkesbury Barns along the Hawkesbury River.

The site is associated with Judge Advocate David Collins who purchased four soldier allotments in 1795 and named the property "Wellow Farm".

INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS Demolished

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Barn with Skillion
ADDRESS	37-97 Gorricks Lane, Freemans Reach
	(Alternative 155 Blacktown Road)
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Wilberforce
LOT/DP	Lot 131 DP 1269557
SHI No.	1743046
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	N
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State or local listing
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CONSTRUCTION YEAR START	?
& END	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> / Early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	?
CURRENT USE	?
FORMER USE	Barn

2023: This barn has substantially collapsed.

### [2010 inventory sheet]

Tall barn constructed with round bush poles approximately 12m long x 7.2m wide with skillion along one side 4m wide. This high barn approximately 6m tall to the beam has limited evidence of an intermediate floor level. The roof is a simple gable form attached to the wall plates and structured with a light frame for corrugated metal roof sheeting. The principal section is almost devoid of any wall claddings.

The skillion is also simply structured with a light frame without wall claddings and only partial roof cladding. Evidence remains of reused timber slabs placed horizontally between the posts to make animal enclosures. Structure:

Post and beam structure with round posts at approximately 4m spacings and extending to the wall plate approximately 6m high. The wall plates, also bush pole timbers, are roughly squared over each of the posts and held together by metal strap and bolts. There was no evidence of checking out for wall plates for the fixing of timber slab wall claddings. The adjacent skillion, also with high proportions, is constructed of round poles and round rafters simply supported between the principal structure. All roof battens are sawn timbers spaced for corrugated metal claddings.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

## [2010 inventory sheet]

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This tall gabled barn is typical of the barns of the Hawkesbury district but unable to determine whether the barn was originally clad with timber slabs. This barn, emanating from the late 19th century or early 20th century, has been considerably altered and is in poor condition, but a visual icon within the rural landscape.

INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Substantially collapsed.

# **IMAGES**



Caption: Barn at 37-97 Gorricks Lane, Freemans Reach (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd

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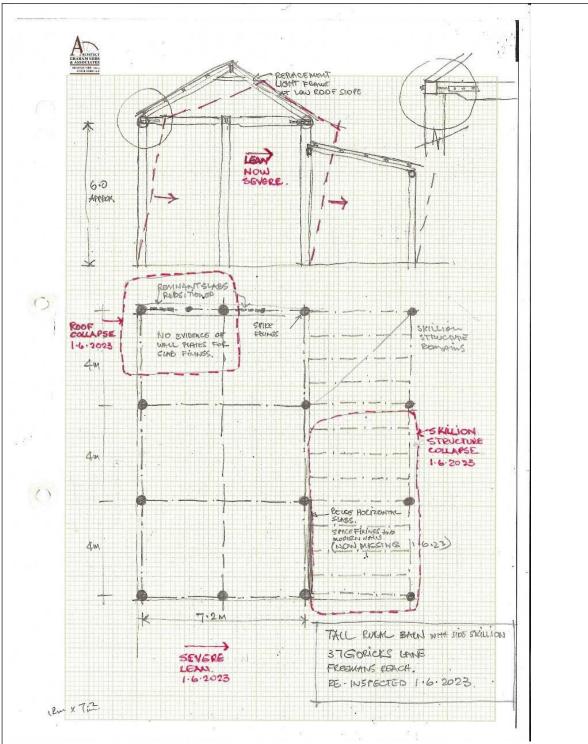
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Caption: Barn at 37-97 Gorricks Lane,

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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn at 37-97 Gorricks Lane, Freemans Reach

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Two storey "Palisade" Barn with Side Skillion
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Reavill Farm
ADDRESS	
	176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans Reach
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Currency
LOT/DP	Lot 802 DP 1159014
SHI No.	1743042
EXISTING HERITAGE	No
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	MENT
MANAGEMENT	Recommend for State listing
SUMMARY	Recommend for Local listing
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	<u>g</u>
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century (original part)
MODIFICATION/DATES	Late 19th or early 20th century addition
CURRENT USE	Storage and machinery shed
FORMER USE	Barn/ Drying shed
LOCATION ON SITE:	This magnificent barn is sited on sloping high ground 600m west of Hibberts
	Lane and 300m north of the Hawkesbury River.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	A large and tall barn 30 x 8m on plan and 8-9m from ground level to eaves.
	The last four bays at the south-western end have a raised timber ground floor
	and first floor levels at each end. These four bays appear to be earlier.
	Condition: Moderate – the SW corner has subsided and the NE gable end is
	disrupted by the collapse of several intermediate posts.
	Date: early 19th century with late 19th/ early 20th century addition
NO. OF BAYS	Ten
ROOF STRUCTURE	Large pole rafters with collar ties and wind bracing. Roof pitch 30° with
	battens spaced for iron. Large square section cross beams at each bay. Roof
	probably rebuilt at time of extension from 4 to 10 bays. Gable ends framed for
	weatherboards of which few remain.
	Condition: Moderate – subject to distortion due to subsidence of posts.
DYDGE EL COS	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
FIRST FLOOR	Upper floors occupy the two end bays of the original 4-bay barn. They are
	enclosed with vertical palisade cladding (slender bush poles spaced apart for
	ventilation) and have a floor of similar pole construction.
	Condition: Good
CIZIL LION 1	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.
SKILLION 1	Original four bay barn has a side skillion of similar construction to the main
	barn but with mortise & tenon post/ beam joints and round rafters birds- mouthed over eaves beam. Gable ends framed for weatherboards.
	Condition: Moderate
DOOF CLADDING	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron short sheets.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
WALL CLADDING	Vertical palisade cladding (slender bush poles with narrow spaces between) to
	ends. Sides have palisade cladding with an upper level of vertical timber
	boards also spaced.
	Condition: Moderate
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**Appendices** 

	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
OPENINGS	Main opening in original barn is in third bay from SW end. Later addition 6 bays are open sided.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Raised timber floor to SW four bays. These four bays are constructed of large hardwood timber bearers and stumps independent to the main wall structure. Six added bays have earthen floor.
FLOORING (LOFT)	Timber boards on round poles.
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Earth.
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Ground floor of original four bays is supported on stumps independently of the main barn structure.
OTHER (Fixings?)	Early post beam connections are mortised and tenoned, later roof addition has iron bolted plates.
CURRENT USE	Storage & machinery shed -
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Deterioration.
HISTORY	

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The barn at No. 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans Reach is located on part of a 200 acre grant (Portion 70, Parish Currency) granted to eight ex-soldiers, Thomas Cheap, Edward Loveday, Daniel Sullivan, James Lee, James White, Robert Girdleston, John Hooper and William Briton, on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1795.

Four days later, on the 9th September 1795, the 200 acres was purchased by John Stogdell, an emancipated

John Stogdell was the valet to John Palmer, Commissary of NSW who established the Woolloomooloo Estate, and following appeals by Palmer to Acting Governor Paterson, Stodgell was pardoned in 1795. Stogdell had married Mary Reavill (Revell) in February 1795 and the property was known as Reavill (or Raville) Farm.

The purchasing of the 200 acres by Stogdell would have only been possible due to his relationship with Palmer, although Stogdell did become a successful businessman and extensive landowner in his own right. Together, they set up an extended network of farms in the Hawkesbury designed to give self-sufficiency to Palmer's Woolloomooloo estate, as well as supporting his business concerns. The land immediately to the west (Portion 69, Parish Currency), was granted to Christopher Palmer in 1806 (John Palmer's brother) and further to the east, John Palmer purchased the 350 acre Stillwell Farm in 1795 (also originally granted to a group of exsoldiers), named after Palmer's wife Susan Stillwell.

By 1815, the land had been transferred to Mary Reibey (who also owned Reibycroft further to the east on Freeman's Reach). Mary Reibey (alt. Reiby), together with her husband Thomas, grew wheat and maize at the Hawkesbury and later became highly successful merchants, amassing land in the Hawkesbury, city of Sydney and elsewhere. Following Thomas's death, Mary Reibey carried on the management of their businesses while raising seven children. She is remembered as probably the early colony's most successful business-woman and is commemorated on the 20 dollar note.

In 1816, Reaville Farm was advertised for sale. The advertisement noted that the property amounted to 300 acres and was being rented by Mr. T. McKenna. According to newspaper and government notices of the time, McKenna was already well-established in the Windsor and Wilberforce areas by 1811 and he received horned cattle from the government herd in 1812, 1814 and 1816. The property was not sold at this time.

In 1821, Mary Reibey was granted 100 acres directly to the north of Reavill Farm (Portion 60, Parish Currency).

The property was advertised again in 1830, noting that it was in the possession of Richard Keefe, and in 1831, an advertisement appeared seeking a "steady and industrious man as overseer". The property was not sold at this time.

The property was once again advertised for sale in 1832 and it was described as containing 300 acres of rich alluvial and forest land, all fenced and divided in paddocks, with 130 acres completely cleared and in the highest state of cultivation. The residence is adapted for a family of respectability, consisting of a house, barn, coach-house, stabling, stores, and granary. Again the property was not sold.

Mary Reibey died in 1855 and in 1878, the trustees of her estate John Wilkins and William Laidley conveyed to Bernard Conlan, farmer of Pitt Town, 244 acres and 2 roods of land known as Reavill or Raville Farm. In 1866, J. D. Brown of Raville Farm wrote to the Sydney Morning Herald extolling the virtues of Egyptian wheat, as his crop had been rust-free for the previous 5 years.

Based on the physical evidence, the large barn at Reavill Farm may have been constructed prior to 1832 when a barn is first mentioned in an advertisement for the sale of the property, by Stogdell or Palmer during their period of ownership, or by later owner Mary Reibey or a tenant. Further research into the history of the property and dating of the timber would be required to confirm the age of this impressive barn.

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REFERENCES	Primary Application 20455
	Grant Register Serial 1 pg. 205
	Barkley-Jack, J., Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed, 2009
	State Records NSW, Colonial Secretary Index 1788-1825
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Saturday 21st December 1816, p. 2
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Saturday 20th March 1830, p. 4
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 1831, p. 1
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1832, p. 4
	The Sydney Morning Herald, Monday 26th March 1866, p. 2
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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans Reach is of historical significance as a rare, large, surviving early 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn. Located on Reavill (also Raville) Farm, first granted to a group of exsoldiers in 1795, the property was purchased by John Stogdell, valet to NSW Commissary John Palmer four days after the granting of the land. The property formed part of extensive landholdings obtained by Palmer and Stogdell throughout the Hawkesbury with the design to ensure Palmer's Woolloomooloo estate was self-sufficient. The property was later owned by noted ex-convict and successful businesswoman Mary Reibey from c.1815 to 1878. Reavill Farm was being farmed by at least 1816, if not earlier, and based on the physical evidence, it is possible that the barn dates from the first decades of the property's establishment and is potentially associated with a number of persons of historical significance.

Picturesquely sited on a rise of land overlooking Reavill Farm and the Hawkesbury River floodplains, the barn is seen in landscape views of the property from Hibberts Lane and is of aesthetic significance for the strong contribution it makes to the historical character of the Freemans Reach locality. The barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its early 19<sup>th</sup> century construction date including vertical palisade cladding (slender poles with narrow spaces between for ventilation), mortise & tenon post/ beam joints and round rafters birds-mouthed over eaves beam.

In its overall form and configuration, with gabled roof, loft and side skillion, the large palisade clad barn is a notable, large, and rare, representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE	State
ТҮРЕ	
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No. 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans Reach is of historical significance as a rare, surviving early 19 <sup>th</sup> century barn, of unusual construction (palisade cladding), located on Reavill Farm, first granted in 1795 to a group of ex-soldiers. The property was being farmed by at least 1816, if not earlier and based on physical evidence, it is possible that the barn dates from the first decades of the property's establishment. <i>Meets the criterion on a State level</i> .
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	The barn is potentially associated with the early owners of the property including John Stogdell, valet to Commissary John Palmer who purchased the property in 1795. Stogdell and Palmer together amassed extensive lands throughout the Hawkesbury to support Palmer's Wolloomooloo estate. The barn may also be associated with later owner Mary Reibey, who held the property from c1815 to 1878. Reibey is a notable ex-convict and successful businesswoman who owned numerous farms throughout the Hawkesbury region. <i>Meets the criterion on a State level</i> .
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Picturesquely sited on a rise of land overlooking the Hawkesbury River floodplains, the large barn is visible in landscape views of Reavill Farm from Hibberts Lane and is of aesthetic significance for making a strong contribution to the historical character of the Freemans Reach locality. Its location on high ground above the floodplains has resulted in its survival since the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.  The barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its early

	19th century construction including vertical palisade cladding (slender
	poles with narrow spaces between for ventilation), mortise & tenon post/
	beam joints and round rafters birds-mouthed over eaves beam.
	Meets the criterion on a State level.
CDITEDIA D)	
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the
	agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous
	exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage
	listings associated with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The barn at No. 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans Reach has the potential
POTENTIAL	to provide further information into early 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction
	techniques for agricultural buildings, as well as late 18 <sup>th</sup> and early 19 <sup>th</sup>
	century farming practices.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans Reach is considered to
	be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government
	area, as a surviving early 19 <sup>th</sup> century barn in continuous agricultural use
	since that time and for the surviving evidence of its early construction
	date including the use of vertical palisade cladding.
	Meets the criterion on a State level.
CRITERIA G)	The large, palisade clad barn at No. 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans
REPRESENTATIVE	Reach, with gabled roof, loft and side skillion is a notable, large,
	representative example of the typical form of barn found throughout the
	district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	High to Moderate with remnant / fallen timbers in storage.

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Caption: Roof structure of barn at 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans

Reach

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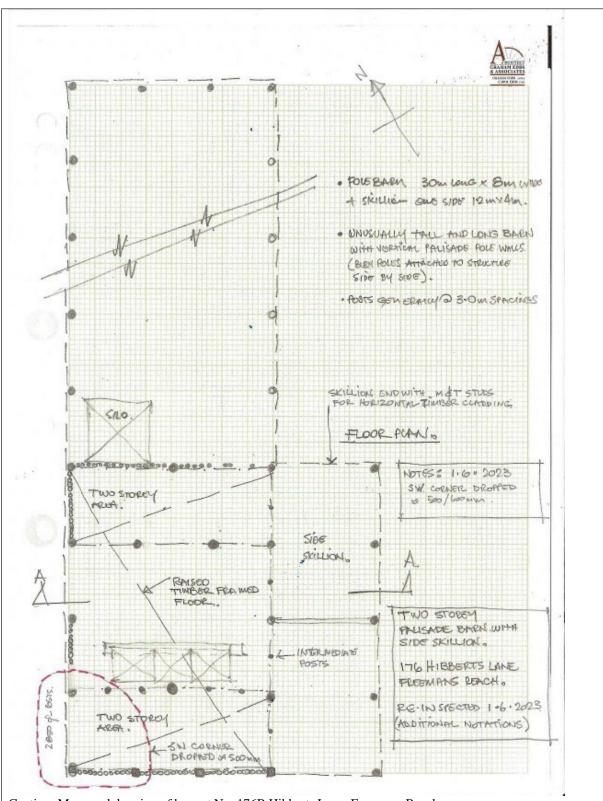
Caption: Underside of upper floor of barn at 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans Reach Photographer: S. Johnson Date: June 2023



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Caption: Ground floor structure of barn at 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans Reach Photographer: S. Johnson

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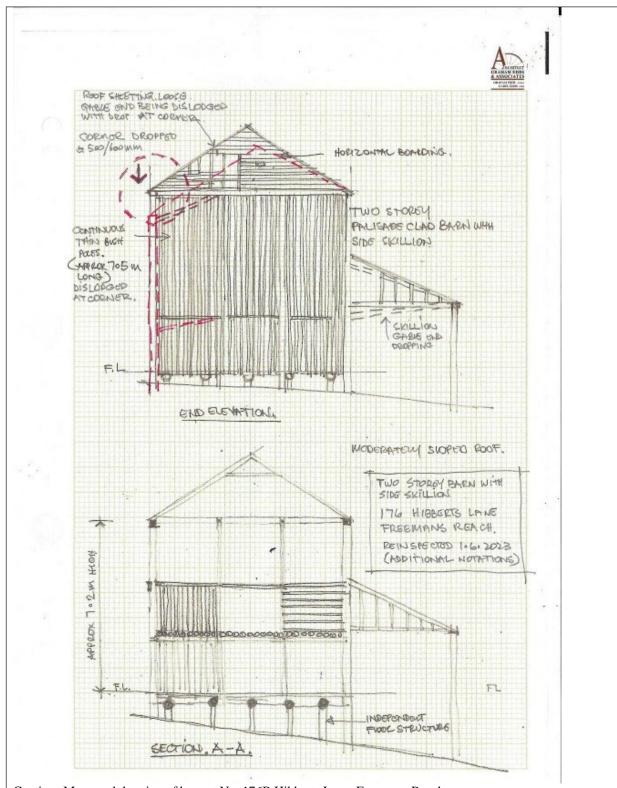


Caption: Measured drawing of barn at No. 176B Hibberts Lane, Freemans Reach

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Paicad Single Starou Slah Para with End Skillions
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Raised Single Storey Slab Barn with End Skillions Hillview
ADDRESS	307 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Wilberforce
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 1002188
SHI No.	1743045
EXISTING HERITAGE	No
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing
SUMMARY	Recommended for Local listing
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	37
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19th or early 20th century
CURRENT USE	Accommodation
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	Barn is close to the eastern side of the road.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	This compact barn is 9 x 5m on plan. Its floor structure is raised above ground level. The original posts appear to be continuous but there are also (later) stumps supporting part of the floor.  Condition: Moderate
NO. OF BAYS	Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century?
NO. OF BATS	
ROOF STRUCTURE	Not inspected internally. Roof is steep at 45°.  Condition: Good  Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century?
LOFT	N/A
SKILLIONS 1 & 2	Skillions at each end of the barn are built in the conventional way on ground with vertical slabs between posts and beams.  Condition: Moderate Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century?
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron short sheets with no gutters. Condition: Moderate Date: Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
WALL CLADDING	Vertical slabs set into trenched floor beam and nailed outside the line of the posts. Weatherboards to gable ends.  Condition: Moderate – some decay at lower ends. Addition of gutters and downpipes would help to preserve the slabs.  Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century?
OPENINGS	Doorways opposite one another in main barn.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Not inspected internally but clearly has a raised timber floor.
FLOORING (LOFT)	N/A
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not inspected internally.
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	N/A

OTHER (Fixings?)	Large round nail fixings with Ewbank-type heads.
CURRENT USE	Accommodation
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Converted to accommodation

# HISTORY

The barn at No. 307 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach is located on a part of an 11 acres 20 perches grant (Portion 426, Parish Wilberforce) made to Thomas Whitby Rutter, of Freemans Reach, farmer on 9 December 1895 for £28 after purchasing the land at a Crown lands auction of 14 August 1895. Thomas Whitby Rutter died on 17 September 1908. It was not until 18 July 1923 that a formal transmission application to his widow Hannah Rutter, of Freemans Reach, was registered. Previously on 19 May 1923, the estate of Thomas Whitby Rutter, being 20 acres, portions 424 and 426 with a house and other improvements occupied by Hannah Rutter had been auctioned. The property was transferred to Alexander Smith junior, Freemans Reach, orchardist on 20 June 1923. Subsequently, he transferred it to Athol Alexander Smith, of Freemans Reach, orchardist on 14 August 1934

Based on the physical evidence, it is assumed the barn was built by T W Rutter between 1895 and 1908.

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REFERENCES	Certificate of Title Vol. 1182 Fol. 227
	Windsor and Richmond Gazette, 18 May 1923 p 11

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 307 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach is of historical significance as a surviving late 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn that remains relatively intact externally. Located on the street frontage, the small, slab barn contributes to the historical character of Kurmond Road and the immediate locality, and it is a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

ASSESSED	Local
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The barn at No. 307 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach is of historical
HISTORICAL	significance as a surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup> century barn that remains relatively intact
	externally.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B)	The barn is not associated with any persons of historical note.
HISTORICAL	Does not meet the criterion.
ASSOCIATION	
CRITERIA C)	Located on the street frontage of the property, the small, slab barn contributes
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	to the historical character of Kurmond Road and the immediate locality.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks,
	historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these
	building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	Although now converted for accommodation uses, the overall form of the barn,
POTENTIAL	with skillions and gabled roof, raised ground floor and retaining evidence of
	late 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction techniques including its slab cladding, the barn at
	307 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach has the potential to provide further
	information into late 19 <sup>th</sup> and early 20 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at 307 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach is a rare example of a barn
	with a raised ground floor within the context of the Hawkesbury City local
	government area.
	Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA G)	The barn at 307 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach is representative of the long
REPRESENTATIVE	history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury
	River, which commenced in the early 19th century and continues today.
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillion and slabs, is representative
	of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate

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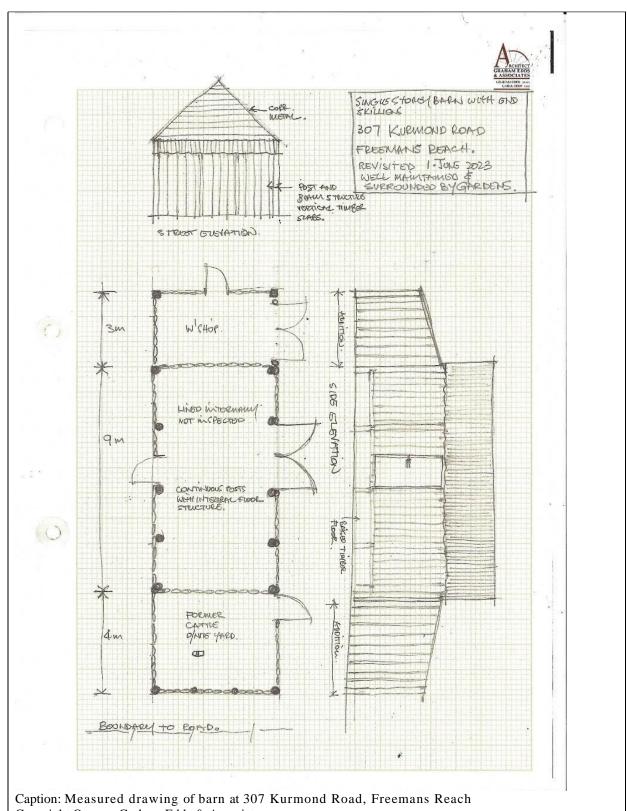
Caption: Barn at 307 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd Date: June 2023



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ITEM DETAILS		
NAME	Single Storey Barn with Loft and Skillions	
ADDRESS	500 Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	Currency	
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 1249321	
SHI No.	1743044	
EXISTING HERITAGE	N	
ITEM?		
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT		
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Site inspection required to establish age, construction method, condition and	
	integrity. Not able to determine significance level without an inspection.	
	Not recommended for State or Local listing.	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION		
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn	
DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	
PERIOD	?	
CURRENT USE	?	
FORMER USE	Barn	

Site not accessed 2023. The following description is from the Graham Edds & Associates Hawkesbury Slab Barn Study 2010:

Viewed from the street. This slab barn has a high central section, generally single storey with loft, with skillions each side, forming a broken back roof alignment. The entire building is clad with corrugated metal but suspect the original central section may have been slab. Worthy of further investigation.

## HISTORY

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Henry Baldwin was granted 100 acres (Portion 59, Parish Currency) in the District of Kurrajong bounded on the south by Reibys farm 41 chains on the east by the common 26 chains on the west by a line of 26 chains on 5 April 1821. Henry Baldwin acquired a number of parcels in this locality including 200 acres and 400 acres and 114 acres west of this parcel of land and he became a successful wheat farmer and trustee of the Phillip Common. Baldwin was an ex-convict who had been sentenced to seven years transportation and arrived in NSW in 1791. Henry Baldwin died on 6 June 1843. His land was divided amongst his heirs on 28 February 1844. By a conveyance of 1 March 1844, Wynn Baldwin of Singleton, farmer sold 80 acres 4 perches, part of the 200 acre grant to Baldwin plus all the 100 acre grant of 5 April 1821 to William John Robert Phillips of North Richmond, farmer for £100. William John Robert Phillips conveyed all the 100 acre grant of 5 April 1821 and also 100 acres granted to Thomas William Parr to James Upton, of Cornwallis, farmer on 4 January 1855 for £315. James Upton died on 11 August 1888. He lived at Windsor and appears to have used the 100 acre grant of 5 April 1821, plus a considerable area of adjoining land he had acquired, for grazing. It was offered for auction in November 1888 described as 'Upton's Paddock', and was claimed to be well suited for use as an orchard with 'splendid' ironbark trees on the land. No mention was made of any buildings.

By a deed of conveyance of 14 January 1889, the executors and trustees of the deceased estate of James Upton conveyed numerous parcels of land, including the entire 100 acre grant of 5 April 1821 to Smith Thomas Greenwell, Windsor, storekeeper for £734. Greenwell converted the land to Torrens title with a certificate issued in July 1900.

Smith Thomas Greenwell trained as a draper in Britain before emigrating to New Zealand where he carried on the trade and was also involved in the Māori wars. He came to New South Wales in 1869 where he continued the business he had previously commenced with his brother-in-law Henry F Robinson. Greenwell was heavily involved in community activities. He moved to Killara in the early 1900s and died there in June 1926. After his death, the property passed to the executors of his estate, who transferred it to Henry John Andrews, farmer of Northmead and his wife Olive Annie Andrews on 25 August 1937.

REFERENCES	Grants Vol 12 No 226
	Old System Deed, No 323 Bk 6
	Old System Deed, No 329 Bk 6
	Old System Deed, No 394 Bk 36

	Old System Deed, No 504 Bk 405
	Windsor and Richmond Gazette, 27 November 1888, p 5; 6 April 1901, p 8;
	25 June 1926, p 5
	Certificate of Title Vol 1321 f 44
HISTORICAL THEMES	
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Unknown

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Caption: Barn at No. 500 Kurmond Road, Freemans

Reach

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Plank Shed
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Buena Vista
ADDRESS	
	5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose Vale
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Kurrajong
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 54192
SHI No.	SHI 1743265
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes (I449- SHI 1743265)
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	<del>-</del>
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State heritage listing
SUMMARY	
	Retain as local heritage item
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming
ITEM CATEGORY	Shed
DESCRIPTION	T 10th 9
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
CURRENT USE	Unknown- storage
FORMER USE	Storage
LOCATION ON SITE:	The building is located close to the roadside at the entrance gates to the property to the rear of a late Victorian/early Federation dwelling. Access to the interior was not available. This description is based on inspection from the street boundary.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	The building is not so much a barn but more a shed or outbuilding. It is approximately 7.3 x 4.5 m on plan and is constructed of vertical plank walls and rectangular posts. The posts extend into the ground but the planks are fixed above ground level to what appears to be a raised ground floor structure. Condition: Moderate Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
NO. OF BAYS	Four
ROOF STRUCTURE	The roof has a low pitch of approximately 30° with sawn rectangular rafters at approximately 600mm centres which are exposed at the eaves. Roofing battens are spaced approx. 600mm apart for corrugated iron. Condition: Moderate Date: Late 19th century?
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron in short sheets. Condition: Poor Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber planks, rusticated weatherboard gables. Condition: Moderate Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
OPENINGS	One single door and one double door on the eastern side.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Not inspected but appears to have had a raised timber floor (now in part concrete slab)
HISTORY	

The shed at No. 5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose Vale is located on part of a 60 acre grant (Portion 141, Parish Kurrajong) made to Stephen Dunstan in 1823. The property is located on the apex of Box Hill. To both the north and south of Stephen's property were a string of 60 acre grants all made to his brothers John, James, Richard and David and his father David Dunstan at the same time. The Dunstan family are a notable Hawkesbury family who have resided in the district for generations and are noted orchardists, farmers and builders. The property appears to have remained in the Dunstan family until into the  $20^{th}$  century. The property

also contains a late Victorian/early Federation dwelling known as Buena Vista, built by members of the	
Dunstan family.	
REFERENCES	Grant register Serial 15 pg 135
	"The Dunstans", Windsor and Richmond Gazette, Saturday 29th April 1911, p.
	12
	"Mr. William Dunstan" by E. Howell; Windsor and Richmond Gazette,
	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1909, p. 15
	The Millstone, Volume Two, September-October, 2003

# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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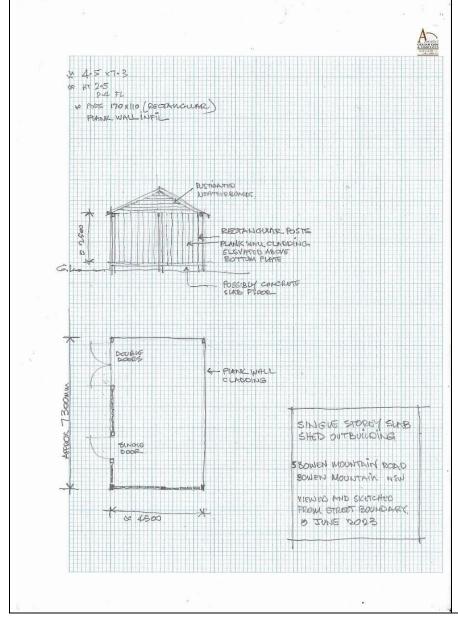
The shed at No. 5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose Vale is of some historical significance as a late  $19^{th}$  century, vertical plank clad outbuilding associated with a late Victorian/early Federation dwelling. The barn is located on land first granted in 1823 to Stephen Dunstan and remained in the Dunstan family until the  $20^{th}$  century, a notable Hawkesbury family of orchardists, farmers and builders.

ASSESSED	Local
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	25001
CRITERIA A)	The shed at No. 5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose Vale is of some historical
HISTORICAL	significance as an early 20 <sup>th</sup> century outbuilding located on land originally
	granted to Stephen Dunstan in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B)	The shed, located on land first granted to Stephen Dunstan in 1823 has
HISTORICAL	historical associations with the Dunstan family, a notable Hawkesbury family
ASSOCIATION	of orchardists, farmers, and builders, who retained ownership of the property
	into the 20 <sup>th</sup> century.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C)	Located close to the road, the shed at No. 5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	makes some contribution to the character of the locality. The shed is of little
	technical significance as a late 19 <sup>th</sup> /early 20 <sup>th</sup> century outbuilding, utilising
	vertical planks as cladding.
	Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The shed at No. 5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose Vale has little potential to
POTENTIAL	provide further information into late 19th/early 20th century agriculture, that
	could not be found elsewhere.
	Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The shed at No. 5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose Vale is not considered to be
	rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area.
	Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA G)	The shed at No. 5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose Vale is representative of the
REPRESENTATIVE	long history of agricultural development in the Kurrajong development of the
	typical form of barn and shed found throughout the Hawkesbury region.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/	High
INTACTNESS	

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Caption: Shed at 5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose Vale (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd Date: June 2023



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Caption: Sketch floor plans of shed at 5 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose

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ITEM DETAILS	ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft and Skillion Addition	
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Overbrook	
ADDRESS	77 Tierney Road, Kurmond	
	(Alternative 2/67 Tierney Road, Kurmond)	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	Currency	
LOT/DP	Lot 2 DP 285752	
SHI No.	1743049	
EXISTING HERITAGE	N	
ITEM?		
RECOMMENDED MANAGEN	RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing	
SUMMARY	Further research required into condition and integrity.	
	Recommend for Local listing.	
	Whole property including main house potentially worthy of local listing as	
	surviving soldier settlement property.	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION		
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn	
DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y	
PERIOD	Early 20 <sup>th</sup> century	
MODIFICATION/DATES	c2000 construction of side skillion	
CURRENT USE	Music room	
FORMER USE	Barn	

2023: Access was not available. This description is from the previous inspection and photographs by G. Edds, undertaken in 2009.

A small rural single storey barn with gabled roof over the primary area with loft, and with skillions along each side. The primary barn (c1927) and recently constructed skillion (c2000) are sympathetically adapted and used as a music room. The southern skillion retains its semi rural use. Part of the loft has been removed and stair constructed to provide internal access. The floor is now a brick paved surface with step between the skillion and principal barn area to provide increased head height under the loft. The barn is used in conjunction with a soldier settlement house of contemporary age and is located within the "house paddock" area.

The barn with skillions is approximately 7 metres long x13.5 metres wide with the primary section and loft approximately 7 metres long x 5 metres wide.

The main roof is moderately pitched with an external door and steps access within the end gable. The barn has been extensively refurbished for the adapted use but retains the slab claddings externally and internally has been lined with corrugated metal. The floors are now brick paved over concrete and these abut the posts. Interestingly the primary barn end walls are clad with 2 differing lengths of slab, one to the floor structure and the upper to the roof pitching plate level.

Structure: The main structure is a mix of medium diameter posts (approx 200mm diam) set into the ground and smaller diameter beams and floor joists within the loft floor structure. Beams and floor joists are housed jointed. Apart from the roof /wall beams the remainder of the roof structure has been replaced with rectangular section timbers. The original round rafters may have been reused within the southern skillion roof structure. The c2000 skillion additions has been constructed using conventional wall framing supported on the concrete and brick floor and rectangular sawn timber rafters. The roof areas are all clad with corrugated metal roofing. Old slabs have been reused externally within the new walls.

## HISTORY

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The property at No. 77 Tierney Road (also known as 2/67 Tierney Road), Kurmond is located on part of a 40 acre grant (Portion 98, Parish Currency) made to Patrick Byrne. The land was resumed in c1919 as part of approximately 2000 acres for the Kurrajong Soldier Settlement (Soldier Group Purchase Area No. 53). The 2000 acres were subdivided into 51 separate allotments and were to be sold with 10 acres already planted with

orchards. In 1920, Henry Timmins purchased Block 158 (approximately 35 acres). It appears that the weatherboard house and adjacent slab barn were constructed in the early 1920s by Timmins.

Timmins was a descendant of James Timmins, who was transported for life to NSW in 1800 and established himself in the Richmond area.

By 2001, the land had been subdivided into 8 separate allotments and has most recently been operating as the Skansen Park Stud.

# **REFERENCES** Windsor and Richmond Gazette, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1920, p. 1 **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The barn at No. 77 Tierney Road, Kurmond is of historical significance and potentially rare as a surviving early 20<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn, located on the remnants of an original 35 acre property purchased by Henry Timmins as part of the Kurrajong Soldier Settlement scheme of the 1920s.

In its overall form and configuration, although extensively modified, is a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

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ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE	Local
TYPE	
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No. 77 Tierney Road, Kurmond is of historical significance as
	an early 20th century slab barn constructed by Henry Timmins who
	purchased the original 35 acre property as part of the Kurrajong Soldier
	Settlement in 1920.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL	The barn has historical associations with Henry Timmins, who it is assumed
ASSOCIATION	constructed the barn and weatherboard house at the property. The Timmins
	family were well established in the Richmond locality descending from
	John Timmins, who was transported for life to NSW in 1800, although they
	are not well known today.
	Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA C)	Located as part of a small farm complex together with an early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	weatherboard cottage, the barn (although altered) is an aesthetically pleasing
	component of the place and is potentially of technical significance for
	demonstrating early 20th century construction methods for agricultural
	buildings.
CDITEDIA D	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The form of the barn, with loft and skillion (although modified) has the
POTENTIAL	potential to provide further information into early 20 <sup>th</sup> century farming
TOTENTIAL	methods, as well as further information into the history of the Kurrajong
	Soldier Settlement of the 1920s.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 77 Tierney Road, Kurmond is potentially rare within the
,	context of the Hawkesbury City local government area, as surviving
	evidence of the Kurrajong Soldier Settlement of the 1920s.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA G)	The barn at No. 77 Tierney Road, Kurmond is representative of the long
REPRESENTATIVE	history of agricultural development in the Kurrajong district.
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillions and loft (although
	modified) is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the
	district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate to little

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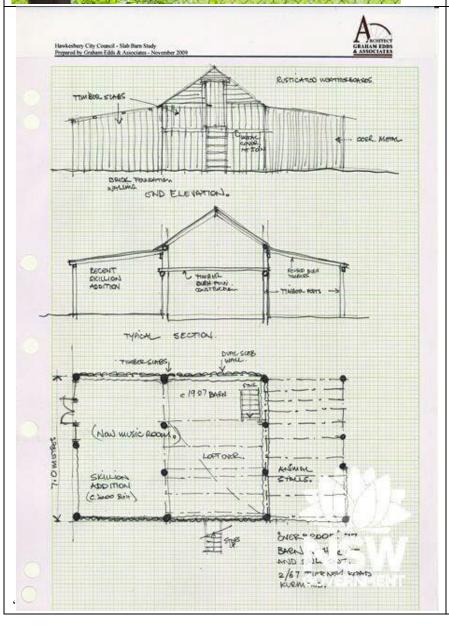
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Caption: Barn at No. 77 Tierney Road, Kurmond (exterior)

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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn at 77 Tierney Road, Kurmond cited Heritage Management System SHI 1743049 Copyright Owner: Graham Edds & Associates

Edds & Associates
Date: December 2009

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Side and End Skillion
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	'Oakensville Lodge'
ADDRESS	729 Comleroy Road, Kurrajong
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Merroo
LOT/DP	Lot 3 DP 773105
SHI No.	1743050
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	N
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State or Local listing. Site inspection required to establish condition and integrity of barn.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
MODIFICATION/DATES	?
CURRENT USE	?
FORMER USE	Barn

Site not accessed 2023. The following description is from the Graham Edds & Associates Hawkesbury Slab Barn Study 2010:

A single storey primary barn with a narrow skillion along one side, a skillion at front extending for a verandah at the northern end and further extending to the west as an animal stabling room. The primary barn gable has a low roof pitch and the roof extends over the side verandah.

The primary area (8 x 5m) and side skillion is clad externally with timber slabs and to provide structural stability to the barn, the inside of the slabs have been faced with corrugated metal between the posts.

The barn has been extensively altered. And is now used as a workshop.

#### Structure:

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The barn is structured with post and beam with posts set into the ground in three, 3 metre long bays. continuous over the full wall height. The junctions of the perimeter beams and the cross beams and the rafters have been reinforced with steel angles screw fixed. The current ownership advised that the barn was straightened using slings and a tractor to lessen the lean. Where the timber slabs were missing a double door has been installed to fill the gap and other wall locations have had windows installed.

The structural connections of this barn have been extensively changed over its lifetime.

INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Unknown
HISTORY	

This site is part of a grant of 40 acres to William Butler dated 21 July 1868 under the 22nd section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, for £40. The parish was then not named, later becoming parish Merroo County Cook and this land became Portion 42.

On 27 March 1880, it was transferred to Michael Joseph Butler, farmer of Kurrajong. The portion was then transferred to Richard Hennessy, farmer of Kurrajong on 18 November 1887. Richard Hennessy, of Comleroy Road, retired orchardist, died on 21 December 1936. An auction of portion 42 of 40 acres together with a weatherboard house, detached kitchen, cart shed, well and fencing was held on 12 March 1938 but the land was apparently not sold. On 14 July 1943, a Transmission Application was submitted to the Titles Office changing the registered proprietors to Edward James Hennessy, of Comleroy Road, farmer and James Richard Hennessy, of Wisemans Ferry, retired hotel keeper.

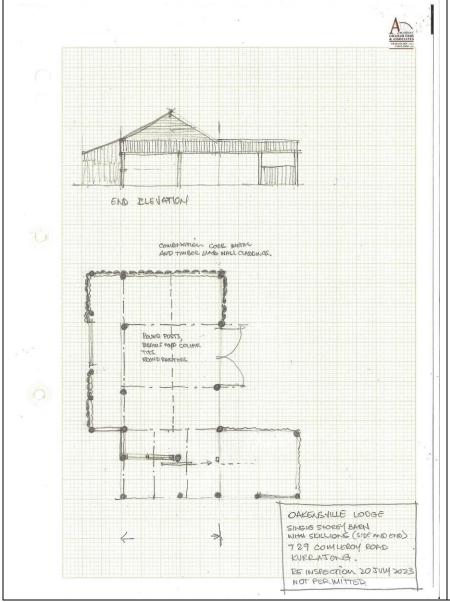
REFERENCES	Certificate of Title vol 72 f 10
	Windsor and Richmond Gazette, 11 March 1938, p 11

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Caption: Slab barn at 729 Comleroy Road, Kurrajong (exterior) Photographer: K. Denny Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Date: July 2023



Caption: Measured drawing of Barn at 729 Comleroy Road, Kurrajong. Copyright Owner: Graham Edds & Associates Date: 2010

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft and Side Skillion
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Goldfinders Inn
ADDRESS	
	164 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Kurrajong
LOT/DP	Lot 123 DP 1063011
SHI No.	1743051
EXISTING HERITAGE	Y- I357 (Heritage Item No. 1743051) and SHR 1978
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Retain as State heritage item
SUMMARY	
	Retain as Local heritage item.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	Mid 20 <sup>th</sup> century/ New addition early 21 <sup>st</sup> century
CURRENT USE	Garage/Workshop
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	The barn is located approximately 35m east of the road behind a timber slab
	cottage and former three storey sandstone Inn.
MAIN BARN	This barn is single storey with loft and measures 9 x 4.5m on plan. It has
STRUCTURE	squared timber posts up to eaves level where longitudinal beams are let into top
	of posts and pegged. Cross beams are adzed and through tenoned to main posts.
	Condition: Good
NO. OF BAYS	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century.  Three
NO. OF BAYS	Three
ROOF STRUCTURE	Split timber rafters support shingle battens and shingles are still present under
	the corrugated iron. There are no gutters to protect walls from run-off. Verges
	and shingle battens project at each end to protect gables.
	Condition: Good
	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century shingles, mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century iron?
LOFT	There are no internal linings in the loft, allowing the original construction to be
	seen.
	Condition: Good
CIZH LION 4	Date: early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 1	Skillion along NE side is supported on squared posts with a flat rectangular
	longitudinal beam and sawn rafters.
	Condition: Good  Date: Farly 10 <sup>th</sup> century but repaired in late 20 <sup>th</sup> century
DOOF CLADDING	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century but repaired in late 20 <sup>th</sup> century.
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron short sheets on main barn, modern steel on skillion.  Condition: Good
	Date: Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
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WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs up to eaves level with modern galvanized steel cover
	strips at joints. Weatherboard cladding to gable ends.
	Condition: Good
	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
OPENINGS	Reconstructed ledged and braced double doors to NW end of barn and skillion.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete slab
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FLOORING (LOFT)	Timber boarding
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Concrete slab
OTHER (Fixings?)	Large square iron spikes, timber pegs.
CURRENT USE	Garage/ workshop
CHANGES FROM 2010?	New barn and skillion added to NE side of early skillion.
HISTORY	

The barn at the former Goldfinder's Inn site, No. 164 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong is located on part of an 80 acre grant (Portion 123, Parish Kurrajong) made to Rowland Edwards in 1809 by Governor Paterson and confirmed the following year by Governor Macquarie. The land was described as being bound on the north by W. Gaudry, on the south by M. Clark and on the east by a creek (Little Wheeny Creek) and with a road on the north and south sides. The locality was known as the Highlands or Richmond Hill. Ex-convict Rowland Edwards arrived in the colony in 1791 as part of the Third Fleet.

Initially Edwards, his wife Jane Fletcher and their child, together with an assigned convict had settled on 80 acres at Richmond Hill, of which 50 acres were under cultivation and pasture and 30 acres fallow. The General Muster of 1806 noted they were not on Government stores and so it can be assumed they were self-sufficient on their 80 acres. However, in 1810 when Edwards petitioned Governor Macquarie to ratify his grant from Paterson in the Parish of Kurrajong, he noted that all of this livelihood had been destroyed by flood. It is assumed that it around this time that the Edwards family moved to the Highlands, and certainly he was there by 1809 when sale of goods from the site was advertised by the Provost Marshall. The cultivation of the land and the occupation of the property by the Edwards family suggests that the existing slab cottage and slab barn were constructed in the first decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Rowland and Jane Edwards went on to have four children.

Rowland Edwards was murdered in 1814 at the Parramatta Toll-gate.

His wife Jane remarried ex-convict John Allen in 1815 and they went on to have five children.

In 1825, Edward Ewer, a grocer of Parramatta, was nominated as the guardian of Elizabeth Edwards who had come of age, as well as the sole agent for the farm, houses, cattle, furniture, debt and securities for money, and every kind of property owned by her father Rowland Edwards. The following year, Ewer married Elizabeth's older sister Anne.

In 1834, when John Rowland Edwards came of age, he inherited the property. In that same year John Edwards sold 25 acres of the property to John Peasnall at the western end of the original 80 acre grant.

The remainder to the property was sold in 1842 to John Rule, who also purchased the 25 acres previously sold to Peasnall. In 1851, Rule sold the property known as Edwards Farm to John Lamrock, who constructed a two-storey sandstone inn, licensed as "Goldfinder's Home Inn".

The property became the centre of the local community, operating as a general store and post office.

The inn ceased operation in the 1870s and today the property is a private residence.

REFERENCES	SHR inventory sheet "Goldfinder's Inn" (SHR 1978)
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Saturday 4th June 1814, p. 2
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Thursday 8th September 1825, p. 4
	The 1809 Land Grant of Rowland Edwards and the "Goldfinders Home Inn": A Social
	and Conservation History, C. Hallam, 2014

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 164 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong is of historical significance as a rare, surviving early 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn that was potentially constructed in the first decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Associated with the original grantee, Rowland Edwards, who received in the land in 1809 and possibly also built the adjacent slab cottage, the Edwards family retained the property until the 1840s. The whole of the property is also of historical significance for being the location of the former Goldfinder's Inn, constructed in c1851 and the centre of the Kurrajong community during the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The restored barn retains evidence of its early 19th century construction date including squared timber posts up to eaves level, longitudinal beams let into top of posts and pegged, adzed cross beams through tenoned to main posts and split timber rafters supporting shingle battens and surviving shingles under the corrugated iron sheeting.

Although not clearly seen from the road, the barn forms part of an historic complex of buildings picturesquely sited next to Little Wheeny Creek. In its overall form and configuration, with gabled roof, loft, side skillion and timber slabs, it is a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

Hawkesbury City local government area.		
ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	State	
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No. 164 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong is of historical significance as a surviving early 19 <sup>th</sup> century barn, potentially constructed in association with an early slab cottage, by the original land grantee Rowland Edwards, ex-convict. The property as a whole is of historical significance as being the site of the former Goldfinder's Inn. <i>Meets the criterion on a State level</i> .	
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	The barn has historical associations with original land owner Rowland Edwards, ex convict, who was granted 80 acres in 1809 and who it is assumed built the slab cottage and barn. The property remained in the Edwards family, passing to son John, until the 1840s. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level</i> .	
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Although not clearly visible from the road, the barn forms part of an historic complex together with the slab cottage and two storey stone inn building, picturesquely sited next to Little Wheeny Creek.  The single storey barn, is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its early 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction including squared timber posts up to eaves level, longitudinal beams let into top of posts and pegged, adzed cross beams through tenoned to main posts and split timber rafters supporting shingle battens and surviving shingles under the corrugated iron sheeting. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level</i> .	
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The barn at No. 164 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong, has the potential to provide further information into early 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction techniques for agricultural buildings.  Meets the criterion on a State level.	
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 164 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong, is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area, for being a surviving slab barn potentially constructed in the first decade of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century of relatively high integrity and in continuous use since that time.  Meets the criterion on a State level.	
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The barn at No. 164 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong, with gabled roof, loft, side skillion and timber slabs is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	High to moderate	

#### **IMAGES**



Caption: Barn at 164 Old Bells Line of Road,

Kurrajong

Photographer: S. Johnson

Date: June 2023



Caption: Detail of pegged joint between post and beam in barn at 164 Old Bells Line of

Road, Kurrajong Photographer: S. Johnson Date: June 2023



Caption: Interior of roof with shingles in barn at 164 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Photographer: S. Johnson

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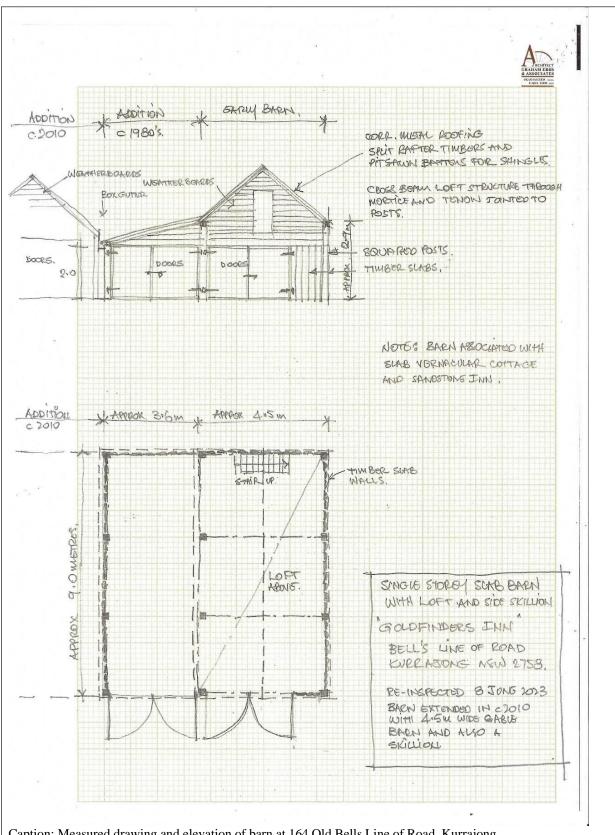


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Caption: Through tenon joint between cross beam and post in barn at 164 Old Bells Line of

Road, Kurrajong Photographer: S. Johnson Date: June 2023

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Caption: Measured drawing and elevation of barn at 164 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single storey slab barn- Reconstructed
ADDRESS	1269 Bells Line of Road/1A Warks Hill Road, Kurrajong Heights
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Kurrajong
LOT/DP	Lot 204 DP 839939
SHI No.	Potential
EXISTING HERITAGE	Y- Item I369 (1743175)
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RECOMMENDED MANAGE	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing
SUMMARY	β
	Retain Local listing.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Mid- 20 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	Assumed reassembled from earlier materials in mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century
CURRENT USE	Storage
FORMER USE	Barn?
LOCATION ON SITE:	At rear of late 19th century weatherboard house and shop.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	A small timber structure 6 x 3m on plan composed of round posts, round pole beams and rafters with a skillion on each side. A rubble stone base wall extends around the rear and sides where ground levels are lower. Two longitudinal beams run on each side of the body of the barn: one at roof eaves level and one at top of the timber slabs.  Condition: Moderate  Date: mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
NO. OF BAYS	Two
ROOF STRUCTURE	Round pole rafters at approx. 30° pitch, battens suitable for iron and wind bracing.  Condition: Moderate Date: mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
LOFT	N/A
SKILLIONS 1 & 2	Construction similar to body of barn with pole rafters.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated galvanized iron. Condition: Moderate Date: mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs, weatherboard gables. Front wall has horizontal cladding added. Condition: Moderate. Date: mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
OPENINGS	N/A
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete slab
FLOORING (LOFT)	N/A
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Concrete slab

INTERNAL STRUCTURE	N/A
OTHER (Fixings?)	Bolted connections
CURRENT USE	Storage
THOTODY	

Joseph Douglass (alt. Douglas) of Kurrajong was granted 50 acres (Portion 186, Parish Kurrajong), to be called 'Ivy Lodge' on 18 October 1839, although it had been promised by Sir Thomas Brisbane before 10<sup>th</sup> September 1824 and it appears that Douglass occupied the land from the mid-1820s when he built Ivy Lodge.

Joseph Douglass was an ex-convict who had been transported for 7 years, arriving in 1815. According to a later newspaper article, Douglass was the first resident of the Kurrajong and that Douglass Hill is named for Joseph Douglass, a name that was in use by 1832.

Douglass and his son Orr Douglass, who had arrived free together with Joseph's wife Mary and children, acquired other lands in the vicinity (Portions 180, 182 and 190, Parish Kurrajong).

By 1834 Joseph and wife Mary were in the boarding house business, and Ivy Lodge was listed in *The New South Wales calendar and general post office directory* of 1834. Ivy Lodge survives, now known as Lochiel, 1259 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights.

The Portions 186 and 190 were subdivided by Joseph Douglass and Samuel North (who had purchased Orr Douglass's 80 acre grant) creating the village of Northfield. It was surveyed by licensed surveyor Charles S Whitaker and auctioned on 23 August 1841.

By a deed of Lease and release of 8 March 1843, Joseph Douglass, Kurrajong, farmer conveyed an area of 3 roods 5 perches bounded on the north west side by the Bathurst Road (now Warks Hill Road) to Reuben Bullock, Windsor, writer for £15. Reuben Bullock died on 20 December 1856 leaving the property to his daughter, Sarah, who had married William Nixon on 5 May 1873.

William Nixon of Windsor, butcher and his wife, Sarah conveyed the 3 roods 5 perches to Robert Peck, Kurrajong, farmer, on 29 August 1873 for £14. Robert Peck then conveyed the 3 roods 5 perches, to James Green of Kurrajong, farmer on 27 May 1876 for £30. James Green conveyed the 3 roods 5 perches to Joseph Smith, Kurrajong, storekeeper for £105 on 12 December 1881. The property remained in the hands of Joseph Smith for decades.

On 27 May 1924, Joseph Smith of Kurrajong Heights, storekeeper conveyed the land to Frank Telling, Kurrajong Heights, orchardist and his wife, Gertrude May Telling for £400.

The buildings on the site (cottage and shop) appear to have been constructed by Joseph Smith in the late 1880s. Joseph Smith of Kurrajong, storekeeper was listed as an agent for Hawkesbury newspapers, in July 1881.

The cottage, known as Aylesbury Cottage, a smaller shop and an earlier barn and outbuilding are recorded in historical photographs in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The existing barn is potentially constructed on the footprint of an earlier outbuilding, utilising salvaged material.

REFERENCES	Grants, Vol 55 No 1
	Primary Application 1314
	Old System Deed, No 7 Bk 29
	Old System Deed, No 669 Bk 138
	Old System Deed, No 614 Bk 161
	Old System Deed, No 608 Bk 237
	Old System Deed, No 25 Bk 1347
	The Australian, 19 August 1841, p 1
	Hawkesbury Chronicle 2 July 1881 p 3
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Thursday 3 May 1832, p. 2
	Evening News, Wednesday 14 June 1871, p. 3
	https://members.pcug.org.au/~pdownes/douglass/index.htm

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The reconstructed barn at No. 1269 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights is of some historical significance as forming part of the historical development of the village of Northfield, and for being located on part of Joseph Douglass's land, granted in 1839. Located at the rear of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century cottage and store built by (assumed) storekeeper Joseph Smith, the barn appears to have been built in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century potentially on the

footprint of an earlier barn or ou	tbuilding and using salvaged material.
	the continued practice of constructing timber framed, slab barns to preserve the
	and locality is of note and demonstrates the level of appreciation that the
historic slab barns of the region	are held by the local community.
ASSESSED	Local
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	Locui
CRITERIA A)	The barn at No. 1269 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights is of some
HISTORICAL	historical significance for being located on the property containing a late 19 <sup>th</sup> century house and adjacent shop and for forming part of the history of the development of the mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century village of Northfield. <i>Does not meet the criterion.</i>
CRITERIA B)	Located on land originally granted to Joseph Douglass, ex-convict, in 1839,
HISTORICAL	the barn is sited on part of the subdivision of Douglass's land for the village
ASSOCIATION	of Northfield. The property appears to have been developed with cottage and shop and earlier barn by Joseph Smith in the 1880s, who held the property until the 1920s.
CDIMEDIA C	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Located at the rear of a late 19 <sup>th</sup> century shop (although altered), the barn appears to date from the mid 20 <sup>th</sup> century, located on the footprint of an earlier barn or outbuilding, and potentially using salvaged material. Although not an historic barn, the continued practice of constructing timber framed,
	slab barns to preserve the historic character of a property and locality is of note.  Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns and outbuildings of the Hawkesbury district are
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	appreciated by the local community and others. The reconstructed barn at No. 1269 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights, using salvaged material in a traditional form, demonstrates the level of appreciation that the historic slab barns of the region are held by the local community.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The reconstructed barn with side skillions and potentially using salvaged
POTENTIAL POTENTIAL	materials from an earlier barn or outbuilding, has little research potential.  Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The reconstructed barn at No. 1269 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights is not considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area.  Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA G)	The barn at No. 1269 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights with side
REPRESENTATIVE	skillions and slab and weatherboard cladding is a representative example of a
<del></del>	mid 20 <sup>th</sup> century barn, reconstructed potentially using salvage material, that in
	form and materials contributes to the historical character of the property and locality.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate

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Caption: Reconstructed barn at No. 1269 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights (exterior)

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Caption: Reconstructed barn at No. 1269 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights (interior)

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Plank Stables
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Springrove
ADDRESS	1 2
	55 Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Kurrajong
LOT/DP	Lot 11 DP 834958
SHI No.	1743052
EXISTING HERITAGE	Y – Item No. I359 (SHI 1743120)
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State listing.
	Retain as local heritage item.
	Site inspection required into condition and integrity.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Stables
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	Post 2010- painted white
CURRENT USE	?
FORMER USE	Stables
LOCATION ON SITE:	The stables building is located south of the dwelling and 25m east of
	Springrove Lane. The site was not accessed.
	This description is based on the previous inspection and drawing by G Edds
	& Associates dated 2010, plus viewing and photographs taken from the road.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	A small single-storey stables building, 10.5 x 5m on plan with a side skillion.
	The stables is constructed of squared posts approximately 100 x 200mm and
	squared longitudinal and round cross beams clad in 40mm thick timber
	planks of varying widths.
	Condition: Not known
	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
NO. OF BAYS	Four.
ROOF STRUCTURE	Sawn rafters and battens suitable for iron roofing pitched at 30°.
	Condition: not known
	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
SKILLION 1	Southern side skillion is constructed similarly to the stables with rectangular
	posts and plank cladding.
	Condition: Not known
	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron
	Condition: Not known
	Date: ?
WALL CLADDING	Timber planks 40mm thick of varying widths, weatherboard gables to barn
	and skillion.
	Condition: Not known
	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
OPENINGS	Ledged braced and battened door on north side and unglazed window to west
	end.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Sandstone flagging.
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not known

CURRENT USE	Not known

## HISTORY

The stables at 55 Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills is located on part of a 50 acre grant (Portion 158, Parish Kurrajong) made to Michael Minton in 1823, with a requirement to clear and cultivate 15 acres of land within 5 years.

Michael Minton was the constable and pound keeper for the northern sector of the District of Evan, near Richmond. In 1824, in the District of Evan, Minton was murdered in his home by his own indentured servants Stack and Hand, who were subsequently executed. His wife had similarly been murdered by their servants Swift and Grogan in 1821.

In 1824, Minton's land comprising 30 acres in the District of Evan was advertised for sale, while the remainder of his land, an additional 100 acres was to be leased for a period of two years.

In 1853, the 50 acre grant was subdivided and conveyed to William Prestnell, farmer of Kurrajong and James Ball, farmer of Kurrajong. The land remained divided until in 1875 James Ball conveyed his portion of the grant (25 ½ acres comprising the eastern portion) to William Dunston (var. Dunstan). Dunston had already purchased the western portion (24 ½ acres) in 1870. Dunston had married the daughter of James Ball, Rachel, in 1866. In 1900, a newspaper article reported that a fire destroyed William Dunston's premises including his large barn.

In 1939, Dunston died at his property, Spring Grove, Kurrajong. The property passed to his son Carlton Dunston, orchardist in 1936, who shortly thereafter transferred the property to Norman Bowly, farmer, in 1938.

The Dunston family originally settled at Wilberforce with an later branch settling in Kurrajong and Grose Vale. Each branch of the family held substantial amounts of land and were successful farmers and orchardists.

In 1947, Springrove Lane was established cutting through the centre (north to south) of Portion 158, resulting in the subdivision of the land (Lots 1 and 2 of DP 205531). No. 55 Springrove Lane is located on Lot 1 of this subdivision.

Based on the physical evidence, the stables appear to be associated with William Dunston. The Dunston family are known to have associations with a number of prominent late Victorian residences/farmsteads including Inverary, Westbury, La Tosca and many around Grose Vale including Buena Vista, 5 Bowen Mountain Road which also has a small timber plank outbuilding. The Dunston family were also builders and so may be responsible for the plank outbuildings at both 55 Springrove Lane and 5 Bowen Mountain Road.

REFERENCES	Register of Grants Serial 17 pg. 110
	Primary Application 37276
	Certificate of Title Vol. 6368 f. 101
	Deposited Plan 205531
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Saturday 6th May 1820, p. 1
	The Australian, Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 1824, p. 1
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Thursday 12th August 1824, p. 2
	The Sydney Gazette and NSW Advertiser, Saturday 24th March 1821, p. 2
	The Sydney Morning Herald, Friday 20th October 1939, p. 7
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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The stables at No. 55 Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills is of historical significance as a surviving late 19<sup>th</sup> /early 20<sup>th</sup> century timber framed, plank clad stables, located on land initially granted in 1823 and in continuous agricultural use since that time. The stables appears to be associated with William Dunston, a member of an early settler family in the Hawkesbury and successful orchardist who purchased the property in 1875. The Dunston family held extensive lands throughout the Hawkesbury and were successful farmers, orchardists and builders and are associated with a number of prominent late Victorian properties in the region.

The small timber framed, plank clad stables with side skillion, makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands around Springrove Lane and is of some technical significance for demonstrating late 19<sup>th</sup> century construction methods for agricultural buildings including the use of the timber planks of varying widths, squared posts, squared longitudinal and round cross beams and ledged, braced and battened door.

The stables at 55 Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills is representative of the long history of agricultural development in the Kurrajong region, which commenced in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and continues today.

ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE	Local
TYPE	

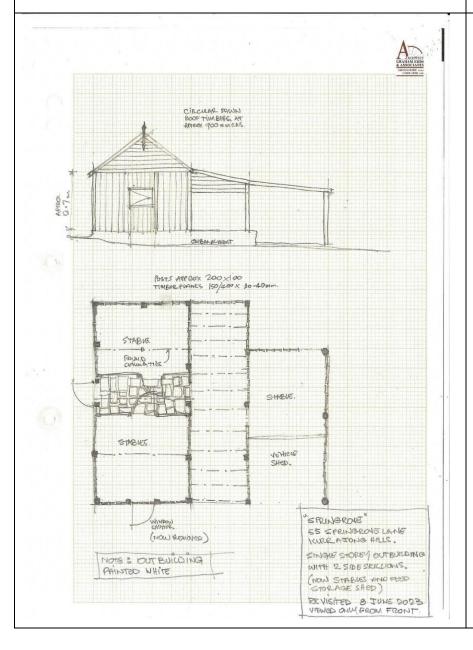
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The stables at No. 55 Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills is of historical significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land, first established in 1823 by Michael Minton, and in continuous agricultural use since that time. Dating from the late 19 <sup>th</sup> or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century, the stables appears to be associated with William Dunston and his descendants who owned and farmed the land from 1875 to 1939. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level</i> .
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	The stables has historical associations with William Dunston, who held substantial amounts of land and was a successful orchardist. The Dunston family are of historical significance in the Hawkesbury region as owning extensive amounts of land, being successful farmers and orchardists and builders who are associated with a number of prominent late Victorian residences and farmsteads.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Located adjacent to an historic dwelling, the small timber framed stables with side skillion, makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands around Springrove Lane.  The single storey stables is of some technical significance for demonstrating late 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction methods for agricultural buildings including the use of the timber planks of varying widths, squared posts, squared longitudinal and round cross beams and ledged, braced and battened door.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic agricultural outbuildings of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The form of the stables, with side skillion and retaining evidence of late 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction techniques, has the potential to provide further information into late 19 <sup>th</sup> and early 20 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The stables at 55 Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills is not considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area.  Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The stables at 55 Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills is representative of the long history of agricultural development in the Kurrajong region, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today. The basic form of the stables with gabled roof and side skillion is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level</i> .
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Unknown

## **IMAGES**



Caption: Barn at 55 Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills (exterior) Photographer: K. Denny Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners

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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn at 55 Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills Copyright Owner: Graham Edds & Associates Date: June 2023

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single storey slab stables
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Johnsons Farm
ADDRESS	480 Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Meehan
LOT/DP	Lot 2 DP 549576
SHI No.	1743074
EXISTING HERITAGE	N
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing.
SUMMARY	Recommend Local listing.
	Whole property potentially worthy of Local listing.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Stables
DESCRIPTION	
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
CURRENT USE	Storage
FORMER USE	Stables

2023 inspection revealed no changes had occurred to the stables building.

The following description is from the 2010 Hawkesbury Slab Barn Study, Graham Edds & Associates.

A small single storey rural stables previously one of two barns and a corn shed on the site containing a c1885 two storey sandstone homestead and the foundation wall of the earlier c1819 cottage. Picturesquely sited overlooking floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, as part of an historic farm complex. In poor condition and no longer accessible internally.

The building is rectangular in shape with medium pitched gable roof and collapsed skillion at one end. The primary structure is approximately 8 metres long x 5 metres and extends a further 4 metres in length under the collapsed skillion.

Structure: The stables is structured with 250/300mm diam poles set into the ground at varying spacings with perimeter bush pole beams (shaped at the post junction) and bolted. The single length timber slabs are fixed at the inside top of the perimeter beams with nails. A single dividing wall also of timber slabs separates the stables rooms. The stable door also has slotting for the insertion of rails when the door is open. The roof is simply constructed also of bush pole rafters and sawn battens at large spacings for the fixing of corrugated metal roofing.

The skillion walls are also framed with poles and perimeter beam and clad with timber slabs. The roof is structured with low pitched bush pole rafters and sawn battens at large spacings for corrugated metal roofing.

## HISTORY

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The stables at No. 480 Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland is located on part of a grant of 30 acres (Portion 43, Parish Meehan) made to John Campbell in 1804, known as Campbell's Farm. By 1815, the property had been purchased by Andrew Johnson (alt. Johnston). His son William received a grant of 108 acres adjoining the property to the west in 1837 and the family amassed other nearby lands. The Johnson family continues to own and farm the property today.

Andrew Johnson and his family, were part of a group of Presbyterian families from Scotland and Northern England who emigrated to Australia aboard the ship Coromandel, arriving 1802. Together with George Hall and others, the group commenced building a stone church at Portland Head, now known as Ebenezer. Andrew Johnson is credited with designing the Ebenezer Uniting Church and school building in 1809, the oldest church building in Australia. Johnson was the first Presbyterian elder in the colony, being ordained by Rev. John Dunmore Lang in 1824.

REFERENCES	Real Property Application 21004
	Certificate of title Vol 3535 f 208

	Certificate of title Vol 3686 f 146
	https://australianroyalty.net.au/tree/purnellmccord.ged/individual/I52591/Andre
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The stables at No. 480 Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland is of historical significance as a surviving late 19<sup>th</sup> century slab stables building located on a property first purchased by Andrew Johnson, free-settler and designer of the Ebenezer Uniting Church and school building. The property has been owned and farmed continuously by the Johnson family since 1815.

Picturesquely sited above the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the stables forms part of an historic complex that also still retains its c1885 two storey sandstone homestead and the foundation wall of the earlier c1819 cottage. The stables is a representative example of a slab agricultural outbuilding, although is in poor condition.

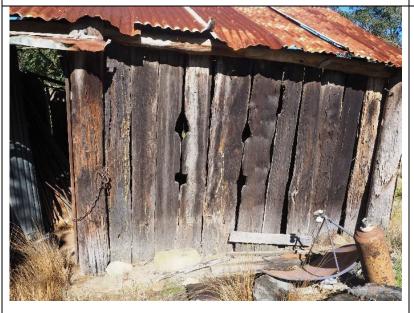
ASSESSED	Local
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The stables at No. 480 Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland is of historical
HISTORICAL	significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land by the
	Johnson family, first purchased in 1815 by Andrew Johnson and remaining in
	the Johnson family until today.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA B)	The barn has historical associations with the Andrew Johnson and his
HISTORICAL	descendants. Johnson was a free settler, designer of the Ebenezer Uniting
ASSOCIATION	Church and school building and first Presbyterian elder in the colony, being
	ordained by Rev. John Dunmore Lang in 1824. Johnson purchased the property
	in 1815, and his descendants continue to own and farm the property today.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA C)	Picturesquely sited above the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, in a
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	complex with a c1885 sandstone house and remains of the earlier 1819 cottage,
	the stables is of aesthetic significance and of technical significance for retaining
	evidence of its late 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction, although is now dilapidated.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks,
	historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these
	building types.
CDUTEDIA E) DECEADOU	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The stables has the potential to provide further information into 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods and construction techniques
POTENTIAL	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The stables at 480 Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland is not considered to be
CRITERIAT) KARITI	rare in the context of the Hawkesbury local government area, although the
	continuous ownership of the land by the Johnson family since 1815 and its
	associations with Andrew Johnson, notable early settler, is considered to be
	rare.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA G)	The stables at 480 Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland is representative of the
REPRESENTATIVE	long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the
	Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century and continues
	today. The basic form of the stables with gabled roofs and slab cladding is
	representative of the typical form of agricultural outbuilding found throughout
	the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate
	Dilapidated condition

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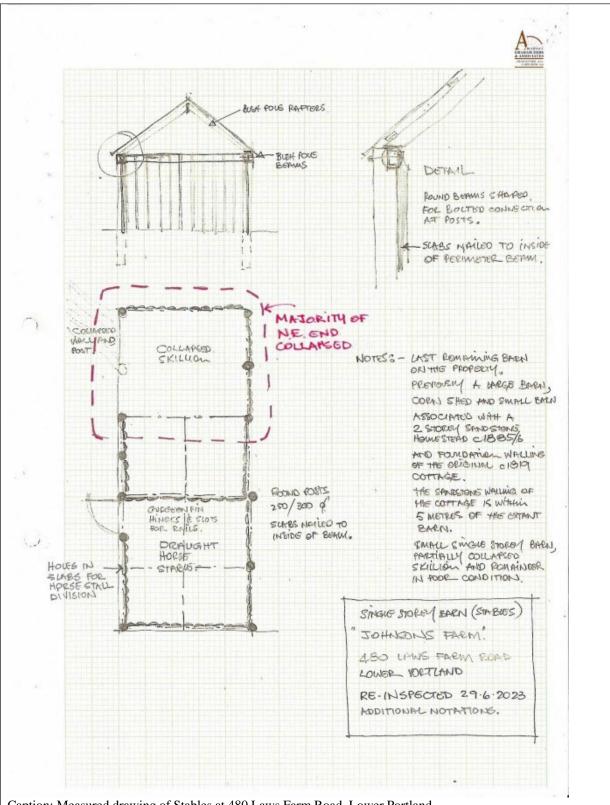


Caption: Stables at 480 Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Date: June 2023



Caption: Slots for rails in slab wall of stables at 480 Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners

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Caption: Measured drawing of Stables at 480 Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland

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ITEM DETAILS		
NAME	Slab Barn	
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Riverside	
ADDRESS	1280 West Portland Road, Lower Portland	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	Meehan	
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 586231	
SHI No.	Potential	
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	Y- I508 (SHI 1743152)	
RECOMMENDED MANAGE		
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing	
SUMMARY	Retain as Local heritage item.	
	Site inspection required to clarify age, construction, condition and integrity.	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION		
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn	
DESCRIPTION		
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century?	
CURRENT USE	Unknown	
LOCATION ON SITE:	The barn is located close to the eastern side of the road and north of a modern steel-clad dwelling. Access was not provided. This description is based on what can be seen from the public road.	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	This is a single storey barn 8 x 5m on plan with a low roof of approximately 30° pitch. Condition:	
NO. OF BAYS	Three	
ROOF STRUCTURE	Not known Condition:	
SKILLIONS	There are skillions on the western side and northern end. Condition:	
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron. Condition: Poor.	
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs form the walls of the northern skillion. The eastern side of the barn appears to be open. The gable end of the main barn is clad in corrugated iron.  Condition: Moderate	
OPENINGS	There are large openings on the eastern and western sides.	
FLOORING (GROUND)	Not known	
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not known	
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Unknown	

### HISTORY

James Sherwin was granted 150 acres (Portion 49, Parish Meehan) bounded on the north by the first branch (Colo River), and on the east by the Hawkesbury River on 11 August 1804.

By 1817, the entire grant was in the hands of Michael Lamb who registered an amendment of a mortgage for £30 between himself and the Bank of New South Wales on 30 May 1817 for 150 acres granted on 11 August 1804.

On 25 August 1835, Michael Lamb assigned 75 acres, being part of 150 acres of land, the southern half of Sherwin's grant to Thomas Christie for £50. On 10 October 1835, he mortgaged the 75 acres, being the northern part of the grant of 150 acres made to James Sherwin to Thomas Christie for £100. Michael Lamb died intestate on 20 July 1860 leaving John Lamb, his eldest son as his heir.

A road survey of May 1887 showed a house and kitchen close to the site of the barn with an old shed and yards nearby. An earlier road survey of October 1865 showed the footprint of buildings which appear to correlate to the house and kitchen shown on the 1887 plan.

John Lamb of Hawkesbury River, farmer and the current mortgagee conveyed the 75 acres to Peter Kemp junior, Lower Portland, Hawkesbury River, farmer on 14 November 1888 for £200 to the mortgagee and £550 to John Lamb. Peter Kemp converted the land to Torrens Title in 1898.

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Grants, Vol 3 p 151 (3)
Old Register, Bk 6 page 287 No 64
Old System Deed, No 366 Bk C
Old System Deed, No 753 Bk H
Old System Deed, No 787 Bk H
Old System Deed, No 672 Bk 107
Old System Deed, No 227 Bk 402
Certificate of title 1254 f 246
R.541b.1603, Crown Plan

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Caption: Barn at 1280 West Portland

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Caption: Barn at 1280 West Portland

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Caption: Barn at 1280 West Portland

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ITEM DETAILS			
NAME	Slaughterhouse and Collapsed Large Slab Barn		
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Spring Hill Farm		
ADDRESS	21 Beddek Street, McGraths Hill		
LOCAL GOVT AREA	•		
PARISH	Hawkesbury St Matthew		
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 743108		
SHI No.	1743109		
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Item I311 (Heritage Item No. 1740038)		
ITEM	Tes- item 1311 (Heritage item No. 1/40038)		
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	MENT		
MANAGEMENT	Retain as local heritage item		
SUMMARY	The whole property, particularly the house, is worthy of State heritage listing.		
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	gg-		
ITEM TYPE	Built		
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing		
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn and Slaughterhouse		
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DESCRIPTION			
PERIOD	Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century		
CURRENT USE	Barn- dilapidated/ Slaughterhouse- storage		
FORMER USE	Barn/Slaughterhouse (possibly)		
LOCATION ON SITE:	Barn- located on southern street boundary with main house behind (north).		
	Slaughterhouse- located to north side of main house. Internal inspection not		
	possible.		
BARN			
Campletale callended Based on	documentary and physical evidence, the barn was mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century.		
Completely collapsed. Based on	documentary and physical evidence, the barn was mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century.		
SLAUGHTERHOUSE	SLAUGHTERHOUSE		
STRUCTURE	Two-storey timber slab structure, 5.2 x 3.6m on plan with round corner posts		
SIRUCIURE	4m high and an upper floor at 2.5m height supported on two intermediate posts		
	at each end.		
	Condition: Poor		
	Date: mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century		
NO. OF BAYS	One		
ROOF STRUCTURE	Not accessible		
	Condition:		
	Date:		
LOFT	Supported on four partially squared longitudinal beams with sawn joists across		
	the short span.		
	Condition: Poor		
	Date: mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century		
SKILLION 1	None		
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron		
	Condition: Not known		
WALL OF ADDITION	Date: ?		
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs up to loft level, vertical weatherboards above, missing		
	sections clad in corrugated iron. Condition: Poor		
	Date: mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century		
	Date. mid-13 Century		
OPENINGS			
OPENINGS FLOORING (GROUND)	Central openings in short sides.		
FLOORING (GROUND)	Central openings in short sides. Earth		
FLOORING (GROUND) FLOORING (LOFT)	Central openings in short sides.  Earth  Plain edge timber boards.		
FLOORING (GROUND)	Central openings in short sides. Earth		

OTHER (Fixings?)	Bolted
CURRENT USE	Storage
CHANGES FROM 2010?	N/A
HISTORY	

Henry York was granted 30 acres (Portion 250 of Parish St Matthew) to be known as York Farm on South Creek of the River Hawkesbury in the district of Mulgrave Place on 19 November 1794. York was an ex-convict who arrived in the colony in the Second Fleet.

About 1800, the grant was purchased by Andrew Thompson. It was then incorporated into a consolidated grant of 120 acres to Andrew Thompson with three other 30 acre grants on 9 August 1803.

After the death of Andrew Thompson, the land passed to trustees. Charles Sommers, farmer of Pitt Town Road, purchased various parts of the grant in 1832 and 1833. The land was auctioned on 8 February 1843 as 'Red-House Farm' with an area of 90 acres. Buildings described as being on the farm, included a cottage, 'large barn' and outhouses.

By a conveyance of 11 April 1844, Sommers and his mortgagees transferred ownership of 19 acres 2 roods 3 perches to John Wood, Windsor Road, carrier for £86/2/9. Sommers later sold other parts of the grant as the Village of Sommers Town. John Wood later sold the 19 acres 2 roods 3 perches to James Miller, farmer of Windsor for £200 on 17 April 1852. Miller subsequently sold the land to James Bligh Johnston on 31 December 1866.

REFERENCES	Grants Vol 1 No 130
	Grants Vol 3 No 115 (5)
	Jan Barkley-Jack, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed, pp 222-3, 348
	Old System Deed, No 518 Book 6
	Old System Deed, No 441 Bk 73
	Old System Deed, No 972 Bk 101
	Sydney Morning Herald, 1 February 1843, p 4; 7 Sept 1849, p 4
	Spring Hill Conservation Management Plan, Design 5 Architects, 2003

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The slaughterhouse at No. 21 Beddek Street, McGraths Hill is of historical significance as a surviving mid 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed agricultural outbuilding located within an historic farm complex first granted in 1794 to ex-convict Thomas York.

In its overall form and configuration, the slaughterhouse is a representative example of an historic timber framed agricultural outbuilding of which few appear to survive within the Hawkesbury City local government area and is considered to be rare.

The slaughterhouse is potentially of technical significance for demonstrating mid 19<sup>th</sup> century construction methods for agricultural buildings and has the potential to provide further information into 19<sup>th</sup> century farming methods.

The remains of the former barn, located on the street frontage makes a strong contribution to the historic, rural character of the locality.

ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE	Local
TYPE	
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The slaughterhouse is of historical significance for forming part of an historic
	farm complex originally granted in 1794 to Thomas York, ex-convict; and as
	a surviving mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century slab outbuilding that appears to be associated
	with later owners John Wood, carrier or James Miller, farmer.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL	The property is historically associated with Thomas York, ex-convict and
ASSOCIATION	Andrew Thompson (of Thompson Square fame), while the slaughterhouse
	and remains of the barn are associated with later owners of little historical
	note.
	Does not meet the criterion
CRITERIA C)	Forming part of an historic farm complex, the slaughterhouse contributes to
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	the historical character of the property. The barn, although collapsed, is a
	notable historic feature in the Beddek Street streetscape and immediate
	locality.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level

CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.  Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The surviving slaughterhouse has the potential to provide further information into 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods and mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction techniques for agricultural buildings.  Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The slaughterhouse at No. 21 Beddek Street, McGraths Hill is considered to be rare, as few slaughterhouses appear to survive within the Hawkesbury City local government area.  Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The slaughterhouse at No. 21 Beddek Street, McGraths Hill is representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today.  The outbuilding is a representative example of a timber framed slaughterhouse.  Meets the criterion on a Local level
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate

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Caption: Slaughterhouse at No. 21 Beddek Street, McGraths Hill (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd Date: May 2023



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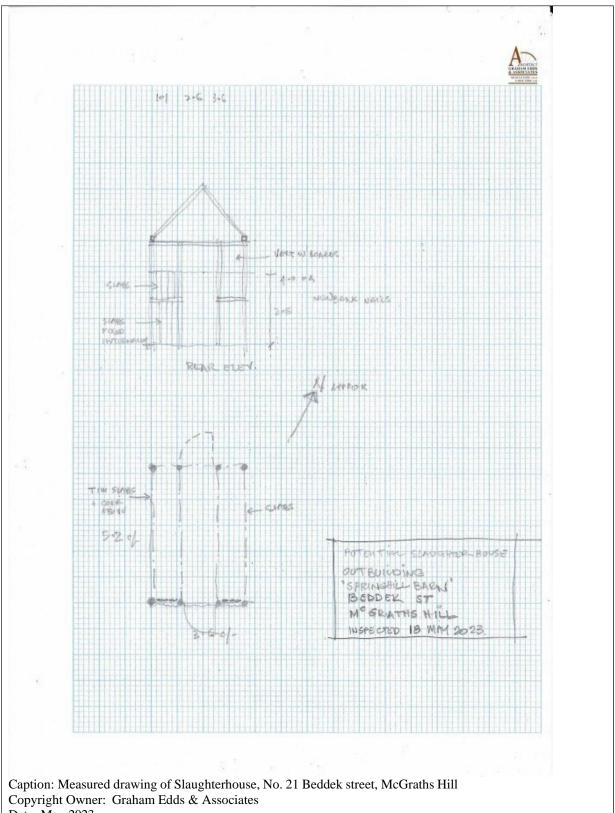
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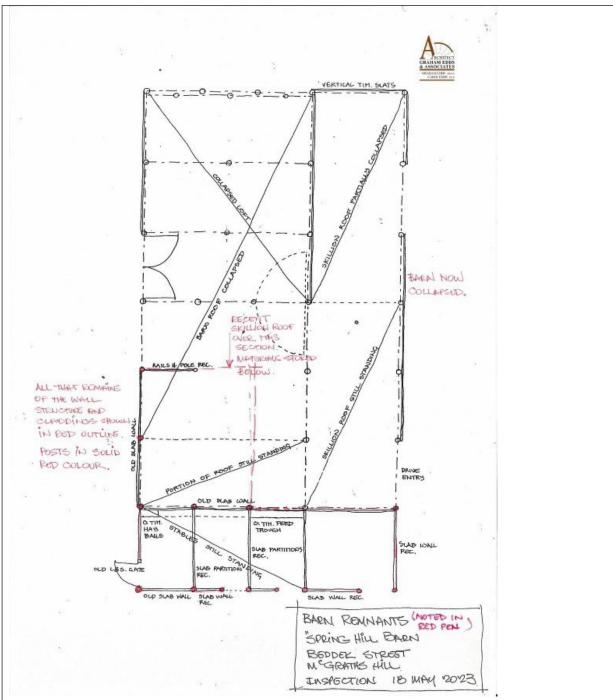
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Caption: Collapsed barn at No. 21 Beddek Street, McGraths Hill (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd

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Caption: Measured drawing of collapsed barn, No. 21 Beddek street, McGraths Hill

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ITEM DETAILS	I =	
NAME	Two Storey Slab Barn with High Skillion	
ADDRESS	30 Wolseley Road, McGraths Hill	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	Pitt Town	
LOT/DP	Lot 17 DP 591309	
SHI No.	1743108	
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM	No	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEM	MENT	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State heritage listing.	
SUMMARY	Recommend for Local heritage listing. Slab cottage appears worthy of listing and should be further investigated.	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION		
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn	
DESCRIPTION		
CIRCA	Y	
PERIOD	Mid-late 19 <sup>th</sup> century plus late 20 <sup>th</sup> century reconstruction	
CURRENT USE	Garage & store shed	
FORMER USE	Barn	
LOCATION ON SITE:	Located in garden behind slab cottage.	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Two storey barn with round posts, rectangular longitudinal beams and round pole cross beams. Only one two storey bay remains at one end with a long	
NO. OF BAYS	staircase. Some reconstruction with Oregon timber.  Three	
ROOF STRUCTURE	Bush pole rafters at approx. 30 degrees, battens for corrugated iron. Wind	
ROOF STRUCTURE	bracing.	
LOFT	First floor in end bay only but may have been throughout the length of the barn.	
SKILLION 1	Five metres wide skillion to NW side supported on bush pole rafters and round posts.	
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron	
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs to SE wall in two lifts along the common property boundary, and skillion end bays. Weatherboards to gables	
OPENINGS	Three modern windows to first floor end gable,	
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete slab	
FLOORING (LOFT)	Not accessible	
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Concrete slab	
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Stair to first floor in end bay. Boarded walls to both levels of end bay.	
OTHER (Fixings?)	Lapped and bolted post/beam connections	
CHANGES FROM 2010?	None	
CONDITION	Moderate - post ends rotted due to concrete floor. Some repair using softwood timbers together with hexagonal tech screws to secure skillion slabs	
HISTORY	amoets together with hexagonal teen selews to seeme skillion stabs	

This land is part of a grant of 20 June 1800 to ex-convict John Stogdell of 140 acres in the District of Mulgrave Place (Portion 64, Parish Pitt Town) bounded on the west by Barney and Mower farms, on the north by Marsden farm and on the south by the public road. Stogdell had been sentenced to 14 years transportation, arriving in NSW as part of the First Fleet. As one of a small number of convicts with literacy skills, Stogdell used his skills

to infiltrate colonial business and property markets, purchasing numerous grants in the Hawkesbury district (totalling at least 565 acres), and forming a business alliance with head of the Commissariat John Palmer, for whom he managed and developed Palmer's Woolloomooloo estate. In the 1801 floods, Stodgell drowned in the Killarney Chain of Ponds which ran through his property at McGraths Hill. John Palmer claimed the majority of Stogdell's land following his death, and passed to his son George Thomas Palmer.

On 21 July 1881, Houston Harries Voss, of Goulburn, esquire and James Gordon, of Young, solicitor conveyed 473 acres including part of John Stogdell's grant and the adjacent Andrew Thompson's grant for £2,128/10/0 to William Harris, of Sydney, gentleman.

The land was subdivided in the 1880s and the plan of the first subdivision of the Killarney Estate showed lot 17 (now containing 30 Wolseley Road) as vacant land. As advertised, the smaller allotments (2 roods or half an acre each) of the Killarney Estate were sold as "town allotments".

On 6 April 1901, Emily Mason, of Nelson, widow, conveyed 2 roods, being Lot 17 of Section 3 of the subdivision of William Harris's land to William Hession, of Killarney, timber-getter for £5. Hession had married Emily's daughter Alice Emma. Based on physical evidence, it appears the barn and slab cottage were constructed during Mason's period of ownership in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Hession mortgaged that lot to John Jackson Paine, solicitor of Windsor along with Lot 1 Section 6, Havelock Street, on 25 November 1902 for £100. The Windsor press show that William Hession was a wood carter and it appears he worked together with his father-in-law James Mason at the Mulgrave saw mill. In February 1902, William Hession placed a Notice in the *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* thanking the Windsor Fire Brigade for working hard to save his sawmill and wood.

On 3 June 1912, William Hession, now of Ashfield, wood agent conveyed 2 roods, Lot 17 of Section 3 of William Harris's land to William Johnson, of Pitt Town Road, farmer for £140. The 1929 edition of the Windsor topographical map showed the footprint of a house in this position, but no further details. William Johnson signed his will on 2 February 1935 leaving his house and sheds situated on lot 16 and 17 Section 3 on Wolseley Street, Killarney Estate, to his son, William Johnson. William Johnson senior died on 11 May 1935. His obituary stated that he had carried on dairying and mixed farming at Killarney for about 40 years.

REFERENCES	Jan Barkley-Jack, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed, pp 190-214
	Grants, Volume 3 No 49
	Old System Deed, No 249 Bk 224
	Old System Deed, No 572 Bk 684
	Old System Deed, No 181 Bk 802
	Old System Deed, No 115 Bk 967
	County Cumberland subdivision plans, Mitchell Library, CP:C6/116
	Great Britton, War Office, General Staff, Australian Section, Topographical Map, Windsor, 1929
	Notices; Windsor and Richmond Gazette, Saturday 8 Feb 1902, p. 11

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 30 Wolseley Road, McGraths Hill is of historical significance as a surviving late 19<sup>th</sup> /early 20<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn located on land that formed part of a larger grant made to ex-convict John Stogdell in 1800 and subdivided in the 1880s as the Killarney Estate.

The two storey barn (now clad in corrugated metal) with side skillion is unusually large for a town barn, although its overall form and configuration makes it a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

Constructed of round posts with rectangular longitudinal beams and round pole cross beams with bush pole rafters with side skillion of round poles with bush pole rafters and vertical timber slabs to SE wall and skillion end bays and weatherboards to gable ends, the barn is of some technical significance for demonstrating late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century construction methods for agricultural buildings.

ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	Local
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No. 30 Wolseley Road, McGraths Hill is of historical significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land, first established in

	1800 by ex-convict John Stogdell and is a remnant of the 1880s subdivision of the Killarney Estate for small scale farming. Dating from the late 19 <sup>th</sup> or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century, the barn appears to be associated with William Hession, a wood carter and sawmiller, who owned the property from 1901 to 1912.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	The barn at No. 30 Wolseley Road, McGraths Hill is not associated with any persons of historical importance.
	Does not meet the criterion
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Located behind a slab cottage of a similar age, the large, two storey corrugated metal clad timber framed town barn with side skillion, is not visible from the street.
	Constructed of round posts with rectangular longitudinal beams and round pole cross beams with bush pole rafters with side skillion of round poles with bush pole rafters and vertical timber slabs to SE wall and skillion end bays and weatherboards to gable ends, the barn is of some technical significance for demonstrating late 19 <sup>th</sup> /early 20 <sup>th</sup> century construction methods for agricultural buildings.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The form of the barn, with side skillion and loft and retaining evidence of late 19 <sup>th</sup> /early 20 <sup>th</sup> century construction techniques, has the potential to provide further information into 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods.
CDVIII DA DVIII	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA F) RARITY	As a surviving town barn, the barn at 30 Wolseley Road, McGraths is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area, and being two storeys it is unusually large for a town barn.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The barn at 30 Wolseley Road, McGraths Hill is representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River and South Creek, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today.
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillion and lofts is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate to high integrity/intactness

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Caption: Barn at 30 Wolseley Road,

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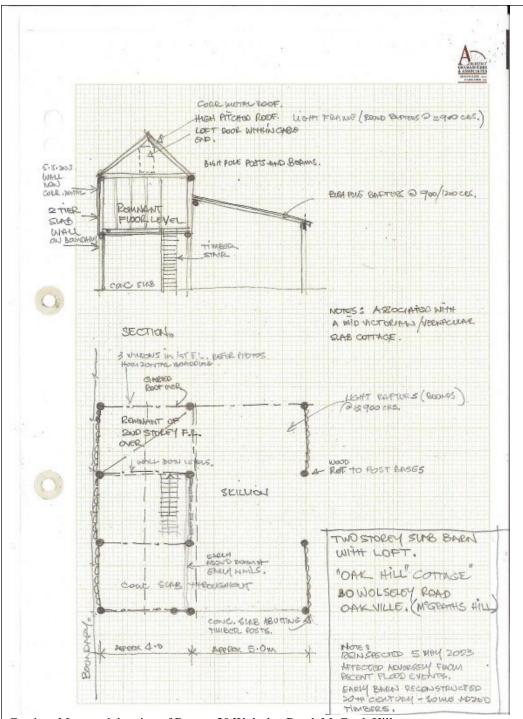


Caption: Barn at 30 Wolseley Road,

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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn at 30 Wolseley Road, McGrath Hill

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ITEM DETAILS		
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Skillion	
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	"Tall Trees"	
ADDRESS	124 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	St Matthew	
LOT/DP	Lot 13 DP 736138	
SHI No.	1743110	
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	Y – Local Heritage Item (I405) SHI 1743110	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT		
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State or local listing	
	No longer worthy of heritage listing. To be removed from Hawkesbury LEP as local heritage item.	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION		
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn	
DESCRIPTION		
CIRCA	Y	
PERIOD	Late 18 <sup>th</sup> – mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century	
MODIFICATION/DATES	?	
CURRENT USE	Collapsed	
FORMER USE	Barn	

2023: Barn is completely collapsed and unsalvageable.

#### [2010 Inventory sheet]

A single storey slab barn with side skillion in very original condition but with characteristic lean and with roof areas open to the weather. The principal barn is rectangular in shape 16m long x 5m wide and 3.3m high to the wall beam. A skillion to one side constructed in two sections and with differing roof heights. The first skillion (with higher roof framed approx. 1/3rd up the rafter) is thought to have been constructed integrally with the barn or a very early addition with roof also originally timber shingled. The second skillion is lower and more temporary. A feed trough with 18 milking cow stalls is located within the skillion stretching the entire length of the skillion.

### Structure:

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The principal barn with post and beam wall structure, the beam is continuously grooved and each post junctions with two tenons at the post top. A wrought iron strap and pins into the beam T junction also attach to the post. An unusual timber joint detail. (refer to sketch). The roof frame is timber bush poles at close spacings and rectangular timber battens spaced for shingle roof cladding. The early skillion is structured with post and beam walls with roof structure of bush poles aligning with the principal barn and attaching approx. 1/3rd within the barn roof plane. The timber slabs are fixed to the outside of the wall squared beam. The gable ends and upper skillion wall are clad with timber boarding, both horizontally and vertically

INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Completely collapsed

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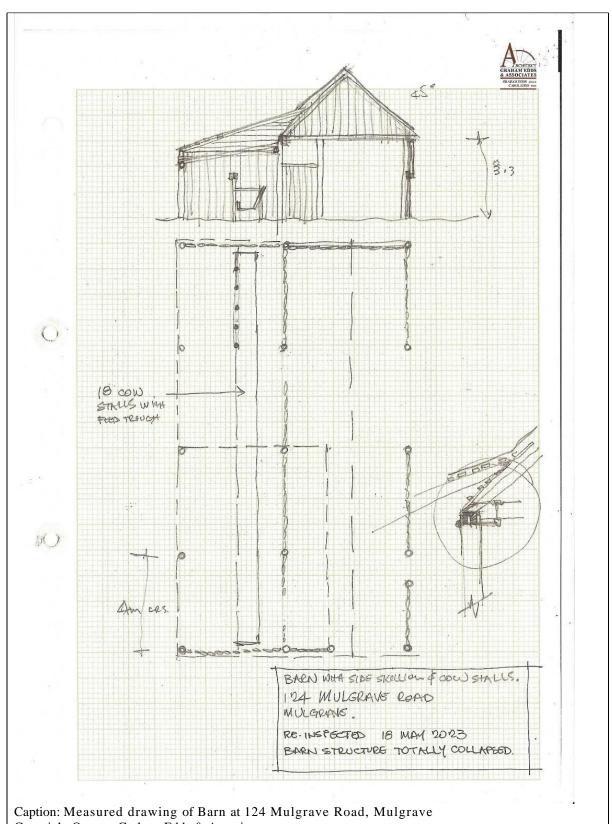
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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Cattle shed/shearing shed and yards
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	-
ADDRESS	94 Terrace Road, North Richmond
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Currency
LOT/DP	Lot 101 DP 629036
SHI No.	1743054
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	N
DESCRIPTION	
2023: No slab barn located at property. Site inspection revealed a collection of cattle sheds with corrugated	
metal cladding and potentially a former shearing shed.	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State or local listing

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Caption: Shed/former shearing shed at 94 Terrace Road, North Richmond (exterior)

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Caption: Barn/former shearing shed at 94 Terrace Road, North Richmond (exterior)

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Slab Barn with Side Skillions
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	The Terraces
ADDRESS	
	227 Terrace Road, North Richmond
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Currency
LOT/DP	Lot 410 DP 715738
SHI No.	1743053
EXISTING HERITAGE	Y – Item No. I415 (SHI 1741828)
ITEM? RECOMMENDED MANAGE	MENT
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing.
SUMMARY	Retain as local heritage item.
SCHIVITAL	Site inspection required to clarify construction methods, condition and
	integrity.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	1 ··· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	?
CURRENT USE	?
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	Immediately north of a two-storey house and approximately 30m east of
	Brahma Road. Access was not available. This description is based on viewing
	from the road.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	A tall (probably two-storey) barn approximately 10 x 5m on plan with a 9m
	wide side skillion and a 5m wide end skillion.
	The 2010 record of this barn by Graham Edds and Associates notes that the end skillion contained a sandstock brick fireplace with a very tall chimney.
	The property owner recently advised Council staff that this chimney fell
	down in a storm a few years ago.
	Condition: Not known.
NO. OF BAYS	Four?
ROOF STRUCTURE	Roof pitch is approximately 30°.
LOFT	The height of the barn indicates that it probably has a full first floor rather
	than a loft but this would need to be verified by inspection.
CIVIL LON 1	Condition: Not known
SKILLION 1	The 9m wide skillion on the northern side is partly enclosed and partly open
	and the roofing is in different condition on each part indicating that it was extended.
	Condition: Not known
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron.
ROOI CLAIDDING.	Condition: Poor, gutter missing on south side.
WALL OLADDING	
WALL CLADDING	Remnant vertical timber slabs at west end but mostly clad in corrugated iron.  Condition: Not known
HISTORY	Condition. Not known
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Anne Potts, wife of Robert Potts, Richmond was granted 113 acres (Portion 134, Parish Currency) at The Terrace, Kurrajong on 30 November 1838. The land had originally been promised on or before 30 October 1813 by Governor Lachlan Macquarie and was part of 200 acres promised to Jonathan Griffiths before that date. It was granted to Anne Potts in accordance with the report on Case Number 132 of 23 November 1837 by the Court of Claims under 5 Wm IV No 21.

By a deed of Lease and release dated 1 and 2 September 1840, Robert Potts and his wife Anne sold the 113

acres to Henry Fisher for £300. Henry Fisher mortgaged it to Robert Cooper along with land on Surry Hills on 19 and 20 November 1841 for £3,500. By a conveyance of 27 November 1844, Henry Fisher, Sydney, rectifier, transferred the 113 acres to Robert Cooper junior, Sydney, wine and spirit merchant for £4,210, in payment for an earlier mortgage. Robert Cooper junior became insolvent on 22 March 1848.

By a deed of Release of 27 December 1850, trustees for the widow of Robert Cooper junior transferred the 113 acres to Thomas Walter Chapman, of Rocky Point, gentleman in consideration for Chapman paying off Cooper's debts on an existing mortgage. Thomas Walter Chapman died on 23 October 1863.

The trustees of the Chapman family conveyed the grant to Henry Turner, Richmond, storekeeper for £3,500 on 20 February 1882.

A road survey of February 1892 showed the two storey building near the road that is currently on the site. Henry Turner had originally been in business in Richmond as a baker but sold his business and house in Bosworth Street and moved to this site. By May 1893, Henry Turner, of The Terrace, North Richmond, was advertising that 'The Terrace Creamery Company' would purchase pure milk from local suppliers. The same advertisement appeared on a number of occasions. The creamery was reported to be at Turner's residence in North Richmond. The creamery business does not appear to have survived for long.

A Certificate of Title was issued to Henry Turner, Richmond, orchardist on 29 November 1893 for 293 acres 2 roods 20 perches, covering the grants to Anne Potts, Philip Thorley, and part of Samuel Thorley's grant. Henry Turner advertised properties for auction sale on 12 September 1894 in the town of Richmond plus 3 farm lots at The Terrace, North Richmond. The first farm lot was described as 123½ acres including a brick dwelling, dairy, stables, barn, hayshed and stockyards for sale. Details of the properties for sale were available from his residence 'The Terrace'. The first lot of 123½ acres appears to relate to the current property. The property did not sell at this time. In 1895 Turner took out a mortgage over the property and in 1908 the mortgagee The Mutual Life Association of Australasia sold the property to Joseph Stinson, grazier of Blayney. Based on the history of the property and what is known of the physical evidence, it appears the barn is associated with Henry Turner's period of ownership and is contemporary with the late Victorian house.

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REFERENCES	Grants, Volume 54 No 169A
	Old System Deed, No 100 Bk T
	Old System Deed, No 374 Bk Y
	Old System Deed, No 241 Bk 20
	Old System Deed, No 353 Bk 240
	R.371a.1603, Crown Plan
	Certificate of Title, Volume 1113 folio 102
	Windsor and Richmond Gazette, 13 May 1893, p 3 & 9
	Windsor and Richmond Gazette, 1 Sept 1894, p 9

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 227 Terrace Road, North Richmond is of historical significance as a surviving late 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn that provides evidence of the long term agricultural use of the land, first granted in 1838.

The two-storey barn (now clad in corrugated metal) with side and end skillions forms part of a small farm complex with notable late Victorian dwelling and associated outbuildings and animal shelters, that makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands in the North Richmond locality. In its overall form and configuration, it is a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE	Local
TYPE	
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No. 227 Terrace Road, North Richmond, is of historical significance as a surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn and as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land, first granted to Robert and Ann Potts in 1838, passing through the hands of a number of subsequent owners and in continuous agricultural use since the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Dating from the late 19 <sup>th</sup> century, the barn appears to be associated with Henry Turner, baker, orchardist and dairyman, who owned the property from 1889 until 1908 and was responsible for the construction of the late Victorian house known as The Terraces.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL	The barn is not associated with any person of historical note.
ASSOCIATION	Does not meet the criterion.

CRITERIA C)	Located at the rear of a two storey late Victorian dwelling of unusual
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	design, the corrugated metal clad timber framed barn, forms part of a
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	small farm complex with associated timber framed, corrugated metal clad
	outbuildings and animal shelters. Visible from Brahma Road the barn
	makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural
	lands in the North Richmond locality.
	The two storey barn with side and end skillions is potentially of some
	technical significance for demonstrating late 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction
	methods for agricultural buildings and providing further information into
	the historical uses of the property.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The form of the barn, with gabled roof and skillions, has the potential to
POTENTIAL	provide further information into late 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods.
	Potentially meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at 227 Terrace Road, North Richmond, is considered to be rare
	within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area, as a
	two storey barn.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA G)	The barn at 227 Terrace Road, North Richmond is representative of the
REPRESENTATIVE	long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the
	Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the late 18th century and
	continues today.
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillions and lofts is
	representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Unknown

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Caption: Barn at No. 227 Terrace Road, North Richmond Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Complex of two barns, stables and corn store
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Bona Vista
ADDRESS	11 Amelia Grove, Pitt Town
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 131 DP 1025876
SHI No.	1743099
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- I286 (Heritage Item No. 1741703)
ITEM?	, ,
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Recommended for State heritage listing- site access required to confirm
SUMMARY	integrity.
	Retain as a local heritage item
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barns and Corn shed
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	1880s
CURRENT USE	Unknown
FORMER USE	Barns and agricultural outbuildings.
LOCATION ON SITE:	Group of timber slab buildings to the south of the house, mainly clustered in
LOCATION ON SITE.	the SE corner of the site.
	NB Access to the site was denied but we were able to establish the existence
	of the buildings, their general condition and photograph some from the
	perimeter of the site. Only 2 buildings are described based on 2023
	inspection. See below also for 2010 descriptions.
DESCRIPTION BARN A	inspection, see below also for 2010 descriptions.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	A large barn 12.7 x 6.2m on plan and 5m to eaves supported on round posts
WITH BIRTH STREET CRE	with a skillions along the south and west sides.
	Condition: Good
	Date: 1880s
NO. OF BAYS	Four
ROOF STRUCTURE	Round timber rafters with 45° pitch.
ROOT STREETERE	Condition: Moderate
	Date: 1880s
LOFT	N/A
SKILLION 1	Skillion on southern side is early as evidenced by adzed square eaves plate.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: 1880s
SKILLION 2	Western skillion (not noted on 2010 Edds plan) has similar construction to the
	rest of the barn.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: 1880s
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron short sheets
TOOL CLAID DITTO	Condition: Moderate
	Date: Not known
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs arranged in two levels with upper level fixed to outside
	of structure and lower level fixed to inside.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: 1880s
OPENINGS	Full height opening and double gates in one bay on eastern side of main barn
FLOORING (GROUND)	Not known
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not known
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OTHER (Fixings?)	Not known
CURRENT USE	Not known
CHANGES FROM 2010?	None
DESCRIPTION BARN B CO	RN SHED
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	A horizontal log walled structure with overlapping corners and suspended
	timber floor.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: 1880s
ROOF STRUCTURE	Gabled roof with 45° pitch.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: 1880s
LOFT	Loft assumed to be at eaves level as evidenced by upper level opening in
	north end.
	Condition: Not known
	Date: 1880s
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron short sheets
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: Not known
WALL CLADDING	Horizontal timber logs with weatherboards in gable ends.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: 1880s
OPENINGS	Full height opening and double gates in one bay on eastern side of main barn
FLOORING (GROUND)	Timber slabs laid on log footings.
FLOORING (LOFT)	Not known
CURRENT USE	Not known

The following description of the 5 outbuildings is from the 'Pitt Town Slab Barn Study', 1991, by Graham Edds and Associates.

### A. Large Single Storey Slab Barn with Skillion Description:

Large single storey barn with skillion on longitudinal side. Walls comprised of vertical slabs in two lifts with horizontal boarding at gable ends. Corrugated iron roof. Central area of barn 12.7m x 6.2m. Located above the 100 year flood level.

Structure: Post and beam structure - simply supported roof. Combination round and square adzed timbers. Roof braced with collar ties and diagonal bracing. Corner junction strengthened by wrought iron bolted spike.

# B. Horizontal Log Outbuilding - Corn Store Description:

Horizontal log outbuilding. Crossed at corners bearing large circular base plates directly on ground. Horizontal splayed boarding at gabled ends. Horizontal boards on eastern side weathering badly. Gable roof originally shingled now clad with iron. Used as a corn store. Central area of outbuilding 6.7m x 4.5m. Located above the 100 year flood level.

Structure: Horizontal logs crossed at corners, etc. Double bearers placed centrally to support slab floor.

# C. Single Storey Barn - Stable (Former) Description:

Single storey barn with vertical slabs and horizontal boarding at gable ends. Divided in plan to form stables. Hollowed out log feed trough remains in stables. Structure altered for farm machinery storage (larger span at entrance ways). Located above the 100 year flood level.

Structure: Post structure in ground originally at close centres. 'A' frame simple supported gable roof sheeted in corrugated iron. All walls comprise vertical slabs.

### D. Single Storey Barn with Loft Description:

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Single storey with loft and gabled roof. Vertical slabs fixed to inside of plates. Internal divisions with slabs. Combination round and square adzed timbers. Later external access to loft. Ogee gutter remains. Located above the 100 year flood level.

Structure: Post beam with posts at large centres. Timber rounds in ground, slabs in ground and spiked at top.

#### E. Single Storey Structure (demolished) Description:

Single storey vertical slab clad structure. Central section gabled and low skillion on both longitudinal sides. Incorporated within larger shed complex. Located above the 100 year flood level.

Structure: Post structure with simply supported roof. Roof members with large spans and sagging. Evidence of termite damage.

#### **HISTORY**

The following history has been extracted from the inventory sheet for the local listing for the house and barns (Item No. 1286, Heritage Item No. 1741703)

Bona Vista, No. 11 Amelia Grove, Pitt Town is located on a portion of the 200 acre grant made to Benjamin Jones in 1803. In that same year, Jones received a further 200 acre grant on the up-lands at Pitt Town, which he assigned to his four children. Jones was an ex-convict who had been transported for 7 years, arriving as part of the Third Fleet. Portions of Jones's land was managed by his step-son Henry Fleming who later married Elizabeth Hall, daughter of George Hall, who built Percy Place.

Benjamin Jones died in 1837 and following the death of his wife Mary the following year, the original 200 acre grant was sold to George Hall and his son-in-law William Johnston. In 1838, Hall and Johnston divided the land creating Bootles Lane with Hall retaining the northern portion and Johnston the southern portion. In the 1880s, the land was sold to James Henry Johnston (the northern portion) and his parents William and Mary Johnston (the southern portion).

An 1881 lithographic map for the auction of the land shows Bona Vista as vacant. It has been assumed that the barns were relocated to Bona Vista at some time after 1881 by the Johnstons.

James Henry Johnston built the Bona Vista homestead in the 1880s and following his death by drowning in the Hawkesbury River in 1928, the agricultural use of the property continued.

In the 1990s, the land was rezoned to allow subdivision and the property was subdivided, with the Bona Vista homestead retaining 5 acres while the surrounding land was developed for residential uses.

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REFERENCES	Inventory sheet for Bona Vista (House and Slab Barns) (Item No. I286, Heritage Item No. 1741703)
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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The slab barns and timber outbuildings at Bona Vista form part of a group of late 19<sup>th</sup> century farm buildings of historical and aesthetic significance, associated with an historic property established in the early 1800s by ex-convict Benjamin Jones.

Located on a large allotment, a remnant of the original 200 acre grant, the group of outbuildings, together with the main house, are set within a landscaped setting, that together makes a strong contribution to the historical character of Pitt Town.

In their overall form the slab barns and timber outbuildings are representative examples of historic timber framed agricultural outbuildings found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area and retaining the only remaining horizontal log corn store outbuilding.

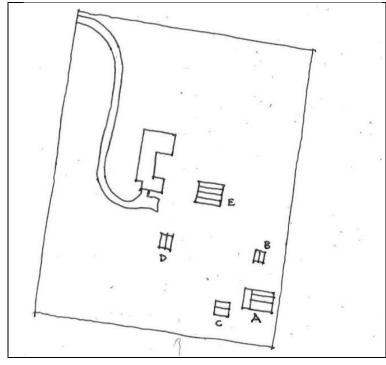
The Bona Vista complex, including the slab barns and timber outbuildings, is one of a small number of large scale homesteads or estates to survive within the Hawkesbury Region, making the property and its collection of original late 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings rare on a local level.

ASSESSED	State
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The group of slab barns and timber outbuildings at Bona Vista are of
HISTORICAL	historical significance as a group of surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup> century agricultural
	buildings, still associated with the original 1880s homestead, and located on
	the remnants of an original 200 acre grant made in the early 1800s to ex-
	convict Benjamin Jones. Bona Vista played an important role in the historical
	development of Pitt Town where an extensive citrus orchard occupied a large
	portion of the property.
	Meets the criterion on a State level.
CRITERIA B)	The group of agricultural outbuildings have historical associations with James
HISTORICAL	Henry Johnston who built the main house, and it is assumed the outbuildings.
ASSOCIATION	Johnston was associated by marriage with George Hall of Percy Place, a
	successful landowner in the Hawkesbury and later the Hunter region.
	Meets the criterion on a State level.
CRITERIA C)	The group of slab barns and timber outbuildings, together with the main
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	house, set within a large, landscaped allotment, are of aesthetic significance
	and make a strong contribution to the historical character of Pitt Town.
	Site access is required to establish technical significance.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,

	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	Constructed in the 1880s, the slab barns and timber outbuildings have
POTENTIAL	research potential to provide further information into the agricultural
	development of the Pitt Town area as well as information into late 19 <sup>th</sup>
	century farming methods.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The Bona Vista complex, including the slab barns and timber outbuildings, is
•	one of a small number of large scale homesteads or estates to survive within
	the Hawkesbury Region, making the property and its collection of original
	late 19 <sup>th</sup> century buildings rare. The presence of the corn store outbuilding
	forming part of the assemblage is considered very rare.
	Meets the criterion on a State level
CRITERIA G)	The group of slab and timber agricultural outbuildings at Bona Vista are
REPRESENTATIVE	representative of the long history of agricultural development within the
	Hawkesbury area, which commenced in the late 18th century and continues
	today.
	The basic form of the outbuildings with gabled roofs, lofts, skillions and slab
	wall cladding is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout
	the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
INTEGRITY/	Unknown- appear to be moderate to high
INTACTNESS	
RECOMMENDED MANAGI	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Recommended for State heritage listing- site access required to confirm
SUMMARY	integrity.
	Retain as a local heritage item

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Caption: Sketch site plan identifying location of the slab barns and timber outbuildings. Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton

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Caption: Barn A at Bona Vista

complex

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Caption: Barn A at Bona Vista

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Caption: Barn B at Bona Vista

complex

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Caption: Barn C at Bona Vista

complex

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Caption: Barn D at Bona Vista

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Caption: Barn E at Bona Vista

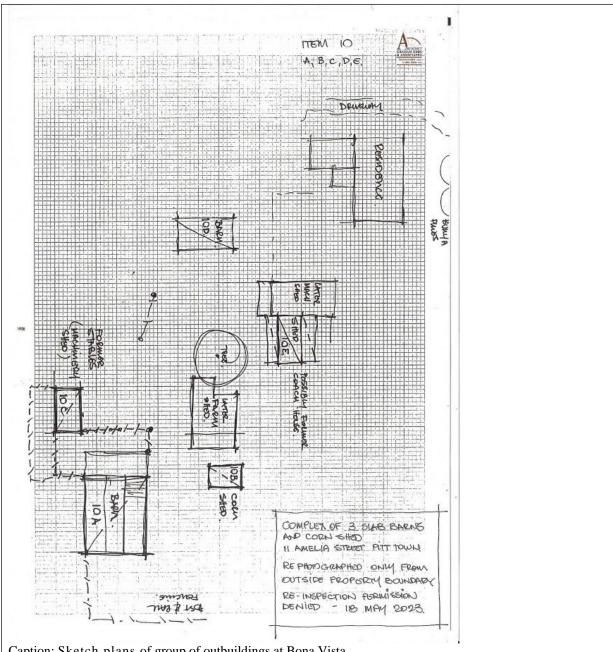
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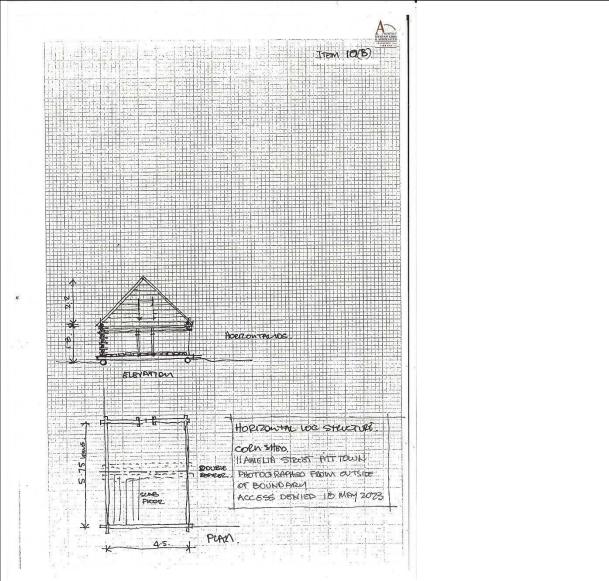
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Caption: Sketch plans of group of outbuildings at Bona Vista

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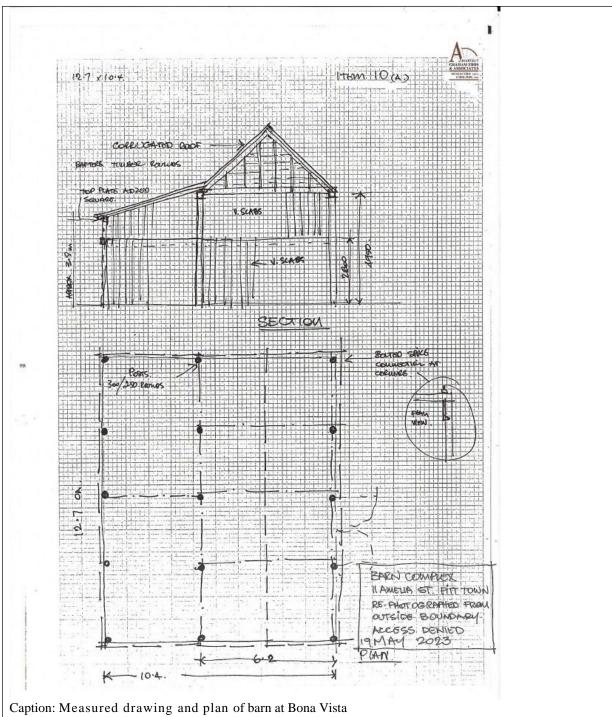
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Caption: Measured drawing and plan of corn shed at Bona Vista

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ITEM DETAILS	ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft and Skillion	
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Pitt Town Hardware Produce and Fuel / A & J Produce Store	
ADDRESS	85 Bathurst Road, Pitt Town	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	Pitt Town	
LOT/DP	Lot 3 DP 627983	
SHI No.	1743103	
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Local I280 (SHI No. 1740005)	
ITEM		
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State heritage listing	
SUMMARY	Retain as local heritage item.	
	Site visit required to confirm interior details and intactness.	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION		
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn or Stables	
DESCRIPTION		
CIRCA	Y	
PERIOD	Early to mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century	
MODIFICATION/DATES	2004 – partially rebuilt	
CURRENT USE	Real Estate Agent	
FORMER USE	Barn	

The physical description below is an extract from the 'Pitt Town Slab Barn Study', 1991, by Graham Edds and Associates and updated based on Council files. No internal access provided in 2023.

Single storey barn with loft and skillion on longitudinal section with later additional skillion extension. Clad externally in half sawn logs with weatherboard cladding (2004) to loft level and corrugated metal to west elevation and skillion extension. Some slab survives to north elevation. Originally has shingled roof, now corrugated metal. Later addition openings including loft windows with external steel stairs to north elevation.

1991: Central area of barn 12m x 5.9m. Ground floor with floor boarding, skillion area concrete slab surface. Post set in ground extending to loft beam. Combination of rounds and broad axed timbers. Loft with floor boarding. Posts at 2.0m centres generally.

2004: Interiors reclad with FC sheeting and weatherproofing behind timber slabs and logs.

### HISTORY

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By 1816, No. 85 Bathurst Road, Pitt Town, located at the corner of Bathurst and Grenville Street (part Portion 73, Parish of Pitt Town), was held by Moses Nelson, ex-convict who arrived in the colony in 1792 having been transported for 7 years. Nelson died in 1836.

The land together with a house was sold to Abraham Johnson, who also purchased the adjacent allotment. Neither of these legal transactions were registered.

The 1843 town plan of Pitt Town by surveyor J. J. Galloway shows two structures located in the corner allotment in the ownership of Abraham Johnson, one in the location of the current barn. Johnston arrived as a free-settler in the colony in 1802.

On 4 April 1870, Abraham Johnston, gentleman of Gilligal, Liverpool Plains conveyed these two lots to John Johnston, farmer of Portland Head for £100. He held on to the land until his death in December 1903. His will proved in March 1904, left his house and appurtenances to his widow Elizabeth. The valuation of his land after his death listed a timber six roomed house, plus stables, corn shed and other buildings.

Presumably the stables or corn shed were the slab building. The nearby property at No. 93 Bathurst Street which previously also contained a small slab barn/outbuilding (demolished since 2010 study) also formed part of A. Johnston's land.

The property was conveyed to Matthew Johnston in January 1924.

<b>REFERENCES</b> State heritage invo	
No 358 Bk 119; No 152 Bk 771; No 62 Bk 1395; Deceased Estate I SRNSW 20/237	entory (Heritage ID 1740005)  File, John Johnston, Pitt Town, duty paid 27/4/04, t Town, surveyor J.J. Galloway, 1843

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 85 Bathurst Road, Pitt Town is of historical significance as a surviving early to mid 19<sup>th</sup> century barn that appears to be associated with Abraham Johnston, farmer and free-settler, who held the property from the 1830s to the 1870s.

The single storey barn with loft and skillion contributes to the historic character of Pitt Town and its overall form and configuration is representative of the historic barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

Constructed in the early to mid 19<sup>th</sup> century and modified in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century/early 21st century, the barn is of moderate to little integrity, although it is still of some technical significance for retaining surviving evidence of its original construction date half sawn logs, timber slabs and (assumed) evidence that the building was originally shingled.

building was originally simigled	building was originally shingled.	
ASSESSED	Local	
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE		
CRITERIA A)	The barn at No. 85 Bathurst Road, Pitt Town is of historical significance as	
HISTORICAL	a surviving early to mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century barn that remains relatively intact.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA B)	The barn potentially has historical associations with Abraham Johnston, a	
HISTORICAL	free-settler and farmer, who it is assumed built the barn and who owned the	
ASSOCIATION	property from the 1830s to the 1870s.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA C)	The single storey barn with loft and skillion at No. 85 Bathurst Road, Pitt	
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Town, continues to contribute to the historical character of the town of Pitt	
	Town. Although modified and partially reclad in weatherboards and	
	converted for use as commercial premises, the barn has some technical	
	significance for retaining evidence of its early to mid 19th century	
	construction including half sawn logs and timber slabs as external cladding	
	and (assumed) evidence that the building was originally shingled.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local	
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural	
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,	
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated	
	with these building types.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The form of the barn, with skillion and loft and retaining some evidence of	
POTENTIAL	19 <sup>th</sup> century construction techniques, has the potential to provide further	
	information into 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 85 Bathurst Road, Pitt Town is not considered to be rare	
	within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA G)	The barn at No. 85 Bathurst Road, Pitt Town is representative of the long	
REPRESENTATIVE	history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the	
	Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and	
	continues today.	
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillion and loft is	
	representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
INTEGRITY/	Moderate to little integrity	

# INTACTNESS

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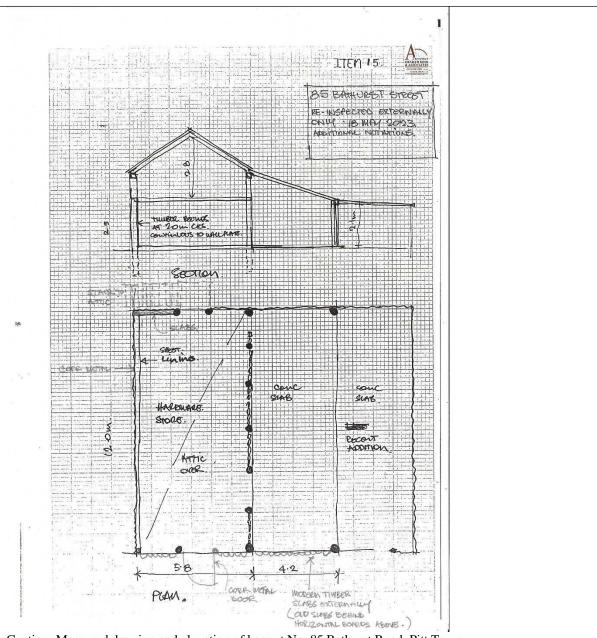
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Caption: Barn at No. 85 Bathurst Road, Pitt Town (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd Date: May 2023



Caption: Barn at No. 85 Bathurst Road, Pitt Town (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd Date: May 2023



Caption: Measured drawing and elevation of barn at No. 85 Bathurst Road, Pitt Town

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ITEM DETAILS		
	Cinala Channa Tanna Clab Dana Danadiahad	
NAME	Single Storey Town Slab Barn- Demolished	
ADDRESS	93 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	Pitt Town	
LOT/DP	Lot 2 DP 602297	
SHI No.	1743102	
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	N	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT		
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State or local listing	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION		
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn	
DESCRIPTION		
CIRCA	Y	
PERIOD	Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century?	
MODIFICATION/DATES	?	
CURRENT USE	N/A- Demolished	
FORMER USE	Barn	

2023: Barn has been demolished

[2010 inventory sheet]

Description:

The physical description below is an extract from the 'Pitt Town Slab Barn Study', 1991, by Graham Edds and Associates. This 2009 study has recorded changes/deterioration within the modification date field.

Single storey with loft. Vertical slab walls. Weatherboarding in roof and in gable ends. Double entry doors in longitudinal section with original door hinges. Originally had shingle roof. Elevation exposed to weather suffering most damage. Central area of barn 6.4m x 3.9m. Located within the town above the 100 year flood level.

Structure

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Post and beam structure. Corner posts and some intermediate posts continue to full wall height. Stud framing between posts in attic wall clad with horizontal boards - below this vertical slabs. Square adzed timbers. Floor joists rounds with adzed top surfaced for boarding. Characteristic lean.

INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS Demolished

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Weatherboard cottage
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Vine Cottage
ADDRESS	132 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 1000076
SHI No.	1743101
EXISTING HERITAGE	Y (I285)
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT	No barn located on this allotment.
SUMMARY	
	Not recommended for State or local listing
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	-
DESCRIPTION	

Previously recorded as 132-134 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town

132 Bathurst Street contains only a Federation weatherboard cottage and shed

No slab barn located on this allotment – see 134 Bathurst Street.

Vine cottage and the adjacent barn at 134 Bathurst Street were once located on the same allotment.

### HISTORY

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Former soldier John Brown was granted 25 acres in the district of Mulgrave Place on 1 May 1797. By 1806, he had purchased part of 'Boston's Swamp' to the west. Joseph Smith of Pitt Town was the owner of this land when he died on 20 September 1856. His son also named Joseph Smith of Mudgee, sold  $41\frac{1}{2}$  acres comprising the northern part of Brown's grant and part of John Boston's grant to the west to Roger Ryan, farmer of Pitt Town for £1,550. The property appears to have remained in the hands of the Ryan family until late in the 20th century. At some stage, the  $41\frac{1}{2}$  acres was subdivided with residential allotments fronting Bathurst Street, including 132 Bathurst Street.

Grants Vol 2 No 152
C J Baxter, Musters of New South Wales and Norfolk Island 1805-1806,
ABGR, Sydney, 1989, entry BO170
Jan Barkley-Jack, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed, p 56
Old System Deed, No 738 Book 320

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Skillion
ADDRESS	134 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 2 DP 1000076
SHI No.	1743101
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Item I468 (listed as 132-134 Bathurst Street, Heritage Item No.
ITEM?	1740010)
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	
MANAGEMENT	Recommend for State heritage listing
SUMMARY	Retain as local heritage item. Address should be 134 Bathurst Street only.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	,
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Early 19th century
CURRENT USE	Hay barn
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	Close to the road on the north-western fringe of Pitt Town. Access not
	granted. Barn described based on previous 2010 study and as seen from
	public road.
DESCRIPTION	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	A long single storey barn 12.3 x 5.3m on plan with partial loft and side
Will Britain STREETERS	skillion. Supported on closely spaced squared posts mortised and tenoned to flat longitudinal beams.
	Condition: Poor – posts rotted through at 2.4m height on south side, top
	plate is rotten and split, roof is leaking. Barn can still be saved if repairs
	done soon.
NO OFFICE	Date: Early-19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Ten
ROOF STRUCTURE	Sawn rafters and battens spaced for iron pitched at approximately 30°.
	Appears to be an early replacement.
	Condition: Poor
	Date: mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	Supported on sawn rectangular joists connected to sides of each post.
	Condition: Poor
SKH LION 1	Date: early-19 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 1	Supported on closely spaced squared posts like the main barn. Longitudinal beam is trenched to accept post tenons and shaped ends of vertical slabs.
	Constructed together with main body of the barn.
	Condition: Poor
	Date: early-19 <sup>th</sup> century
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron
	Condition: Poor
	Date: Unknown
WALL CLADDING	
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs between posts, corrugated iron to gable.
	Condition: Poor Date: early 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
OPENINGS	Central opening between main barn and skillion
FLOORING (GROUND)	Earth

FLOORING (LOFT)	Timber boarding
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Earth
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	N/A
OTHER (Fixings?)	Mortise and tenon joints, slabs nailed to beams with large spikes.
CHANGES FROM 2010?	None
HISTORY	

Former soldier John Brown was granted 25 acres (Portion 42, Parish Pitt Town) in the district of Mulgrave Place on 1 May 1797. By 1806, he had purchased part of John Boston's land known as 'Boston's Swamp' to the west.

Joseph Smith of Pitt Town was the owner of this land when he died on 20 September 1856 and the land passed to his wife Mary Smith. In 1885, his son also named Joseph Smith of Mudgee, sold 41½ acres comprising the northern part of Brown's grant and part of John Boston's grant to the west to Roger Ryan, farmer of Pitt Town for £1,550. Ryan, a free settler, acquired several other properties in Pitt Town, including the property to the north originally granted to John Bootle and put his son Hugh on it. Ryan placed his son Thomas John Ryan upon Brown's grant.

The property remained in the hands of the Ryan family until late in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when the land was purchased by David and Kathleen Sinclair.

Based on the physical evidence, the main barn and skillion were constructed together in the early  $19^{th}$  century, possibly by Joseph Smith or other early owner/tenant. The roof structure appears to have been replaced in the mid  $19^{th}$  century.

REFERENCES	Grants Vol 2 No 152
	C J Baxter, Musters of New South Wales and Norfolk Island 1805-1806, ABGR, Sydney, 1989, entry BO170
	Jan Barkley-Jack, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed, p 56
	Old System Deeds, No 738 Book 320, No 799 Book 188, No 894 Book 3668

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 134 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town is of historical significance as a rare, surviving early 19<sup>th</sup> century barn of unusual construction, that remains in agricultural use. Located on a portion of a 25 acre grant made to former soldier John Brown in 1797, the barn is associated with early owner Joseph Smith who owned the property by the 1850s and Roger Ryan and his descendants who purchased the property in the mid 1800s and retained the land until the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Sited within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the barn is historically associated with a weatherboard cottage at No. 132 Bathurst Street that together make a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands along Bathurst Street, Pitt Town.

The barn is of technical significance for retaining surviving early 19<sup>th</sup> century construction techniques including closely spaced squared posts mortised and tenoned to beams, and slabs nailed to beams with large spikes. Unusually the skillion was constructed together with the main barn using the same detailing, although the roof structure appears to have been replaced in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century as the roof battening is for iron. The overall form, configuration and detailing of the barn, makes it a good representative example of the historic barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

ASSESSED	State
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The barn at No. 134 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town Bottoms is of historical
HISTORICAL	significance as a surviving early 19 <sup>th</sup> century barn that remains in agricultural use and as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land, first established in 1797 by former solider John Brown.  Meets the criterion on a State level.

CRITERIA B)	The barn has historical associations with Roger Ryan and his descendants, a
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HISTORICAL	successful farming family who owned numerous properties throughout the
ASSOCIATION	Hawkesbury region. The Ryan family obtained the property in the late 19 <sup>th</sup>
	century and appear to have retained ownership until the late 20 <sup>th</sup> century.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C)	Historically associated with the weatherboard cottage located at 132
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Bathurst Street, the large barn is sited close to the road within the
	floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, and it makes a strong contribution to
	the historical character of the agricultural landscape along Bathurst Street.
	The barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its early 19 <sup>th</sup>
	century construction date including closely spaced squared posts mortised
	and tenoned to beams, roof battening for iron, and slabs nailed to beams
	with large spikes. Unusually the skillion was constructed together with the
	main barn of the same detailing.
	Meets the criterion on a State level.
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CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The form, configuration and detailing of the barn, has the potential to
POTENTIAL	provide further information into early 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods and
	construction techniques for agricultural buildings of the period.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 134 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town is rare within the context of
	the Hawkesbury City local government area, as a surviving early 19 <sup>th</sup>
	century timber slab barns of unusual construction, that remains in
	agricultural use today.
	Meets the criterion on a State level.
CRITERIA G)	The barn at No. 134 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town is representative of the long
REPRESENTATIVE	
REFRESENTATIVE	history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century and continues
	today.
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillion and loft is
	representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/	Moderate
INTACTNESS	
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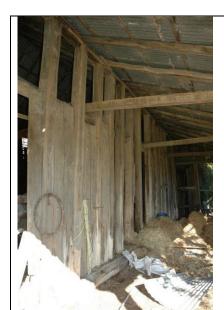
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Caption: Barn at No. 134 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town (exterior) Photographer: G. Edds

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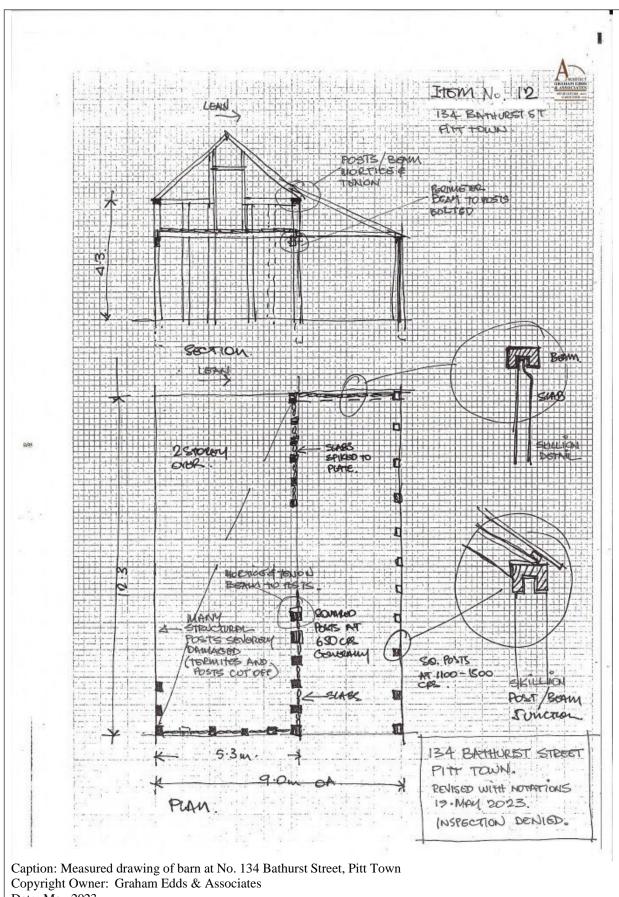
Caption: Barn at No. 134 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town

(interior)

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft
ADDRESS	
	142 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 101 DP 1286274
SHI No.	1743100
EXISTING HERITAGE	Y - Item no. I288 and I1007 (1740053)
ITEM?	ALL VIEW
RECOMMENDED MANAGEN	
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State heritage listing.
SUMMARI	Retain as local heritage item.  Site inspection required to confirm condition and integrity.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	Site inspection required to commin condition and integrity.
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	?
CURRENT USE	Machinery store
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	This barn is orientated north-south and located approximately 100m west
Econicon on site.	of Bathurst Street and 800m south of the Hawkesbury River.
	NB Access was denied to the site. This description is based on previous
	inspection by Graham Edds & Associates in 2010 and by viewing the site
	from the road.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	A large single-storey barn 14 x 6.8m on plan supported on adzed square
	posts at approx. 1.8m centres, including unusually 3 intermediate posts
	forming 4 bays across the front and rear. It has a loft at eaves level. Posts
	are mortised and tenoned to pit-sawn beams.
	Condition: Not known- Sag in roof halfway along eastern side.
220 022 1220	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Seven (originally eight)
ROOF STRUCTURE	Triangular roof of approximately 45° pitch, with round rafters, previously
	shingled.
	Condition: Sagging halfway along eastern side.
	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	Gable ends had stud framing and weatherboard. This could not be
	confirmed as obscured by outer corrugated steel cladding.
	Condition: Not known.
GYTY Y YOU'L	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 1	None
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated steel
	Condition: Good
	Date: Recent
WALL CLADDING	Corrugated iron over vertical timber slabs remaining around northern end.
WALL CLADDING	Condition: Not known
	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
OPENINGS	Large central opening on east and west sides.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete slab
FLOORING (LOFT)	Not known

FLOORING (SKILLION)	N/A
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	N/A
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Skillion on western and north sides and slab and timber cladding removed. Corrugated metal cladding and roofing replaced.

### HISTORY

The barn at 142 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town is located on part of a 30 acre grant (Portion 41, Parish Pitt Town) made to John Bootle, ex-convict (also known as Booth) in 1797, to be known as Booth's Farm.

In 1811 the 30 acre property by then known as Bootle's Farm was held by James Dunn who transferred the property to Hugh Kelly in 1827. Kelly was an ex-convict who became a successful farmer and businessman, initially taking up with the widow of his master, the beneficiary of a135 acre land grant near Parramatta. Kelly received his own land grant on the Windsor Road, Kellyville in 1818 and acquired further land in the locality, establishing an inn known as the Half Way House or The Bird in Hand. The suburb of Kellyville named after Hugh Kelly was established in 1884 following subdivision of his land holdings.

Kelly died in 1835 and the property passed to Kelly's daughter, Louisa and her husband Thomas Henry Hart. Thomas Hart, ex-convict, was already well-established as a farmer and merchant trader, as by 1816 he held 1856 acres, 210 of which were cleared and cultivated and he owned 200 horned cattle.

In 1870, the property was transferred to Hugh Joseph Hart, son of Thomas and Louisa, and in 1876, Bootle's Farm (along with other land) was purchased by Roger Ryan. Ryan also purchased a portion land to the south (Portion 42), as well as part of the land to the west (Portion 260). Ryan was a substantial local landholder, with property in Pitt Town, Pitt Town Bottoms and Freemans Reach. His son Hugh Ryan was placed on the property, and it appears to have remained in the hands of the Ryan family until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 1920, Hugh Ryan sold the property to E.P. Horn, farmer.

Based on the physical evidence from 2010, the barn appears to be early 19<sup>th</sup> century and is probably associated with the Kelly period of ownership, although as Kelly appears to have concentrated his farming and business in the Parramatta district it is assumed the property was tenanted or leased.

REFERENCES	Old System Deed, No 46 Bk 793; No 760 Bk 959; No 799 Bk 1988; RPA
	17761
	Grant register Serial 2 pg. 199
	Windsor and Richmond Gazette, Fri 11 Jun 1920 Page 4
	https://hillstohawkesbury.com.au/there-and-no-where-else
	https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/kelly/hugh/133321

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 142 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town is of historical significance as a rare, surviving, early 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn that is associated with ex-convict Hugh Kelly, a successful farmer and businessman from the Parramatta district, after whom the suburb of Kellyville is named. The Kelly family held the property from the 1820s to the 1870s.

The large single storey barn with skillion, sited in a large open paddock, makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands along Bathurst Street and the Pitt Town locality. In its overall form and configuration, it is a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

The barn is of technical significance for demonstrating early 19<sup>th</sup> century construction methods for agricultural buildings including adzed square posts, loft at eaves level, posts mortised and tenoned to pit-sawn beams and evidence of an originally shingled roof and has the potential to provide further information into early 19<sup>th</sup> century farming methods and construction techniques.

ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE	Local
TYPE	
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No. 142 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town is of historical
	significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land,
	first granted to ex-convict John Bootle (Booth) in 1797 and in
	continuous agricultural use since that time.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level

CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL	Dating from the early 19th century, the barn appears to be associated
ASSOCIATION	with Hugh Kelly, a successful farmer and businessman who had
	substantial land holdings and an inn in the Parramatta district. The
	suburb of Kellyville is named for Hugh Kelly. The property was held
	by Kelly and subsequently his daughter from the 1820s to the 1870s.
	Meets the criterion on a State level
CRITERIA C)	Located in a large paddock, the large, corrugated metal clad timber
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	framed barn with rear skillion, makes a strong contribution to the
	historical character of the agricultural lands along Bathurst Street and
	the Pitt Town locality.
	The single storey barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence
	of its early 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction including adzed square posts, loft at
	eaves level, posts mortised and tenoned to pit-sawn beams and evidence
	of an originally shingled roof.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the
	agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous
	exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage
	listings associated with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The barn, with skillion and lofts and retaining evidence of early 19 <sup>th</sup>
POTENTIAL	century construction techniques, has the potential to provide further
	information into early 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods and construction
	techniques.
	Meets the criterion on a State level
CRITERIA F) RARITY	Dating from the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century, the barn at 142 Bathurst Street, Pitt
,	Town is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury
	City local government area.
	Meets the criterion on a State level
CRITERIA G)	The barn at 142 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town is representative of the long
REPRESENTATIVE	history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the
	Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and
	continues today.
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillion and lofts is
	representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate integrity/intactness.

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Caption: Barn at
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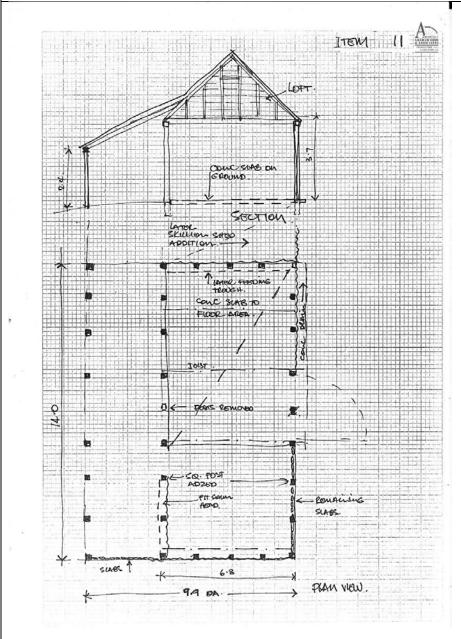


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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn at No.142 Bathurst Street, Pitt Town Copyright Owner: Graham Edds & Associates Date: 2010

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ITEM DETAILS	O 1 CT CILD SILVE
NAME	Complex of Two Slab Barns with Lofts
OTHER/FORMER	Strathmore
NAMES	
ADDRESS	20-22 Buckingham Street, Pitt Town
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 101 DP 1150587
SHI No.	1743105
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Item I290 (Heritage Item No. 1740014)
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAG	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State heritage listing.
SUMMARY	Retain as local heritage item.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	D. T.
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	Barn
DESCRIPTION	V
CIRCA	Y Mid-Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century with 20 <sup>th</sup> century alterations
PERIOD CURRENT USE	
	Storage/vacant  Page 2
FORMER USE	Barns
LOCATION ON SITE:	Two barns are located on the south side of this town site behind a stone cottage
	dated 1890s.  Barn 1 has a habitable loft with added dormers and is adjacent to a swimming
	pool enclosure.
	Barn 2 is a larger structure overgrown with ivy.
DESCRIPTION BARN 1	Dain 2 is a larger structure overgrown with rvy.
MAIN BARN	Roughly squared posts support an altered loft structure.
STRUCTURE	Condition: Good
NO OFFICE	Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century (pre 1843) with late 20 <sup>th</sup> century alterations
NO. OF BAYS	Three
ROOF STRUCTURE	Roof pitch of approximately 45° structure concealed by sheeting inside loft.
	Condition: not known
	Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century with late 20 <sup>th</sup> century alterations
LOFT	Loft appears to have been reconstructed. External stair added.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: Late-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
SKILLION 1	N/A
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron short sheets
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs to loft level with weatherboards above
WALL CLADDING	Condition: Moderate
	Date: late 20 <sup>th</sup> century alterations
OPENINGS	Ground floor open to north. Later addition dormers and ground floor window
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ELOODING (CROUND)	Driek naving
FLOORING (GROUND)	Brick paving
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FLOORING (LOFT)	Timber boarding
FLOORING (SKILLION)	N/A

INTERNAL STRUCTURE	N/A
CURRENT USE	Storage
DESCRIPTION BARN 2	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Roughly squared posts support a loft over the eastern half of the building.  Condition: Poor
SIRUCIURE	Date: Late-19 <sup>th</sup> century (post 1872) with late 20 <sup>th</sup> century alterations
NO. OF BAYS	Three
ROOF STRUCTURE	Roof pitch of approximately 30° structure recently rebuilt.
	Condition: Good Date: Recent
LOFT	Loft internal stair added.
	Condition: Moderate Date: Late-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
SKILLION 1	Small skillion at western end
	Condition: Moderate
ROOF CLADDING:	Date: Unknown  Corrugated steel
ROOT CLADDING.	Condition: Good
	Date: Recent
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs to loft level with weatherboards above
	Condition: Moderate Date: late 20 <sup>th</sup> century alterations
OPENINGS	Ground floor open to north. Later addition dormers and ground floor window
FLOORING (GROUND)	Timber floor supported independently.
FLOORING (LOFT)	Timber boarding
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not known
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	N/A
CURRENT USE	Disused
HISTORY	

No. 20-22 Buckingham Street is located on part of Portion 73 Parish Pitt Town, a 30 acre grant made to William McDaniel in 1802.

At some stage the land was subdivided into smaller portions. According to the 1843 survey by J J Galloway a small house with a barn behind is shown on an allotment of 2 roods, 31 perches at the western intersection between Buckingham Street and Chatham Street. This is No. 20-22 Buckingham Street and the barn (Barn 1) survives (although altered).

The 1843 survey notes the names "Wright" and "Geo Buckridge" on the allotment, and it appears that the land by this time was in the ownership of George Buckridge, farmer and innkeeper, and his first wife Eleonor. Eleanor was the daughter of Robert Wright, who together with his brother Joseph, had previously owned the land along Buckingham Street to the east and west. Eleanor died in 1841 and Buckridge married Elizabeth Smallwood in 1843.

In 1865 the property was transferred to Thomas Cavanough, who had married Mary Buckridge, the daughter of George and Elizabeth, following the death of George Buckridge.

The survey by surveyor E Arnheim of 1872 showed the land owned and occupied by 'T Cavanough' with addition of 'Joseph Hobbs'. The house and early barn are the only buildings noted at this property on the survey.

In 1875, the property was transferred to James Thomas Wilbow, farmer and Director of the Pitt Town Dairy Company. Wilbow also had land outside of the township of Pitt Town on the Hawkesbury River near the junction with Cattai Creek (Portion 18 Parish Pitt Town).

On 9 March 1895, the *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* reported that Mr J T Wilbow's new stone house had been completed by the Arnold Bros from sandstone locally quarried at "Longneck near Caddai" (Cattai). The Wilbows lived at Strathmore until the 1930s.

During the 1980s, the house was used as the Doctor's house in the TV program "A Country Practice".

REFERENCES	Primary Application 21534
	P.1.522 Crown Plan
	P.3.857 Crown plan
	Windsor and Richmond Gazette, Saturday 9th March 1895, p. 13
	"Family Notices" <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> , Wednesday 12th July 1865, p. 1

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barns at No. 20-22 Buckingham Street, Pitt Town are of historical significance as surviving mid and late 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed town barns, associated with a late 19<sup>th</sup> century stone residence, that as group make a strong contribution to the historical character of Pitt Town. The property is associated with George Buckridge who appears to have built the earlier barn (pre 1843) and James Thomas Wilbow, former Director of the Pitt Town Dairy Company, who built the main house Strathmore and, it appears, the second barn (post 1872).

Although no longer in use as agricultural buildings, the town barns are considered to be rare within the Hawkesbury LGA.

The town barns have the potential to provide further information into early to late 19<sup>th</sup> century farming methods, the relationship between the town barn and other agricultural lands, as well as the continuity of use of historic agricultural buildings into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

agricultural buildings into the 21st century.	
ASSESSED	Local
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The barns at No. 20-22 Buckingham Street, Pitt Town are of historical
HISTORICAL	significance as surviving mid and late 19 <sup>th</sup> century town barns associated with a
	late 19 <sup>th</sup> century stone residence, which enhances their significance.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B)	The town barns have historical associations with George Buckridge, who
HISTORICAL	owned the property in the early to mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century and appears to have built the
ASSOCIATION	earlier barn, and James Thomas Wilbow, former Director of the Pitt Town
	Dairy Company, who built the main house Strathmore and, it appears, the
	second barn at the property.
CDVIDEN (C)	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C)	Located on a corner, the two town barns, together with the adjacent stone
AESTHETIC/TECHNICA	residence, make a strong contribution to the historical character of the town of
L	Pitt Town.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks,
	historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these
	building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E)	The town barns at No. 20-22 Buckingham Street, Pitt Town, have the potential
RESEARCH POTENTIAL	to provide further information into early to late 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods
	and the relationship between the town barn and other agricultural lands, as well
	as the continuity of use of historic agricultural buildings into the 21 <sup>st</sup> century.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	Although altered and no longer in agricultural use, the town barns at No. 20-22
	Buckingham Street, Pitt Town, are considered to be rare as surviving mid to late
	19th century town barns, within the context of the Hawkesbury City local
	government area.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA G)	The town barns at No. 20-22 Buckingham Street, Pitt Town are representative
REPRESENTATIVE	of the long history of agricultural development within the Hawkesbury area,
	which commenced in the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today.
	The basic forms of the barns with gabled roofs, lofts and slab wall cladding are
	representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/	Barn 1- Moderate- substantially altered and adapted
INTEGRITY/ INTACTNESS	Barn 1- Moderate  Barn 2- Moderate
INTACTIVESS	Dani 2- Moderate

## **IMAGES**



Caption: Barn 1 at No. 20-22 Buckingham Street, Pitt

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Caption: Barn 2 at No. 20-22 Buckingham Street, Pitt

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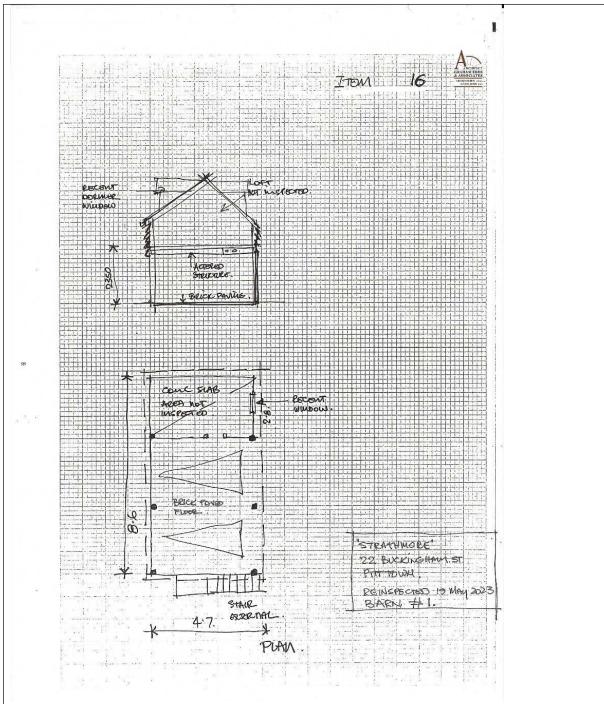


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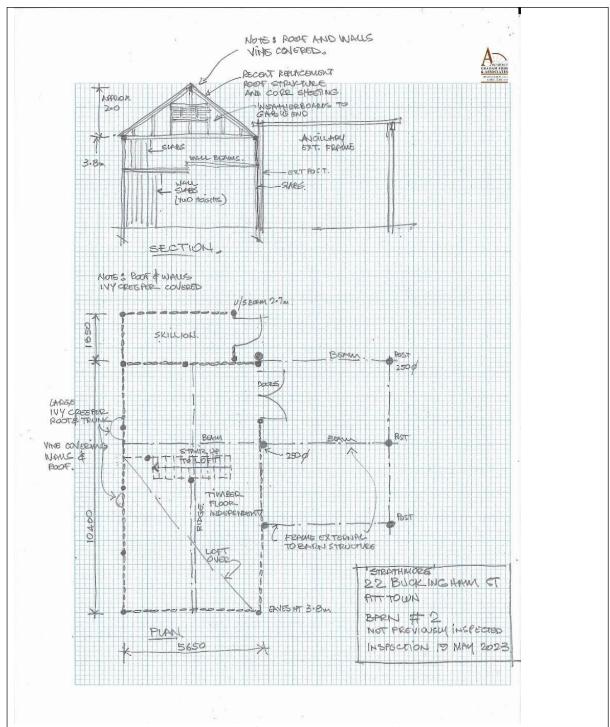
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Caption: Measured drawing and elevations of Barn 1 at No. 20-22 Buckingham Street, Pitt Town

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Caption: Measured drawing and elevations of Barn 2 at No. 20-22 Buckingham Street, Pitt Town

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Town Barn with Skillion and Mezzanine
ADDRESS	26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 1180284
SHI No.	1743106
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Item I292 (Heritage Item No. 1740016- listed as 26 Buckingham Street,
ITEM?	Pitt Town)
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	MENT
MANAGEMENT	Recommend for State heritage listing
SUMMARY	Retain local heritage listing
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19th century
CURRENT USE	Vacant
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	Close to street frontage on otherwise vacant site on north-western fringe of
	Pitt Town.
DESCRIPTION	
MAIN DADY CERTICEVED	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Large single-storey barn 12 x 6.5m on plan with round posts up to eaves level
	(4.8m high) mortised and tenoned to square longitudinal beams, with round
	cross beams.
	Condition: Moderate
NO OF BAYE	Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Four
ROOF STRUCTURE	Round rafters at close centres with sawn battens for iron and diagonal wind
	bracing.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	Loft in skillion only supported on round beams let into sides of posts with
	dovetail joints.
	Condition:
	Date:
SKILLION 1	Side skillion along eastern side of barn with loft. Wall between skillion and
	main barn and internal partition clad in vertical slabs with intermediate
	framing at upper level which probably supported horizontal spaced slats.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century.
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron short sheets.
	Condition: Moderate
	Date: Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
WALL CLADDING	Vertical slabs up to half height then spaced timber horizontal slats fixed to
	light intermediate framing. This remains intact on north elevation. Wall
	cladding to skillion is two levels of vertical slabs.
	Condition: Poor
	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
OPENINGS	West side of main barn has 3 open bays with gudgeon hinges as evidence of
	doors. Single doors to stable and chaff room on east side of skillion.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Southern half of barn had timber ground floor. Remains are stacked in barn.
FLOORING (LOFT)	Loose timber boarding.
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FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not known
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Remains of dwarf posts, beams and joists ground floor structure.
OTHER (Fixings?)	Cross beams jointed to longitudinal beams with iron straps and bolts
CURRENT USE	Disused
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Deterioration
HICTODY	

No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town is located on part of a 60 acre grant (Portion 52 Parish Pitt Town) made to John Benn, ex-convict, in 1803. Benn owned various property throughout the Hawkesbury as well as in Sydney. John Benn's real name was John Venman and following his death in c1815, a series of claims were made against his lands by his wife and relatives in England.

Christopher Watkin May made a claim to the Court of Claims commissioners for 2 roods 28 perches bounded by Chatham and Buckingham Streets Pitt Town, which had been promised to his father, Lawrence May. The claim was accepted and the land was granted to Christopher Watkin May on 14 July 1862. Christopher Watkin May, Pitt Town Bottoms, farmer conveyed the land to Charles Emanuel Higgins, Pitt Town, farmer for £120 on 1 February 1879.

No building was shown in this position on any of the Crown surveys of Pitt Town of 1828, 1848 and 1872, indicating that the barn was constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, post 1872. Aerial photographs of the 1970s show the property as semi-rural.

REFERENCES	New South Wales Government Gazette, 8 Oct 1861 p 2128 Old System Deed, No 252 Bk 189
	"Law Intelligence", The Sydney Heritage, Monday 24th June 1833, p. 2

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The town barn at No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town is of historical significance as a rare, surviving late 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn of relatively high integrity. Located on a vacant allotment on the northern outskirts of Pitt Town, the barn is highly visible in the streetscape and makes a strong contribution to the historical character of Buckingham Street and Pitt Town. Located on part of a 60 acre grant made to exconvict John Benn in 1803, the town barn is evidence of the long term agricultural of the land from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century through to the mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

As a town barn, the building would have been used in association with farm lands located outside of the town of Pitt Town, emphasising the continued importance of agriculture in the district well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In its overall form and configuration, it is a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

The single storey barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its late 19<sup>th</sup> century construction date including round posts mortised and tenoned to square longitudinal beams, with round cross beams, round rafters with battens for iron and diagonal wind bracing, dovetail joints to post in loft, two levels of slabs to skillion, horizontal slats to upper level of main barn and gudgeon hinges (doors removed). Although currently not in use, the barn continues to have the potential to provide further information into late 19<sup>th</sup> century farming methods, the relationship between the town barn and other agricultural lands, as well as the continuity of use of historic agricultural buildings into the 20th century.

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ASSESSED	State
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The barn at No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town is of historical
HISTORICAL	significance as a surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup> century town barn that provides evidence
	of the long-term agricultural use of the land from the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century through to the 20 <sup>th</sup> century.
	As a town barn, the building would have been used in association with farm
	lands located outside of the town of Windsor, emphasising the continued importance of agriculture in the district well into the 20 <sup>th</sup> century. <i>Meets the criterion on a State level</i>
CRITERIA B)	The town barn at No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town has some historical
HISTORICAL	associations with ex convict John Benn, who received a 60 acre grant of land
ASSOCIATION	in 1803, on which the barn is now located; and with Charles Emanuel
	Higgins, who appears to have built the barn in the 1880s (or later).
	Meets the criterion on a Local level

CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Located in an undeveloped allotment, the large barn is highly visible in Buckingham Street and makes a strong contribution to the historical character of Buckingham Street and Pitt Town.  The single storey barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its late 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction date including round posts mortised and tenoned to square longitudinal beams, with round cross beams, round rafters with battens for iron and diagonal wind bracing, dovetail joints to post in loft, two levels of slabs to skillion, horizontal slats to upper level of main barn and gudgeon hinges (doors removed).
	Meets the criterion on a State level
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.  Meets the criterion on a Local level
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The barn No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town has the potential to provide
POTENTIAL	further information into late 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods and the relationship between the town barn and other agricultural lands, as well as the continuity of use of historic agricultural buildings into the 21 <sup>st</sup> century. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level</i>
CRITERIA F) RARITY	As a surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup> century town barn of relatively high integrity, the barn at 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area.  Meets the criterion on a State level
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The barn at No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town is representative of the long history of agricultural development within the Hawkesbury area, which commenced in the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today.  The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, loft, skillion and timber slab wall cladding is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.  Meets the criterion on a Local level
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate to High

## **IMAGES**

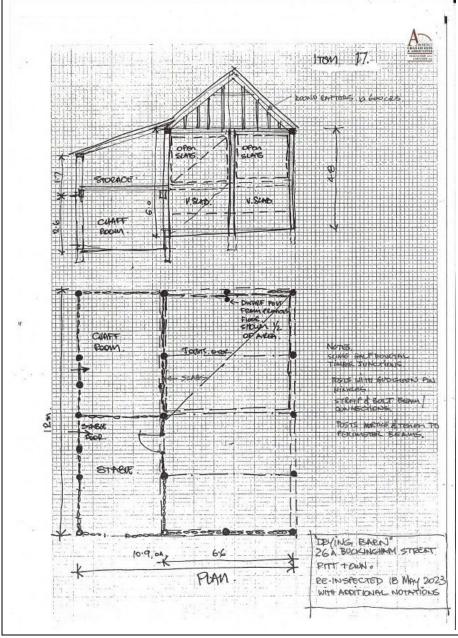
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Caption: Barn at No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Date: May 2023



Caption: Barn at No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town (interior view) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Date: May 2023



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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn at No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town Copyright Owner: Graham Edds & Associates Date: May 2023

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Town Barn with Loft and Skillion
ADDRESS	4-8 Chatham Street, Pitt Town
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 785736
SHI No.	1743104
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Item I293 (Heritage Item No. 1740017)
ITEM?	165- Helli 1293 (Helliage Helli 140. 1740017)
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	MENT
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State heritage listing.
SUMMARY	Retain as local heritage item.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	Restored and adapted in 1990s
CURRENT USE	Garage and carport with residence/guest room (?) above
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	Close to street at south-west corner of town allotment.
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Barn was not inspected internally just from the street.
	Condition: Good
	Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century with recent conservation/ renovation
NO. OF BAYS	Three
ROOF STRUCTURE	Not inspected internally. Reconstructed at approximately 35°.  Condition: Good
LOFT	Not inspected
LOFI	Condition: Good
	Date: Recent
SKILLION 1	Open skillion along eastern side supported on round posts.
	Condition: Good
	Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century with recent conservation/ renovation
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated steel single sheets.
	Condition: Good
	Date: Recent
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs to loft floor level, weatherboards above.
	Condition: Good
	Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century with recent conservation/ renovation
OPENINGS	Double garage door at northern end, recent double doors & security grille at
	loft level.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Not known
FLOORING (LOFT)	Not known
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not known
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Not known

#### HISTORY

This land was shown in the name of C. Tilley on E J H Knapp's plan of 1828, with the rough outline of a building upon it. The site was further shown in the 1843 survey by J. J. Galloway with a dwelling close to the road on the northern part of the lot.

Charles Tilley, butcher of Windsor, died on 2 January 1857, and his property passed to his son also known as Charles Tilley.

On 10 May 1875, Charles Tilley, butcher of Windsor, sold this allotment that he had inherited from his father to Richard Owens for £14.

The survey by surveyor E Arnheim of 1872 showed the land owned and occupied by 'R Owen' with the footprint of the existing barn close to the street alignment.

On 21 September 1923, Albert James Owens, schoolteacher originally of Pitt Town, but then of Cranebrook, sold this allotment to James Davis for £300.

Based on the documentary evidence, it appears that the town barn at 4-8 Chatham Street, Pitt Town was constructed pre 1872 and is associated with Charles Tilley Snr or Jnr.

REFERENCES	P.628B Crown plan
TELLET (OLD	P.1.522 Crown Plan
	P.3.857 Crown plan
	Old System Deed, No 573 Bk 152
	Old System Deed, No 68 Bk 1320

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The town barn at No. 4-8 Chatham Street, Pitt Town Catherine Street, Windsor is of historical significance as a surviving mid 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed town barn, associated with an historic residence and shop that was owned by Charles Tilley and his son Charles Tilley, both butchers from the 1820s to the 1870s. Although restored and adapted, the town barn is considered to be rare within the Hawkesbury LGA.

Located on the street, and together with the adjacent residence and shop, the town barn makes a strong contribution to the historical character of Pitt Town. In its overall form and configuration, it is a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

The barn continues to have the potential to provide further information into mid 19<sup>th</sup> century farming methods, the relationship between the town barn and other agricultural lands, as well as the continuity of use of historic agricultural buildings into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

ASSESSED	Local
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The barn at No. 4-8 Chatham Street, Pitt Town is of historical significance
HISTORICAL	as a surviving mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century town barn associated with an historic
	residence and shop, which enhances its significance.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B)	The town barn has historical associations with Charles Tilley, butcher and
HISTORICAL	his son, also Charles Tilley, a butcher, who owned the property from the
ASSOCIATION	late 1820s through to the 1870s and it is assumed operated their butcher's
	shop from the property.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C)	Although restored and adapted, the town barn is located on the street
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	frontage and together with the adjacent historic residence and shop, makes a
	strong contribution to the historical character of the town of Pitt Town.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The barn at No. 4-8 Chatham Street, Pitt Town, has the potential to provide
POTENTIAL	further information into mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods and the
	relationship between the town barn and other agricultural lands, as well as

	the continuity of use of historic agricultural buildings into the 21st century. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level.</i>
CRITERIA F) RARITY	Although restored and adapted, the barn at No. 4-8 Chatham Street, Pitt Town, is considered to be rare as a surviving town barn, within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The town barn at No. 4-8 Chatham Street, Pitt Town is representative of the long history of agricultural development within the Hawkesbury area, which commenced in the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today. The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, loft, skillion and slab wall cladding is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate (assumed)

# **IMAGES**



Caption: The town barn at No. 4-8 Chatham

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Caption: The town barn at No. 4-8 Chatham

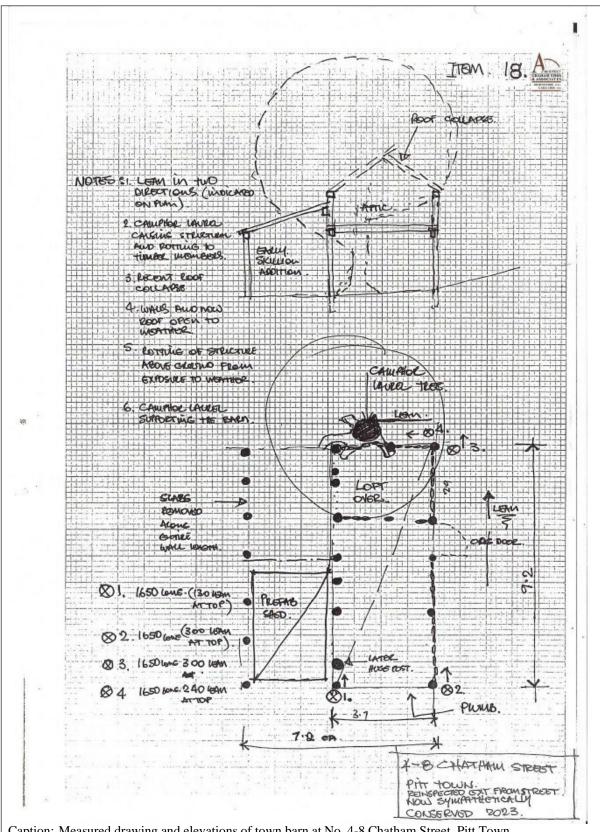
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Caption: Measured drawing and elevations of town barn at No. 4-8 Chatham Street, Pitt Town

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Sleb Workshop Building
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Single Storey Slab Workshop Building Huxley's Blacksmith Shop (former)
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ADDRESS	292 Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 11 DP 10192
SHI No.	1743107
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Item I304 (Heritage Item No. 1740026)
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State heritage listing
SUMMARY	Retain as local heritage item
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Blacksmithy
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
CURRENT USE	Vacant
FORMER USE	Blacksmith shop
LOCATION ON SITE:	Alongside the main road to Pitt Town and approximately 1.3km to the south
	of the town centre.
DESCRIPTION FORMER B	LACKSMITHS SHOP
MAIN STRUCTURE	Mixture of round and square posts support longitudinal square beams (eastern
Ministrectore	beam reinforced with round beam under). Many posts are missing, fallen or
	dislodged.
	Condition: Poor – western and southern sides are structurally unstable.
	Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Six
DOOF STRUCTURE	Roof pitch is approximately 30°. Sawn rafters (smoke blackened) at close
ROOF STRUCTURE	centres with widely spaced battens for iron.
	Condition: Poor
	Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	N/A
SKILLION 1	Eastern skillion is still intact with some remaining slabs and a vertical storage
	rack formed between two closely spaced posts halfway along the building.
	Condition: Poor
GYTY Y YOU'S	Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 2	Western skillion is dilapidated almost to the point of collapse but retains some
	evidence of early detailing in post and beam joints
	Condition: Poor
DOOE OF A DEPART	Date: post and beam
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron
	Condition: Poor
	Date: Unknown
WALL CLADDING	Approximately 25% remnant vertical timber slabs remain in situ. The rest of
	the wall cladding is vertical corrugated iron.
	Condition: Poor
	Date: late 19 <sup>th</sup> century
OPENINGS	Doors on all sides
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete slab
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete side

FLOORING (LOFT)	N/A
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Concrete slab
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Remains of bench and internal water trough for quenching iron.
OTHER (Fixings?)	Raised brick hearth still exists in south-east corner and some blacksmith tackle, a storage rack, iron tools, a vice, chains, etc.
CURRENT USE	Disused and unsafe.
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Deterioration.

#### **HISTORY**

History drawn from Inventory Sheet (Item No. 1304, Heritage Item No. 1740026)

No. 292 Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town is located on part of a 125 acre grant (Portion 74, Parish Pitt Town) made to John Palmer, Commissary of NSW in 1804 and a 280 acre grant (Portion 56, Parish Pitt Town) made to Thomas Biggers, ex-convict and overseer for Palmer, in 1804.

This land had been acquired by John McDonald by 1825, and after his death in 1874, it passed to his devisees who held it for many years. The whole of the McDonald Estate was subdivided and put up for auction on 24 March 1920. A "House or blacksmith's shop" was shown on lot 11 on the auction plan.

Lot 11 was transferred to William John Huxley, blacksmith on 15 June 1922 and he held it until it passed to his devisees in 1968 after his death.

Although purchased by William, the property had been tenanted by his parents Samuel and Sarah Huxley from the 1880s and where Samuel Huxley operated his blacksmithy. His brother Thomas Huxley was a coach and buggy builder with shops in Richmond and Windsor. William continued in the family business.

The building was sketched in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century and appears in the publication *Pitt Town and thereabouts*, *1950-1974* by Gifford Eardley.

REFERENCES	RPA 7988; C T 1090 f 221; C T 3355 f 52; Sands, Directory, 1901, p 823; DP
	57988; Subdivision Plans ML, R8/42.1
	Obituary: Sarah Huxley, Windsor and Richmond Gazette, Friday 16th July 1920,
	p 4
	Advertising, Windsor and Richmond Gazette, Saturday 4 June 1890, p. 2
	Article: Death of Mr. Samuel Huxley, <i>Nepean Times</i> , Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
	1922, p. 1

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The former blacksmith workshop and house at No. 292 Pitt Town, Pitt Town is of historical significance as a rare, surviving late 19<sup>th</sup> century blacksmithy that provides evidence of the long term agricultural use of the land first granted in 1804. The timber framed, slab building is associated with Samuel Huxley who established the blacksmith business in the 1880s and his son William Huxley who continued on into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Located close to Pitt Town Road, the former blacksmiths and house, although now dilapidated, was once a notable building appearing in the publication *Pitt Town and thereabouts, 1950-1974* by Gifford Eardley and it continues to make a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural landscape on the outskirts of Pitt Town. As a surviving late 19<sup>th</sup> century slab blacksmith workshop and former house, the building is of technical significance and may contain objects and fittings of note associated with the historical use of the place as a blacksmithy.

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ASSESSED	Local
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The former blacksmiths workshop and house at No. 292 Pitt Town Road, Pitt
HISTORICAL	Town Bottoms is of historical significance as a surviving late 19th century
	blacksmithy and as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land,
	associated with two large early grants made to John Palmer, Commissary of
	NSW in 1804 and Thomas Biggers, ex-convict and overseer for Palmer, in
	1804.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B)	The building has historical associations with the Samuel Huxley, who
HISTORICAL	established the blacksmiths (together with a house) on the property in the

ASSOCIATION	1880s and his son William Huxley who continued on with the business and
TABBOOLITION	held the property until the late 20 <sup>th</sup> century.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C)	Located close to Pitt Town Road, the former blacksmith building, although
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	now dilapidated, was once a notable building appearing in the publication Pitt
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Town and thereabouts, 1950-1974 by Gifford Eardley and it continues to
	make a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural
	landscape on the outskirts of Pitt Town.
	As a surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup> century slab blacksmith workshop and former house,
	the building is of technical significance and may contain objects and fittings
	of note associated with the historical use of the place as a blacksmithy.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D)	The historic slab buildings of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
SOCIAL/COLTORAL	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	As a surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup> century slab blacksmith workshop and former house,
POTENTIAL	the building has the potential to provide further information into late 19 <sup>th</sup>
	century blacksmithing techniques.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The building at No. 292 Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town is rare within the context
	of the Hawkesbury City local government area, as a surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup>
	century timber slab blacksmith workshop and house.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA G)	The timber framed and slab clad former workshop building at No. 272 Pitt
REPRESENTATIVE	Town Road, Pitt Town is representative of the long history of agricultural
	development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which
	commenced in the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Moderate to Little

# **IMAGES**



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Caption: Former blacksmith workshop and house at No. 292 Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton

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Caption: Former blacksmith workshop and house at No. 292 Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town

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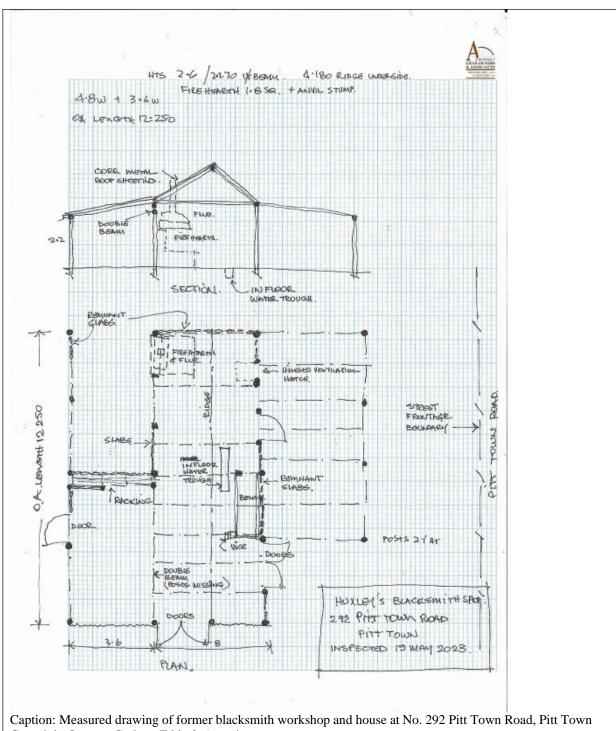
Caption: Brick hearth inside former blacksmith workshop at No. 292 Pitt Town Road, Pitt

Town

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft- Demolished
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	-
ADDRESS	163 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 1014860
SHI No.	1743090
EXISTING HERITAGE	N
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State or local listing
SUMMARY	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 18 <sup>th</sup> to mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	1991-2009 The owners advised that during a wind storm approximately 15
	years ago the roof blew off. He has placed sheet metal over the former loft
	floor to provide some weather protection and the barn is still in use [2009
	inventory sheet]
CURRENT USE	N/A- Demolished
FORMER USE	Barn
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Demolished
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2023: Barn has been demolished

### [2010 inventory sheet]

ITEM DETAILS

The physical description below is an extract from the 'Pitt Town Slab Barn Study', 1991, by Graham Edds and Associates. This 2009 study has recorded changes/deterioration within the modification date field. Description 1991:

Single storey slab barn with loft having external door. Enclosed on three sides with later skillion additions using original slabs to loft floor level. Horizontal splayed boarding above slabs and at gable ends. Central area of barn 9.5m x 5.2m. The main roof is gabled clad with corrugated iron. Located on land below the 1 in 100 year floor level.

#### Structure:

Post and beam with posts set into ground extending into loft space with second top plate providing framework for roof structure. Timber rounds used exclusively. For post structure, loft joists and roof frame. Posts set in ground with spacing generally 1.5m

## HISTORY

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James Ruse (first emancipist to be granted land, known as Experiment Farm Cottage, Harris Park) was granted 30 acres on the east side of the River Hawkesbury in the district of Mulgrave Place to be known as Ruse Farm on 3 November 1794. On 19 March 1798, James Ruse conveyed Ruse Farm to John Stogdell for £300.

Judge Advocate David Collins claimed in his history of the early years of the colony that Ruse sold his farm for £40. The legal deed, which Collins himself registered as the Judge Advocate, showed that this was incorrect. Jan Barkley-Jack has argued that Collins libelled Ruse and his neighbour Charles Williams as examples of the unreliability of ex-convict settlers.

The history of Ruse's grant is complicated by gaps in the registered legal title but the following has been compiled from reliable sources.

By 1814, John Palmer was the owner of Ruse Farm. On 9 August 1814, John Palmer, of Parramatta, esquire conveyed various parcels of land for £14,489/12/0 to William Fairley, Allan Gilmore, John Hutchinson and David Clarke, all of Calcutta Fort, Province of Bengal, East India, merchants and partners in Fairley Gilmore & Co and John Gilmore and William Wilson, partners in the firms of John Gilmore and Co. Ruse's 30 acre

farm was one of the properties. On 13 October 1814, those partners conveyed several parcels of land to John Benn, of Pitt Town, settler including Ruse's 30 acres. Benn leased part of the farm to Thomas Gilberthorpe, settler of Pitt Town including Ruse's farm on 4 September 1815 from 1 January 1816 for 14 years at £200 per annum. The lease included 'the House, Houses, Out buildings & Buildings, Barns Erections, Fences, Fixtures, Rights common rights and appurtenances of every kind'.

An auction of land was advertised for 13 September 1817 to be held by the Provost Marshall, in the case of Roberts versus the administrator of Benn. It included 30 acres, Ruse Farm. A later advertisement appeared on 21 August 1819 offering farms for sale by Mr Bevan for Richard Jones as agent for the heir of the late John Benn including 30 acres granted to James Ruse.

By 1829, John Venman held Ruse's grant as the brother and heir of William Venman, also known as John Benn. On 6 June 1829, he conveyed Ruse's Farm to a trustee for the benefit of John Perkins and his wife, Mary, for £600. Years later, on 13 July 1861, John Perkins swore a statutory declaration that he had received the rents of three farms, including James Ruse's since 1830.

John Perkins, originally of Sydney, but then of Stepney Green in County Middlesex, England esquire conveyed 30 acres known as Ruse Farm plus 30 acres known as Williams Farm to John Hannabus, Pitt Town, farmer on 16 April 1861 for £3,000. John Hannabus died on 28 August 1888. On 28 October 1921, a deed of partition of the lands of John Hannabus amongst his heirs included a map showing the division of the land. It also showed existing the buildings on the property.

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REFERENCES	Grants Vol 1 No 104
	Old Register Volume 1 page 30 no 143
	Jan Barkley-Jack, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed, p 81
	John Benn, Lease, Mitchell Library Doc Ab 51
	Sydney Gazette, 6 Sept 1817, p 2; 21 Aug 1819, p 3; 21 Aug 1819, p 3
	Old System Deed, No 261 Bk 77
	Old System Deed, No 560 No 1244

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Complex of Two Slab Barns with Skillions
ADDRESS	231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 21 DP 730868
SHI No.	1743091
EXISTING HERITAGE	Y- I461 (Heritage Item no. 1740027)
ITEM?	1 1101 (Heritage Rein no. 17 10027)
RECOMMENDED MANAGEM	ENT
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State heritage listing.
	Retain as local heritage item.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Barn A: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century but recently extensively renovated Barn B: Late-19 <sup>th</sup> early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
CURRENT USE	Barn A: Entertainment area
	Barn B: vacant
FORMER USE	Barns
LOCATION ON SITE:	The two barns are arranged in an L-shape to the south of the house and close to the eastern bank of the Hawkesbury River.
DESCRIPTION BARN A	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Two-storey barn orientated north-south with tall side skillion to west and end skillion to south. It has been extensively repaired and regularized following three floods in two years. Round posts 5.5m high with rectangular sawn longitudinal beams let into outside of posts and loft supported on round pole joists.  Condition: Good  Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century but recently extensively renovated.
NO. OF BAYS	Five
ROOF STRUCTURE	Roof pitch approx. 40°. Loft not accessed.
ROOF STRUCTURE	Condition: ? Date: ?
LOFT	Loft enclosed with studs and boarded stud wall to west and corrugated iron on other 3 sides. Not accessible for internal inspection.  Condition: Good  Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century but recently extensively renovated.
SKILLION 1	Tall skillion to eaves height of main barn. Sawn beams rest on round posts. Condition: Good Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century but recently extensively renovated.
SKILLION 2	End skillion with lower floor level. Sawn rafters supported on beam bolted to main posts.  Condition: Good  Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century but recently extensively renovated.
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated steel Condition: Good Date: Recently replaced.
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs up to loft floor level, corrugated iron above and in gables. Condition: Good Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century but recently extensively renovated

OPENINGS	Skillion open on long side, barn has opening in central bay. Loft door at north end.
ELOODING (CROUND)	Concrete slab of recent construction with attempts to seal gaps around posts
FLOORING (GROUND)	to prevent rot.
FLOORING (LOFT)	Plain edged boarding
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Concrete in skillion 1, earth in skillion 2
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	None
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Secondary posts removed, slabs added to walls. External stair removed. Internal spiral stair partially built.
DESCRIPTION BARN B	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Two-storey barn orientated east-west with side skillion to south. It is in an unstable structural condition following three floods in two years and was unsafe to enter. Three rows of round posts with the central row of shorter posts supporting the upper floor.  Condition: Poor Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Four
ROOF STRUCTURE	Roof pitch approx. 30° sawn rafters and battens suitable for iron, wind bracing.
	Condition: Poor
	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	Not accessible for internal inspection.
	Condition: Poor
	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 1	Skillion extends to eaves height of main barn. Sawn beams rest on round
	posts.
	Condition: Poor
	Date: Late 19th early 20th century
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated steel
	Condition: Poor – storm damage
	Date: Early 20 <sup>th</sup> century?
WALL CLADDING	Corrugated iron
	Condition: Poor
	Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
OPENINGS	One opening on north side
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete slab to northern half of main barn, remainder is earthen.
FLOORING (LOFT)	Irregular unfixed timbers including round poles
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Earthen
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Short posts supporting mid-span of upper floor.
CURRENT USE	Disused.
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Storm and flood damage.
HISTORY	

William Snailham, ex-convict, was granted 30 acres (Portion 30, Parish Pitt Town) in the District of Mulgrave Place bounded on the west by the River Hawkesbury on 3 November 1794. He quickly disposed of the land. In 1800, William Snailham's 30 acres was held by Anthony Fenn Kemp. It is unclear when Kemp disposed of this grant. Kemp was heavily involved in trade, but most of his efforts were directed towards Tasmania. By 1812, the grant was in the hands of Henry Kable, who leased it along with Douglas' farm and Acres' farm (the two allotments to the north of Snailham's farm) for 10 years to his son, on 1 September 1812. On 14 August 1809, Kable had previously registered the transfer of numerous Hawkesbury farms to himself. Snailham's Farm was not listed under that name, but it may have been transferred by another person.

Henry Kable senior sold Snailham Farm of 30 acres to John Teale for £300 on 21 & 22 April 1826. John Teale of Windsor advertised the sale of Snailham's Farm of 30 acres, with a 'good dwelling-house and barn' on the land on 20 August 1831 along with 15 acres part of Acres' Farm.

On 2 January 1832, by a deed of feoffment, John Teale sold 15 acres, the northern part of Snailham Farm, to James Rochester as well as 15 acres part of Acres' farm for £220. It was bounded by land to the south, occupied by James Wilbow, being the other half of Snailham Farm.

By 1841, the southern half had been transferred to Henry Hudson of Windsor. Hudson had already purchased

the northern half of the property in 1839, thus reuniting the original 30 acres of Snailham Farm.

Henry Hudson died in July 1848. On 23 August 1870, his son Robert Hudson, of Sydney, yeoman conveyed all 30 acres of Snailham Farm and two separate parcels of 15 acres parts of Acres' Farm to John Johnston, Portland Head, Hawkesbury River, farmer for £1,550. On 29 February 1896, John Johnston of Pitt Town, farmer gifted those parcels of land to his son Andrew George Johnston, Pitt Town, farmer.

Based on the physical evidence of the two existing barns, it appears that both barns were probably constructed during the period the property was owned by the Hudson family.

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barns at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are of historical significance as surviving mid and late 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barns that are possibly associated with later landowners Henry Hudson Snr. and Jnr. They are surviving evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land, first granted in 1794 to ex-convict William Snailham and known as Snailham's Farm.

The two barns at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are of aesthetic significance as large, imposing structures, visible in broad scale views of the Hawkesbury River from the opposite bank along Wilberforce Road that make a strong contribution to the historical character of the locality.

Although extensively renovated and adapted (Barn A) and in poor condition (Barn B), both two storey barns retain evidence of their original construction dates and have the potential to provide further information into 19<sup>th</sup> century farming methods and construction techniques for agricultural buildings. In their overall forms and configurations, they are representative examples of the historic timber framed barn types found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE	Local
TYPE	
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barns at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are of historical significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land, first granted to ex-convict William Snailham in 1794, although he quickly disposed of the land. The barns are of historical significance as surviving from the mid and late 19 <sup>th</sup> century, although now altered, and appear to be associated with Henry Hudson Snr and Jnr, who owned the property in the 1840s through to 1870. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level.</i>
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	The barns at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are not associated with any persons of historical importance.  Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	The two barns at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are large, imposing structures, visible in broad scale views of the Hawkesbury River from the opposite bank along Wilberforce Road that make a strong contribution to the historical character of the locality.  Both two storey barns retain evidence of their original construction dates, although both are now clad in corrugated galvanised steel and Barn A has been extensively renovated and adapted.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.

CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The forms of the barn, with skillions and lofts and retaining evidence of their mid and late 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction dates have the potential to provide further information into 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods and construction techniques for agricultural buildings.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barns at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is not considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area.  Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The barns at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the late 18th century and continues today.  The basic forms of the barns with gabled roofs, skillions and lofts are representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level</i> .
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Barn A- extensively renovated and adapted- Moderate to Little Barn B- Moderate

# **IMAGES**



Caption: Barn A at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms

(exterior)

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Caption: Barn A at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms

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Caption: Barn A at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms (interior)

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Caption: Barn B at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms

(exterior)

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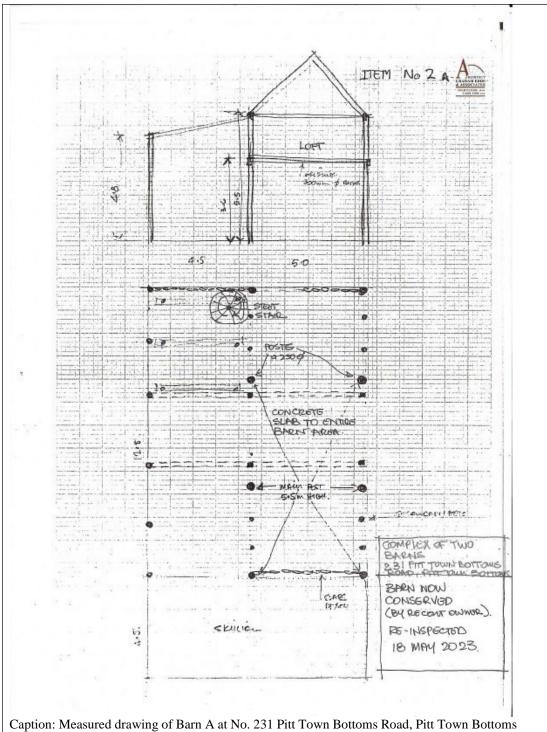
Caption: Barn B at No. 231 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms (interior)

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Acres Farm
ADDRESS	251 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 16 DP 776017
SHI No.	1743092/1740033
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM	Yes- Item I462
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State heritage listing
SUMMARY	Retain as local heritage item
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century
CURRENT USE	Storage
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE	The barn is located to the south of the house and alongside the Hawkesbury River. The barn has a skillion to the east and the river on the west. Access was not granted to inspect the barn internally.
MAIN STRUCTURE	Single storey barn with loft. Single storey later skillion. Cross gable inserted facing north to light loft space.
NO. OF BAYS	Not accessed
ROOF STRUCTURE	Not accessed
LOFT	Not accessed
SKILLION 1	Not accessed
SKILLION 2	N/A
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron
WALL CLADDING	Corrugated iron. Weatherboards to gable ends.
OPENINGS	Windows to loft.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Concrete slab
FLOORING (FIRST)	N/A
FLOORING (LOFT)	Not accessed
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not accessed
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Not accessed
OTHER (Fixings?)	Not accessed

### HISTORY

John Acres was granted 30 acres (Portion 29, Parish Pitt Town) in the district of Mulgrave Place bounded on the west by the River Hawkesbury on 3 November 1794. He also appears to have been known as Thomas Acres/Akers.

John Acres/Thomas Acres was transported for 7 years as part of the First Fleet and was emancipated in 1792.

The conveyance of a 30 acre farm from Thomas 'Akers' to Thomas Lewer for £180 was recorded on 27 May 1805. By 1810, the farm was held by Henry Kable. In 1810, 'William Henry' Kable leased Acres Farm to Miles Fieldgate, for 15 bushels of wheat per acre for 30 acres for four years. Henry Kable had previously registered the transfer of numerous farms on the Hawkesbury to him on 14 August 1809. Acres Farm was not listed under that name, but it may have been transferred by another person. In 1815, Henry Kable senior leased Acres Farm on two separate occasions to Henry Kable junior.

By a deed of feoffment of 30 April 1830, Henry Kable senior transferred 15 acres to John Teale bounded on the west by Snailham Farm now owned by John Teale, on the east by the remaining part of the 30 acres held by Henry Kable, on the north by the River Hawkesbury and on the south by a government Road for £150. The metes and bounds description is the same as appeared on the deed.

On 2 January 1832, by a deed of feoffment, John Teale transferred the 15 acres, part of Acres' Farm, to James Rochester for £220 along with 15 acres part of Snailham Farm. James Rochester conveyed those parcels to Lawrence May senior on 22 & 23 May 1832 for £265. Christopher May of Pitt Town conveyed the two parcels to Henry Hudson of Windsor on 30 & 31 January 1839 for £350.

Henry Hudson died in July 1848. On 23 August 1870, his son Robert Hudson, of Sydney, yeoman conveyed all 30 acres of Snailham Farm and two separate parcels of 15 acres parts of Acres' Farm to John Johnston, Portland Head, Hawkesbury River, farmer for £1,550. On 29 February 1896, John Johnston of Pitt Town, farmer gifted those parcels of land to his son Andrew George Johnston, Pitt Town, farmer.

It is assumed the barn was constructed by members of the May or Hudson families.

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 251 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is of historical significance as a surviving mid 19<sup>th</sup> century timber framed barn that is associated with John Acres who first obtained the land in 1794 and Lawrence May Snr and Henry Hudson, later owners who ran the property as a horse stud. The large single storey barn (now clad in corrugated metal) with two lofts and rear skillion, makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands along Pitt Town Bottoms Road and the Hawkesbury River floodplains. In its overall form and configuration, it is a representative example of an historic timber framed barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area. The barn is potentially of technical significance for demonstrating mid 19<sup>th</sup> century construction methods for agricultural buildings and has the potential to provide further information into 19<sup>th</sup> century farming methods.

ASSESSED	Local
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The barn at No. 251 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is of
HISTORICAL	historical significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the
	land, first granted to ex-convict John Acres (Thomas Acres) in 1794.
	Dating from the mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century, the barn appears to be associated with
	either Lawrence May senior or Henry Hudson, who separately owned the

	property in the 1830s to 1850s and who both used the land as a horse stud.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CDIEDIA D	
CRITERIA B)	The barn at No. 251 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is not
HISTORICAL	associated with any persons of historical importance.
ASSOCIATION	Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA C)	The large single storey corrugated metal clad timber framed barn with
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	skillions, makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the
	agricultural lands along Pitt Town Bottoms Road and the Hawkesbury
	River floodplains.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural
	development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions,
	artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated
	with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The form of the barn, with skillion and loft has the potential to provide
POTENTIAL	further information into 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods and mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century
	construction techniques for agricultural buildings.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 251 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is not
	considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local
	government area.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA G)	The barn at No. 251 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is
REPRESENTATIVE	representative of the long history of agricultural development within the
	floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup>
	century and continues today.
	The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillion and loft is
	representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	External- moderate integrity
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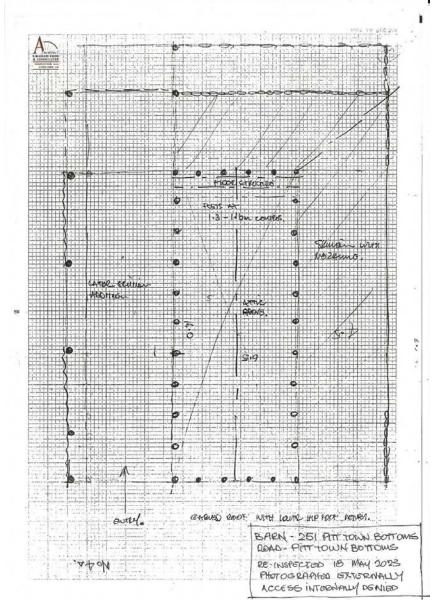
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Caption: Barn at No. 251 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd Date: May 2023



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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn at No. 251 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Complex of Two Slab Barns with Lofts
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Dad and Dave's Turf Supplies
ADDRESS	265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lots 8 & 9 DP 1079633
SHI No.	1743093
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Item No. I464 (SHI No. 1743093)
ITEM?	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Recommend for State heritage listing- internal inspection required to
SUMMARY	clarify condition and integrity.
	Retain as local heritage items.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	D. T.
ITEM TYPE ITEM GROUP	Built
ITEM GROUP ITEM CATEGORY	Farming and Grazing
DESCRIPTION	Barn
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	Barns 1 & 2 were linked in 2009.
CURRENT USE	Unknown- potentially part residential
FORMER USE	Barns
LOCATION ON SITE:	Complex of two barns orientated in line north-south facing the eastern bank
	of the Hawkesbury River. In 2010 and 2023 access was denied to the site.
	The following description is based on the inspection of 1991 by Graham
	Edds & Associates and by viewing the site from the road and riverside.
DESCRIPTION BARN 1	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Large single storey barn 16 x 6.5m on plan. Closely spaced round posts (1.3
	– 1.6m centres) supporting rectangular beams to loft floor and square beams
	to roof eaves.
	Condition: not known
NO OF BAYE	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Ten
ROOF STRUCTURE	Gabled roof with 45° pitch and shingles under corrugated iron.
	Condition: not known
T OTTO	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	Converted to residential use for times of flood.
	Condition: not known Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century structure, adaptation date not known.
SKILLION 1	Western roof slope continues to form a steep skillion enclosing a mezzanine
	floor at the lower eaves level.
	Condition: not known
	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 2	Recent shallow pitched addition
	Condition: not known.
	Date: Not known.
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron over timber shingles
	Condition: not known
	Date: Shingles early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs with weatherboard above and in gables.
	Condition: not known
	Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
WALL CLADDING	Condition: not known

OPENINGS	Dormer window inserted into western slope of loft roof plus windows in
	gable ends.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Timber floor structure indicated on 1991 plan drawing
FLOORING (LOFT)	Not known
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not known
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Not known
DESCRIPTION BARN 2	
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	Single storey barn with loft 6 x 11m on plan with 3m end skillion. Closely spaced round posts (at 850mm centres) supporting rectangular beams to loft floor and roof eaves.  Condition: not known Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Eleven
ROOF STRUCTURE	Gabled roof with 45° pitch . Condition: not known Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	Condition: not known Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century structure, adaptation date not known.
SKILLION 1	Northern end skillion had slab walls with posts expressed on outside and slabs fixed to inside face of beam. Timber shingles remained in 2009. Condition: not known  Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century?
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron Condition: not known Date: not known
WALL CLADDING	Vertical slabs between posts, weatherboard above and in gables. Condition: not known Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
OPENINGS	Wide central openings in main barn for cart or carriage access. Dormer windows inserted into loft roof.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Timber floor indicated in 2009 report.
FLOORING (LOFT)	Not known
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not known
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Splayed boarding up to 1.8m internally.
HISTORY	

### **HISTORY**

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William Douglas (var. Douglass) was granted 30 acres (Portion 28, Parish Pitt Town) to be known as Douglas Farm lying on the east side of the Hawkesbury River in the District of Mulgrave Place on 3 November 1794. Today, No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road is located on the whole of Portion 28 and the southern half of the adjacent land grant made to Joseph Wright, ex-convict, in 1794 (Portion 27, Parish Pitt Town).

William Douglas was an ex-convict, having been transported for 7 years and arrived in the colony as part of the First Fleet. Douglas died in 1838.

Christopher Watkin May held this grant, which he described as being 45 acres in his will of 31 January 1899, though it was found by a later survey to be 42 acres 2 roods 3½ perches.

It is not clear when Christopher Watkin May acquired this land. He was the son of Lawrence (alt. Laurence) May who was a significant landholder in the Hawkesbury district. In June 1845, Christopher Watkin May claimed in a court case to hold five farms across the district. Lawrence May had also purchased a number of farms in the Pitt Town district. It is possible that the current property was in the hands of Lawrence May and passed to his son Christopher Watkin May after his death or that Christopher Watkin May acquired in his own right. The large scale of the barns indicates the success and prosperity of the May family.

It is known that Christopher Watkin May was the owner of a town allotment (No. 26A Buckingham Street, Pitt Town) which also contains a large barn constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, possibly during May's period

of ownership (1862-1879). Town barns were often relied on during times of flood when produce, livestock and equipment could be relocated from farm-lands and safeguarded on higher ground in the towns. This approach to the management of property was formalised via colonial era policy regarding land tenure when Governor Macquarie established inseparable links between the town allotments and farming lands. Christopher Watkin May left the land to trustees in his will to divide into two equal parts, leaving the southern part to his nephew, James Alfred May.

Christopher Watkin May died on 16 July 1900 and James Alfred May died on 1 September 1949, leaving instructions as to how to divide the land amongst his relatives.

At the November 1923 assessment by the Valuer General, improvements on 15 acres, part of Portions 27 and 28, held by Mrs Florence Gertrude May were described as cottages with attics, a detached kitchen plus 'slab sheds'. This probably relates to what is now Number 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road. The adjoining 15 acres was described as part of Portion 28 held by Joshua May were described as including clearing and fencing as well as a 'bark hut'. This appears to be what is now known as Number 259 Pitt Town Bottoms Road.

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barns at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are of historical significance as surviving early 19<sup>th</sup> century barns still located on the original land grant made to ex-convict William Douglas in 1794 and for their associations with the May family, prosperous landowners in the Pitt Town district who obtained the land in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century and continued to reside and work the land until at least the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Charles Watkins May, who owned the land from c1845 to 1900, also held a town allotment in Pitt Town, which also contains a large late 19<sup>th</sup> century slab barn (26A Bathurst Street, Pitt Town).

Sited in the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the barns are located in a small complex with weatherboard cottage and mature trees that together make a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural lands along Pitt Town Bottoms Road. The overall form and configuration of both barns, with corrugated metal cladding and surviving timber slabs are good, large, representative examples of the historic barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

Although altered and potentially adapted for residential use, both of the barns are potentially rare as surviving early 19<sup>th</sup> century slab barns that remain in use, and potentially of technical significance for retaining surviving evidence of early 19<sup>th</sup> century construction techniques including round timber posts closely spaced and shingled roofing. They also contain lofts that have been converted to residential and refuge areas during times of flood. Further research is required to determine their current condition and level of integrity, although both barns have been recorded as having high levels of integrity in 1991 and 2010

ASSESSED	State
SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	
CRITERIA A)	The barns at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are of
HISTORICAL	historical significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the
	land, first established in 1794 by ex-convict William Douglas (var.
	Douglass), and as surviving, early 19th century barns still located on their
	original land grant.
	Meets the criterion on a State level.
CRITERIA B)	The barns have historical associations with William Douglas, a First Fleet
HISTORICAL	convict and original land grantee and with Charles Watkins May a
ASSOCIATION	prosperous land owner in the Pitt Town district and who owned the property
	from the mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century until at least the early 20 <sup>th</sup> century, together with
	an allotment above the flood plains in Pitt Town proper that still contains a
	mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century drying barn of large scale.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C)	Located within a complex together with a weatherboard cottage and mature
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	trees sited above the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the two
	corrugated metal and timber slab clad barns make a strong contribution to
	the historical character of the agricultural landscape along Pitt Town
	Bottoms Road.

	Based on previous inspections, and although altered, both barns are potentially of technical significance, retaining evidence of early construction techniques associated with agricultural buildings and timber slab construction, including closely spaced round posts and shingled roofs. One barn is considered very large, an indication of the prosperity of the owners. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level</i> .
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The forms of the barns, with skillions and lofts and retaining evidence of 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction techniques, have the potential to provide further information into 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barns at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are potentially rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area, for the extent of the surviving evidence of early construction techniques and as surviving early 19 <sup>th</sup> century timber slab barns that remain in use on their original 1794 land grant. One of the two being an exceptionally large barn. The historical links between 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road and the town allotment in Pitt Town proper, which still retains its mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century large scale drying barn, both being owned by Charles Watkins May, enhances the rarity of this property and the barns. <i>Meets the criterion on a State level</i> .
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The barns at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms are representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today.  The basic forms of the barns with gabled roofs, skillions and lofts are representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level</i> .
INTEGRITY/ INTACTNESS	Unknown- assumed moderate to high

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Caption: Barns at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms Photographer: C. Edds

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Caption: Barn B at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt

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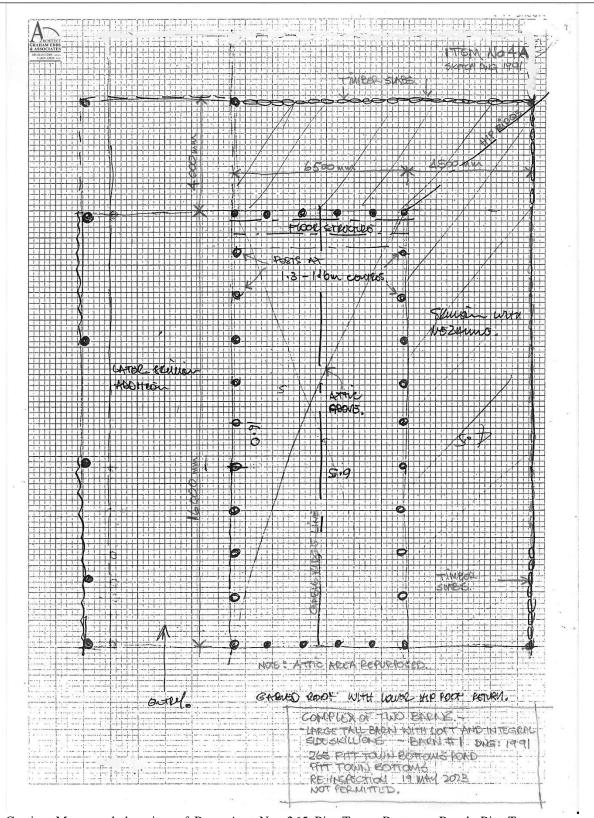
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Caption: Barn A at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt

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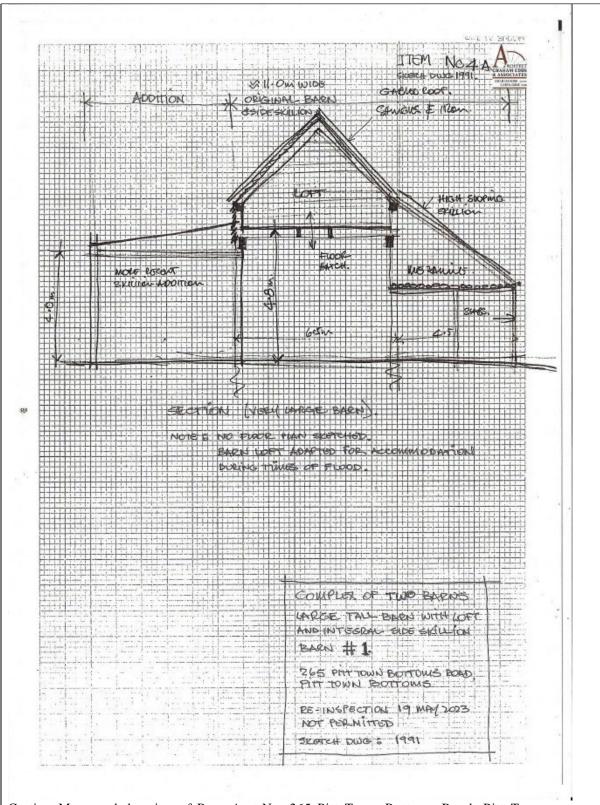
Caption: Measured drawing of Barn A at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town

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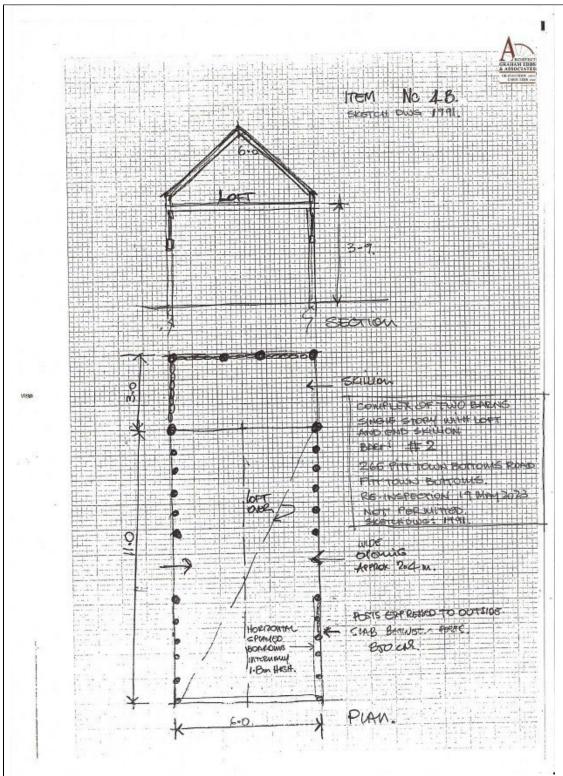


Caption: Measured drawing of Barn A at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town

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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn B at No. 265 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town

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Date: 1991

ITEM DETAILS	ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft and Skillion	
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	-	
ADDRESS	283 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	Pitt Town	
LOT/DP	Lot 102 DP 1154658	
SHI No.	1743094	
EXISTING HERITAGE ITEM?	N	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT		
MANAGEMENT SUMMARY	Not recommended for State or local listing	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION		
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn	
DESCRIPTION		
CIRCA	Y	
PERIOD	Late 18 <sup>th</sup> to mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century	
FORMER USE	Barn	

2023: This barn has substantially collapsed. Unsalvageable and unsafe.

The physical description below is an extract from the 'Pitt Town Slab Barn Study', 1991, by Graham Edds and Associates.

High single storey slab barn with loft and lower level skillion on one longitudinal side. Some timber slabs remain on the lower skillion wall area and remnants of spaced slats on the opposite longitudinal wall. Horizontal boarding in dilapidated condition line the loft wall areas. Roof areas are gabled and lined with corrugated iron. External access door - no stairs remain. Independent floor structure remains at ground floor level. (Stumps and bearers). Central area of barn 12.9m x 5.5m. Probably used for drying of rural produce. Located on land below the 1 in 100 year flood level.

Structure:

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Post in ground at 1.7m centres extending into loft for roof structure. Remains of floor at ground level. Timber rounds used exclusively for posts, floor joists and roof framework. Timber stud framing used for loft wall frame between posts and at gable end.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The remains of the slab barn at 283 Pitt Town Bottoms Road is located on Portion 27 Parish Pitt Town, associated with ex-convict Joseph Wright's land grants promised in 1794. Joseph Wright was one of the signatories of the first Hawkesbury petition of December 1799 January 1800 over grain prices. A tall early slab barn used primarily for drying produce and associated with early farming of the Hawkesbury district. An indicator of an early barn structure previously containing a raised floor

INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS Substantially collapsed. Unsalvageable and unsafe.

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Caption: Barn at 283 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms

(exterior)

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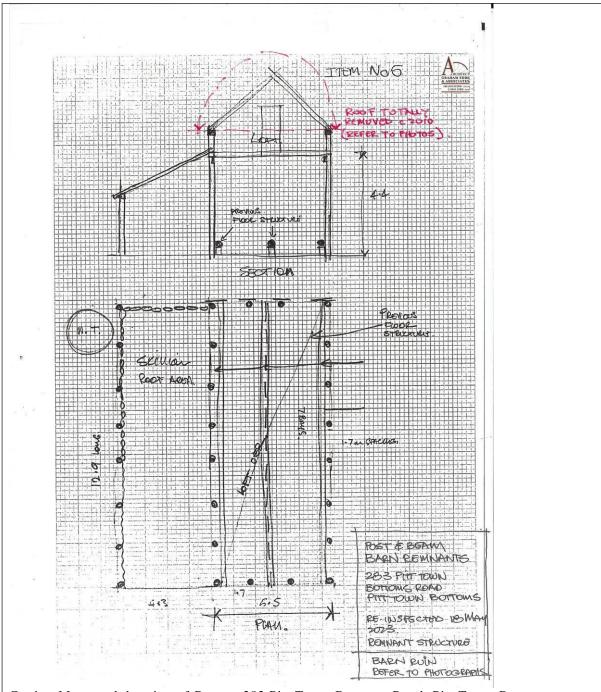
Caption: Barn at 283 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms

(exterior)

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Caption: Measured drawing of Barn at 283 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms

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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft and End Skillion
ADDRESS	303 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 26 DP 1125833
SHI No.	1743095
EXISTING HERITAGE	N
ITEM?	
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT	
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State or local listing
SUMMARY	
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 18 <sup>th</sup> to mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century
CURRENT USE	?
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE	The barn is further hidden behind the overgrowth recorded in 1991. This barn
	has not been inspected internally or fully recorded.
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Unknown

2023: No access provided. Unable to be viewed from public road.

The physical description below is an extract from the 'Pitt Town Slab Barn Study', 1991, by Graham Edds and Associates.

Description 1991:

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Single storey with loft. Skill ion on short side. Located on land below the 1 in 100 year flood level

Structure: Unable to obtain access to or photograph barn.

### HISTORY

John Fenlow was granted 30 acres (Portion 26, Parish Pitt Town) on the River Hawkesbury in the District of Mulgrave Place on 3 November 1794. Fenlow shot dead his assigned servant David Lane on 4 July 1796, on suspicion that he had been consorting with his wife, Eleanor Byrnes. Local Aborigines assisted in locating Fenlow who was hiding on his grant. Fenlow was executed, apparently the only landholder to be executed before 1796.

On 21 September 1798, Jane Wheeler conveyed the grant to Thomas Gilberthorp. Thomas Gilberthorpe was recorded in 1802 as holding 30 acres in the district of Mulgrave Place acquired by purchase, with 14 acres cleared, and 11 acres in wheat with 1 acre in maize. Thomas Gilberthorpe advertised for two Sawyers to 'cut Timber for Building contiguous to Pitt Town on 11 May 1811. Inquiries were to be directed to Gilberthorpe, 'Cottage Farm, Hawkesbury'. Thomas Gilberthorpe of Pitt Town was commended on 5 February 1814 for offering grain to the government when others are withholding in the hope of higher prices.

Gilberthorpe appears to have sold the grant in smaller parcels. On 19 February 1817, Thomas Gilberthorp conveyed an unspecified area of land to Mary Nelson. In the 1830s and 1840s, different parts of Fenlow's grant were sold to Thomas Chaseling. On 14 November 1838, Mary Nelson sold an unspecified area to Thomas Chaseling. Later documentation suggests that this comprised 15 acres. Subsequently, on 14 October 1844, Constantine Molloy and Sarah Molloy sold 8 acres to Thomas Chaseling. Charles and Maria Kipper sold another part of 10 acres to Thomas Chaseling on 12 December 1857. The 15 acres sold by Mary Nelson to Chaseling is the site of 303 Pitt Town Bottoms Road.

A press report of 15 November 1859 of a master and servant case involving Thomas Chaseling, Pitt Town referred to taking a horse out of the stable.

REFERENCES	Grants Vol 1 p 109 (3)
	Jan Barkley-Jack, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed, pp 329-330
	C J Baxter, Musters and Lists New South Wales: and Norfolk Island 1800-
	1802, ABGR, Sydney, 1988, entry AG382
	Deposited Deeds Receipt 18997, Land Registry Services, New South Wales

Sydney Gazette, 11 May 1811, p 1 Sydney Gazette, 5 Feb 1814, p 1 SMH, 15 Nov 1859 p 3 Old System Deed, No. 413 Bk 75	
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ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft and Skillions
ADDRESS	313 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 778704
SHI No.	1743096
EXISTING HERITAGE	Yes- Item No. I466 (Heritage Item No. 1740036)
ITEM?	Tes item (ve. 1700 (Heritage Rein 170. 1770030)
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	EMENT
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing. Site inspection required into condition
SUMMARY	and integrity.
	Retain as local heritage item.
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	
CIRCA	Y
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century (based on roof pitch, use of slabs and corrugated iron, although would benefit from further investigation)
MODIFICATION/DATES	Unsympathetic additions to eastern side. Changes from 2010- Unknown
CURRENT USE	Dwelling
FORMER USE	Barn
LOCATION ON SITE:	The barn runs north-south alongside weatherboard house and is close to northern site boundary approximately 230m from eastern bank of Hawkesbury River In 2010 and 2023: Access was denied to the site. This description is based on previous inspection in 1991 by Graham Edds & Associates and viewing
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	the site from the road.  Single storey barn 10.6 x 6m on plan with round posts supporting loft and gabled roof. The northern roof slope continues to enclose a skillion which is hipped and wraps around the western end.  Condition: Good  Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Six
ROOF STRUCTURE	Roof pitch approximately 30°. Condition: Not known Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	Loft has a door and window at the northern end and a window in the southern end. It contains a loft floor at eaves level.  Condition: Not known Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 1	Skillion is 3m wide and is supported on round posts and clad with vertical timber slabs.  Condition: Not known Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated iron in short sheets Condition: Moderate. Date: Late 19 <sup>th</sup> or early 20 <sup>th</sup> century
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs with weatherboards to loft level and gables. Condition: Moderate
OPENINGS	Main ground floor opening is positioned centrally on western side (based on 2010 drawing)

FLOORING (GROUND)	Not known
FLOORING (LOFT)	Not known
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Not known
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Not known

## HISTORY

John Fenlow was granted 30 acres (Portion 26, Parish Pitt Town) on the River Hawkesbury in the District of Mulgrave Place on 3 November 1794. Fenlow (vars. Fendlow) was sentenced to transportation for 7 years and arrived in the colony in 1788 as part of the First Fleet.

Fenlow shot dead his assigned servant David Lane on 4 July 1796, on suspicion that he had been consorting with his wife, Eleanor Byrnes. Local Aborigines assisted in locating Fenlow who was hiding on his grant. Fenlow was executed, apparently the only landholder to be executed before 1796.

The subsequent history of the grant is unclear until the 1840s. On 21 September 1798, Jane Wheeler conveyed the grant to Thomas Gilberthorp, an ex-convict who arrived in 1791. Thomas Gilberthorpe was recorded in 1802 as holding 30 acres in the district of Mulgrave Place acquired by purchase, with 14 acres cleared, and 11 acres in wheat with 1 acre in maize. Gilberthorpe advertised for two Sawyers to 'cut Timber for Building contiguous to Pitt Town on 11 May 1811. Inquiries were to be directed to Gilberthorpe, 'Cottage Farm, Hawkesbury'. Thomas Gilberthorpe of Pitt Town was commended on 5 February 1814 for offering grain to the government when others are withholding in the hope of higher prices.

Gilberthorpe appears to have sold the grant in smaller parcels. There is no information currently available about the history of this part of the grant for the following three decades.

On 7 April 1857, by a deed of Release, Thomas Miles of Pitt Town, farmer and Abraham Easterbrook of Pitt Town, farmer conveyed 10 acres to John Davis of Pitt Town, farmer. Davis had commenced legal action to obtain possession of this land, which he claimed was illegally held by Miles and Easterbrook. They agreed to convey the land for £100. The 10 acres was described as part of John Fenlow's grant, bounded on the north by the River Hawkesbury in the rear by the land originally held by William Hall, but then by James Dunstan, on the north east by Charles Kipper's other part of Fenlow's portion, on the south east by Thomas Chaseling's land then occupied by James Dunstan. This description was subsequently linked to more recent deeds regarding this parcel of land.

The *Hawkesbury Pioneer Register*, 1994 edition, noted that Abraham Easterbrook was the son-in-law of Thomas Miles. Thomas Miles died on 26 April 1857, aged 84, after choking on a piece of meat.

On 12 January 1872, John Davis, senior, of Pitt Town, farmer conveyed this land to John Davis, junior of Pitt Town, farmer. It appears that the property remained in the hands of the Davis family until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Based on the known physical evidence, the barn appears to have been constructed by the Davis family.

REFERENCES	Grants Vol 1 p 109 (3)
	Jan Barkley-Jack, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed, pp 329-330
	C J Baxter, Musters and Lists New South Wales: and Norfolk Island
	1800-1802, ABGR, Sydney, 1988, entry AG382
	Sydney Gazette, 11 May 1811, p 1
	Sydney Gazette, 5 Feb 1814, p 1
	Sydney Morning Herald, 29 April 1857, p 3
	Old System Deed, No 646 Bk 48
	Old System Deed, No 254 Bk 129
	Old System Deed, No 347 Bk 2654
	Old System Deed, No 109 Bk 3137
	Hawkesbury Pioneer Register, 1994, p 126

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 313 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is of historical significance as a surviving late 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> century barn and is representative of the long term agricultural use of the land, first granted in 1794 to ex-convict John Fenlow in 1794.

Sited above the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the barn is located in a small complex with weatherboard cottage and mature trees that together make a strong contribution to the historical character of

the agricultural lands along Pitt Town Bottoms Road. The overall form and configuration of the barn, with corrugated metal cladding and surviving timber slabs is good representative example of the historic barn type found throughout the Hawkesbury City local government area.

The barn is potentially of technical significance for retaining surviving evidence of late  $19^{th}$  to early  $20^{th}$  century construction techniques, however, further research is required to determine its current condition and level of integrity.

level of integrity.	
ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	Local
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No. 313 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is of historical significance as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land, first established in 1794 by ex-convict John Fenlow and as a surviving, late 19 <sup>th</sup> to early 20 <sup>th</sup> century barn.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	The barn has historical associations with John Davis and his descendants. The Davis family obtained the property in the mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century and appear to have retained ownership until the mid 20 <sup>th</sup> century. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level.</i>
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Located within a complex together with a weatherboard cottage and mature trees sited above the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, the timber slab clad barn make a strong contribution to the historical character of the agricultural landscape along Pitt Town Bottoms Road.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The form of the barns, with skillions and lofts has the potential to provide further information into late 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 313 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is potentially rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area, as a surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup> to early 20 <sup>th</sup> century timber slab barns that remains in use.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE  INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	The barn at No. 313 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today.  The basic form of the barn with gabled roof, skillions and lofts is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district. <i>Meets the criterion on a Local level</i> .  Unknown
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Ulikilowii

## **IMAGES**



Caption: Barn at No. 313 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms

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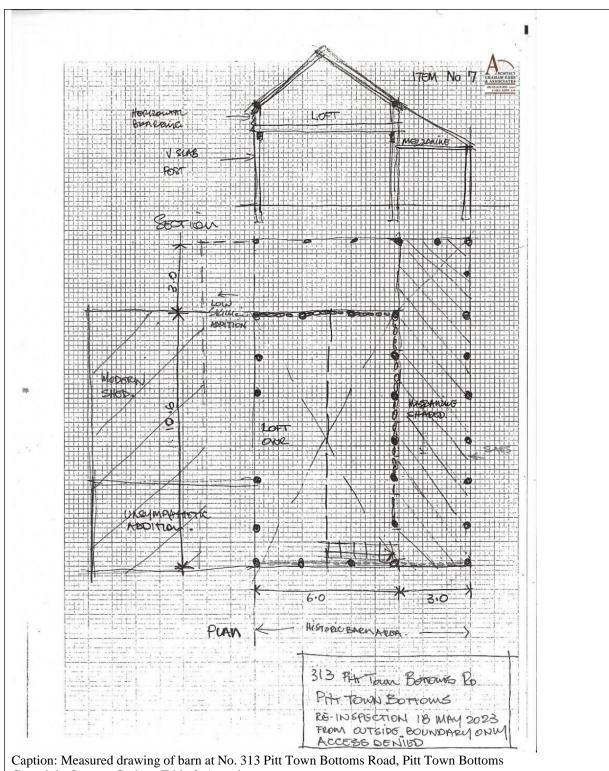
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Date: 1991

ITEM DETAILS	ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft and Chimney- Demolished	
ADDRESS	333 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms	
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury	
PARISH	Pitt Town	
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 774609	
SHI No.	1743097	
EXISTING HERITAGE	N	
ITEM?		
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT		
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State or local listing	
SUMMARY		
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	ITEM CLASSIFICATION	
ITEM TYPE	Built	
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing	
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn	
DESCRIPTION		
CIRCA	Y	
PERIOD	Late 18 <sup>th</sup> to early 19 <sup>th</sup> century	
MODIFICATION/DATES	[2010 inventory sheet]	
	1991 to 2009	
	The barn has developed a considerable lean due to the loss of structural	
	integrity. Shortly after the site inspection a severe wind storm removed the	
	remaining roof cladding.	
CURRENT USE	Unknown	
FORMER USE	Residence?	
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Unknown. Original barn appears to have been demolished.	

2023: Access not permitted. Not inspected. The former barn/residence included in the 1991 study appears to have been demolished and replaced with a large, corrugated metal clad shed. [2010 inventory sheet]

The physical description below is an extract from the 'Pitt Town Slab Barn Study', 1991, by Graham Edds and Associates. This 2009 study has recorded changes/deterioration within the modification date field.

Description 1991: Single storey barn with loft and chimney. Slab walls and corrugated iron roof. Sandstone brick end wall and chimney collapsed. Previous battening for shingles evident. Characteristic lean. Covered in grape vine and wisteria. Central area of barn 9m x 4m. Located on land below the 1 in 100 year flood level. Structure: Post and beam structure. Posts extend into loft. Posts at close centres. Vertical slabs between posts to loft floor level. Horizontal splayed boarding to gable and sides above slabs.

### HISTORY

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Peter Bond was granted 30 acres on the east side of the River Hawkesbury in the district of Mulgrave Place to be known as Parker Farm on 3 November 1794. By the late 1790s, Peter Bond's farm along with those of Edward Cunningham and John Owen had been acquired by Deputy Commissary James Williamson, which were managed for him by John Brenan. On 15 February 1803, James Williamson signed an agreement that John Brenan would supervise Williamson's Hawkesbury farms for £100. James Williamson leased three unnamed farms of cleared land to Laurence May on 1 August 1806. These were possibly the three farms of Bond, Cunningham and Owen.

On 26 & 27 January 1829, by a deed of Lease and release, Jane Williamson of Parramatta, widow, administrator of the estate of James Williamson deceased sold Parker farm of 30 acres granted to Peter Bond to Patrick Mahony and Maurice Mahony of Pitt Town, farmers for £320. Patrick Mahoney signed his will on 28 December 1865 and died on 4 January 1866. On 26 May 1866, the trustees of the deceased estate of Patrick Mahoney, Windsor, yeoman, divided Peter Bond's grant amongst his devisees into 4 lots.

REFERENCES	Grants, Vol 1 No 107
	Jan Barkley-Jack, Hawkesbury Settlement Revealed, pp 149, 333-4
	Old Register Volume 1 page 76 no 361
	Old Register Volume 1 page 139 No 1071
	Old System Deed, No 590 Bk B

# Old System Deed, No 696 Bk 98

ITEM DETAILS	
NAME	Single Storey Slab Barn with Loft and Ramp
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	Pittsmoor/ Owen Farm
ADDRESS	353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury
PARISH	Pitt Town
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 569711
SHI No.	1743098
EXISTING HERITAGE	-1.222
ITEM?	Y- I467 (Heritage Item No. 1740037)
RECOMMENDED MANAGE	MENT
MANAGEMENT	Recommend for State heritage listing
SUMMARY	Retain as Local item
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	Retain as Local Rem
ITEM TYPE	Built
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn
DESCRIPTION	Dan
CIRCA	Υ
PERIOD	Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
MODIFICATION/DATES	Mid 19 <sup>th</sup> (skillion) to Mid 20 <sup>th</sup> century (roof cladding)
CURRENT USE	
	Machinery store.
LOCATION ON SITE:	The barn is orientated north-south and is located halfway between road and east bank of Hawkesbury River (approximately 140m east of river).
MAIN BARN STRUCTURE	A large and impressive single-storey barn 13.7m x 6.5m on plan with a loft supported on square adzed posts with unusual projecting eaves detail and longitudinal beams with trenched undersides to take post tenons and shaped ends of vertical slabs.  Condition: Moderate  Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
NO. OF BAYS	Eight Eight
ROOF STRUCTURE	Roughly squared rafters at close centres, pegged to eaves beam and loft floor joists. Most of the original shingle battens survive.  Condition: Moderate  Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
LOFT	Tightly laid timber floor boards on round joists with top and bottom surfaces adzed flat.  Condition: Moderate Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
SKILLION 1	Skillion to southern end built of small section round timber rafters on sawn square beam bolted to round posts. There is no sign of shingle battens. Gables are clad in weatherboard.  Condition: Moderate Date: Mid- late 19 <sup>th</sup>
ROOF CLADDING:	Corrugated galvanized iron. Condition: Moderate Date: Mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century?
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs, weatherboards to gable ends. Condition: Moderate. Date: Early 19 <sup>th</sup> century
OPENINGS	Central doorway opening to east side. Loft accessed via external ramp.
FLOORING (GROUND)	Earthen

FLOORING (LOFT)	Timber boarding
FLOORING (SKILLION)	Earthen
OTHER (Fixings?)	Unusual cantilevered eaves with pegged joints. Unusual trenched longitudinal edge beam to suit mortises on top of posts and to accept shaped ends of vertical timber slabs.
CHANGES FROM 2010?	Raked round posts have been added outside both long sides and bolted to longitudinal beams to buttress the barn. Ramp rebuilt.
FORMER USE	Barn
HISTORY	

The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is located on part of a grant of 30 acres (Portion 24, Parish Pitt Town) made on 3 November 1794 to John Owen situate on the east side of the River Hawkesbury in the district of Mulgrave Place to be known as Owen Farm. Ex-convict John Owen had arrived in the colony as part of the First Fleet.

By 1800, John Owen's 30 acres at Mulgrave Place, was held by James Williamson, Commissary with 20 acres cultivated. By this time, Williamson owned 359 acres of land and 419 head of stock including 320 sheep, one of the largest flocks in the settlement. It appears that No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms was one of a number of properties owned by Williamson and it is assumed the property was farmed by tenants or employees.

James Williamson died in 1826. On 1 June 1830, his widow, Jane Williamson, of Parramatta, conveyed John Owen's 30 acre grant to Patrick Mahony, Pitt Town, farmer for £300. The deed recited that John Owen's grant, was previously owned by John Owen. It was then held by Robert Ledaway, and then by James Williamson. It had lately been occupied by Patrick Mahony as tenant, who was now purchasing the land.

By a conveyance of 13 June 1865, Patrick Mahoney, Windsor, farmer conveyed various parcels of land to Roger Ryan, North Richmond, farmer. The land was 100 acres in several parcels being 50 acres, 37 acres 30 perches and 12 acres 3 roods 10 perches. The last parcel of 12 acres 3 roods 10 perches is the one relevant to this site, being part of a grant to John Owen, commencing at the Hawkesbury River at the south west corner of Cunningham's 30 acres bounded on the north by that grant 37 chains 50 links and then on the east by a line 3 chains 47 Links, on the south by a line to the Hawkesbury River, 38 chains, and on the west by that river.

After the death of Roger Ryan, the property passed to Edward Ryan, Glebe, carrier. It was then known as Myall Farm, occupied by Mrs John Ryan.

Based on the physical evidence of the construction it is assumed the barn was built by James Williamson between 1800-26 or Patrick Maloney who owned the property from 1826 to 1865.

REFERENCES	Grants Vol 1 No 107
	C J Baxter, Musters and Lists New South Wales: and Norfolk Island
	1800-1802, ABGR, Sydney, 1988, entry AE522; entry AB059, List of
	land held by government officials
	B H Fletcher, 'J Williamson (1758-1826)', Australian Dictionary of
	<i>Biography</i> , volume 2, 197, p 602
	C J Baxter, Musters of New South Wales and Norfolk Island 1805-1806,
	ABGR, Sydney, 1989, entry A3338
	Old System Deed, No 446 Bk C; No 798 Bk 98; No 756 Bk 959

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is of historical, aesthetic, technical significance and rarity on a State level as a surviving early 19<sup>th</sup> century barn of high integrity.

The large (8 bay) barn with ramp access to loft level is a distinctive element in the rural landscape of Pitt Town Bottoms Road and makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the locality. The ramp in particular is a distinctive feature related to its position adjacent to the Hawkesbury River, allowing easy transportation of stock, equipment and machinery into the loft in times of flood, an important advantage for properties located in the floodplains.

The barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its early 19th century construction and unusual detailing including adzed posts, projecting eaves with pegged joints, longitudinal beams with

trenched undersides to take post tenons and shaped ends of vertical slabs, roughly squared rafters at close centres pegged to eaves beam and loft floor joists, surviving shingle battens and tightly laid timber floor boards on round joists with top and bottom surfaces adzed flat.

The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area for its unusual detailing, large scale, and extent of surviving early 19<sup>th</sup> century fabric. Of particular note is the overhanging triangulated roof together with timber pegged joints and close spacing of posts suggesting a very early construction date (potentially in the first two decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century).

ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	State
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The large barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms, is of historical significance as a surviving early 19 <sup>th</sup> century barn that remains substantially intact, and as evidence of the long-term agricultural use of the land since the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century.
	Meets the criterion on a State level.
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	The property is associated with ex-convict John Owen who was granted the land, known as Owen Farm, in 1794; and with James Williamson, Commissary who owned the land between 1800 and 1826 as one of a number of land holdings and with Patrick Maloney, local farmer who owned the property from 1826 to 1865. It is not known which owner or tenant of the land in the early 19 <sup>th</sup> century was responsible for the construction of the barn.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	The large (8 bay) barn with ramp access to loft level is of aesthetic significance as a distinctive element in the rural landscape of Pitt Town Bottoms Road and makes a strong contribution to the historical character of the locality.
	The ramp is a distinctive feature related to its position adjacent to the Hawkesbury River, allowing easy transportation of stock, equipment and machinery into the loft in times of flood, an important advantage for properties located in the floodplains.
	The barn is of technical significance for retaining evidence of its early 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction and unusual detailing including adzed posts, projecting eaves with pegged joints, longitudinal beams with trenched undersides to take post tenons and shaped ends of vertical slabs, roughly squared rafters at close centres pegged to eaves beam and loft floor joists, surviving shingle battens and tightly laid timber floor boards on round joists with top and bottom surfaces adzed flat. Of particular note is the overhanging triangulated roof together with timber pegged joints and close spacing of posts suggesting a very early construction date (potentially in the first two decades of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century).
	Meets the criterion on a State level.
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic slab barns and outbuildings of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The large, highly intact barn of unusual detailing with surviving evidence of its early 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction has high potential to provide further information into early 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming methods and construction techniques.
	Meets the criterion on a State level.

CRITERIA F) RARITY	The barn at No. 353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area for its unusual detailing, large scale, and extent of surviving early 19 <sup>th</sup> century fabric.  Meets the criterion on a State level.
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The barn is representative of the long history of agricultural development within the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River and South Creek, which commenced in the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century and continues today.
	Its overall form with gabled roof, skillion, loft and timber slab wall cladding is representative of the typical form of barn found throughout the district.
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.
INTEGRITY/ INTACTNESS	High

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Caption: Barn at No.353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty

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Caption: Barn at No.353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms (interior of skillion) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty

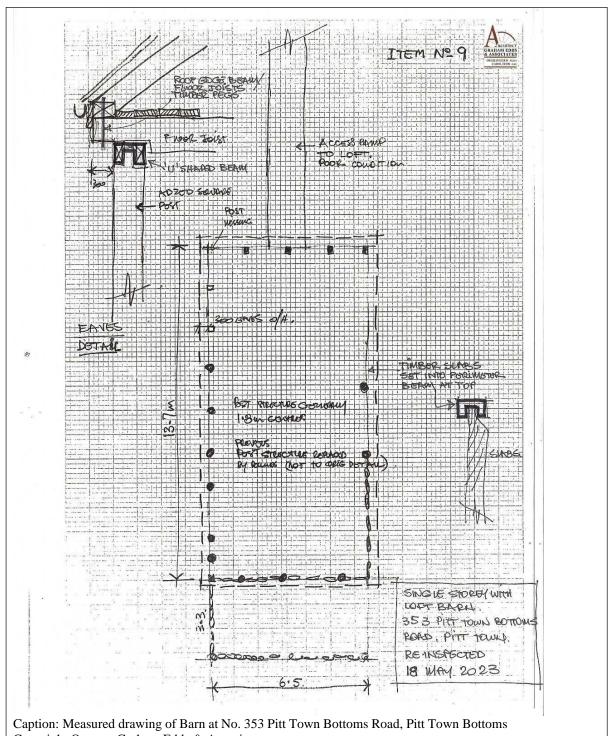
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Caption: Barn at No.353 Pitt Town Bottoms Road, Pitt Town Bottoms (interior of loft) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Pty Ltd

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ITEM DETAILS			
NAME			
ADDRESS			
	4 Bensons Lane, Richmond		
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury		
PARISH	Ham Common		
LOT/DP	12 DP 1182898		
SHI No.	1743058		
EXISTING HERITAGE	N		
ITEM			
RECOMMENDED MANAGI			
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State listing		
SUMMARY	Recommend for Local listing.		
ITEM CLASSIFICATION	I m. ii		
ITEM TYPE	Built		
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing		
ITEM CATEGORY	Stables/Carriage house		
DESCRIPTION	Lv		
CIRCA	Y		
PERIOD	Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century		
MODIFICATION/DATES	20 <sup>th</sup> century- restored and adapted		
CURRENT USE	Storage/Residence in loft		
FORMER USE	Stables and carriage house		
LOCATION ON SITE:	The site is on the northern fringe of Richmond and 60m to the east of		
	Bensons Lane. Formerly part of larger property- Benson House, 61 Francis		
CARRIAGE HOUGE 0	Street, Richmond.		
CARRIAGE HOUSE &	Two-storey carriage house and stables approximately 12 x 6m on plan.		
STABLES STRUCTURE	Main posts are adzed square 230 x 230mm. Longitudinal beams and cross		
	beams seem to have been replaced. Corner posts extend to roof eaves but other posts have been cut at first floor level and the whole loft structure		
	including the roof appears to have been rebuilt.		
	Condition: Good		
	Date: Mid- 19 <sup>th</sup> century fabric partially reconstructed in late 20 <sup>th</sup> century		
NO. OF BAYS	Four		
ROOF STRUCTURE	Steep 45° pitch but probably reconstructed.		
	Condition: Good		
	Date: late 20 <sup>th</sup> century?		
LOFT	Lined internally and fitted out as accommodation.		
	Condition: Good		
	Date: late 20 <sup>th</sup> century?		
ROOF CLADDING:	Ribbed Colorbond sheeting		
	Condition: Good		
	Date: late 20 <sup>th</sup> century?		
WALL CLADDING	Vertical timber slabs with a series of ledged and braced doors with hand		
	forged strap and gudgeon hinges and timber ventilation grilles above.		
	Weatherboards to loft walls and gable.		
	Condition: Good Date: Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century fabric partially reconstructed in late 20 <sup>th</sup> century		
OPENINGS	See above		
FLOORING (GROUND)	Round timber sets in stables section, concrete floor in cart house.		
FLOORING (GROUND)  FLOORING (LOFT)	Timber boarding		
FLOORING (EOF 1) FLOORING (SKILLION)	N/A		
INTERNAL STRUCTURE	Early timber posts and slab partitions.		
OTHER (Fixings?)	Bolted joints between posts and longitudinal beams		
CURRENT USE	Storage on ground floor, accommodation in loft.		
CHANGES FROM 2010?	None.		
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### **HISTORY**

Thomas Gordon, free-settler, was granted 100 acres (Portion 58, Parish Ham Common) on 16 July 1804 in the district of Mulgrave Place, bounded on the east by Wilson and on the west by William Carlisle. William Carlisle, free settler, had been granted his land (Portion 57) in the same year.

In 1811, Gordon transferred 50 acres at Mulgrave Place to William Carlisle for a working bullock. In that same year, Carlisle married Mary Ann Gordon, Thomas Gordon's daughter. Carlisle and Gordon had known each other in England and emigrated together to NSW.

Thomas Gordon was a farmer, missionary, coach painter and school teacher, who had a zeal to bring Christianity to the Maori people at the Bay of Islands in New Zealand, spending a number of years at Samuel Marsden's mission there.

In 1822, William Carlisle advertised a 50 acre farm at Richmond for sale. The property was described as having high lands free from floods on which "is a good weatherboarded and shingled house, a barn, and other conveniences fenced in; with an orchard etc." Timber had been cut on 43 acres and almost 30 acres had been cleared. Crops were growing on 20 acres. Half the purchase money was to be taken in good sheep or horned cattle.

By a deed of bargain and sale dated 10 June 1822, William Carlisle, transferred that 50 acres to Edward Smith Hall, esquire of Sydney for £200. It was more correctly described as 50 acres bounded on the east by the other half of Thomas Gordon's 100 acre grant, and on the west by Carlisle's farm. The transfer also included a piece of land containing 2 acres adjoining together with a cottage and outbuildings. This separate piece of land is the location of Benson House.

Subsequently, on 14 and 15 July 1836, by a deed of lease and release, Edward Smith Hall, of Sydney, esquire, and his wife Sarah conveyed the land to John Burns, Richmond, farmer for £500. The land was the same as described in June 1822, including the cottage and all other buildings.

On 9 August 1842, a deed of release in trust was signed with the following parties, 1st John Fawcett, Richmond, farmer, and his wife, Elizabeth, who was the widow of John Burns of Richmond deceased, 2nd William Bowman, Richmond, esquire, trustee and 3rd William Murray Benson, Richmond, farmer, who was the illegitimate son of Elizabeth Fawcett, originally Elizabeth Burns (born Williams).

The land was the same as described in June 1822, including the cottage with other buildings. The land would be held by Bowman in trust for the benefit of John Fawcett for the term of his natural life, and then for the benefit of Elizabeth Fawcett for the term of her natural life, and then to William Murray Benson.

Elizabeth Fawcett died at Richmond on 21 April 1844, aged 76. After the death of his wife, John Fawcett, promised to marry a much younger woman, but when he withdrew his promise, he was charge for breach of promise and found guilty. A payment of £50 was due to the woman who he had jilted. John Fawcett died aged 58 on 28 September 1847.

William Murray Benson died 26 February 1859, leaving his property to his wife, Marian. On 6 January 1870, Marion Benson, of Richmond, widow gifted the property to her son William Benson, Richmond, farmer.

By the 1890s, via marriage, the property was in the ownership of the Ridge family.

It is during the Fawcett/Benson period of ownership that the original single storey Colonial Georgian house, known as Benson house was built and it is assumed the outbuildings and the stables building located on the adjacent property.

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REFERENCES	Grants, Vol 3 p 137 (4)
	Old Register, Vol 3 page 21 no 145
	Sydney Gazette, 31 May 1822, p 3
	Sydney Morning Herald, 30 April 1844, p 3

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The stables and coach house at No. 4 Bensons Lane, Richmond is of historical significance as a surviving mid-19<sup>th</sup> century outbuilding associated with the Colonial Georgian house, constructed by the Fawcett/Benson family, known as Benson House (located on the adjacent property).

Located on a land grant made in 1804 to free-settler Edward Gordon, the stables and coach house is sited on the high ground above the floodplains of the Hawkesbury River and contributes to the historical character of the Richmond low lands.

Although restored and adapted, the stables and coach house retains evidence of its mid 19<sup>th</sup> century construction including adzed main posts, a series of ledged and braced doors with hand forged strap and

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gudgeon hinges, and round timber sets in the former stables floor. It is a good example of sensitive adaptive		
	les and carriage house. The overall form and enough early fabric is retained	
to understand the building's construction and use. Of particular interest is the stable flooring consisting of round timber sets and remains of the stables feed trough system.		
ASSESSED SIGNIFICANCE TYPE	Local	
CRITERIA A)	The stables and coach house at No. 4 Benson Lane, Richmond is of	
HISTORICAL	historical significance as a mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century former stables and coach	
	house that is associated with the adjacent Colonial Georgian house,	
	Benson House.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA B)	Located on land originally granted to Edward Gordon, free-settler in 1804,	
HISTORICAL	the stables/coach house appears to have been constructed by the	
ASSOCIATION	Fawcett/Benson family who owned the property from the 1830s through to	
	at least the 1870s.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CDITEDIA C)		
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Located at the rear of Benson House (although now part of a separate property) on high ground looking over the floodplains of the Hawkesbury	
AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	River, the stables and coach retains its agricultural setting and contributes	
	to the historical character of the Richmond low lands.	
	The building, although modified and adapted, is of technical significance	
	for retaining evidence of its mid 19 <sup>th</sup> century construction including adzed	
	main posts, a series of ledged and braced doors with hand forged strap and	
	gudgeon hinges,	
	round timber sets in the former stables floor and stables feed troughs.	
	However, the significance of this barn has been lessened by the extent of	
	modern construction to the barn on three sides and the adaptation of the	
	loft.	
CDVENDY ( D)	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA D)	The historic barns and outbuildings of the Hawkesbury district are	
SOCIAL/CULTURAL	appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the	
	numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and	
	heritage listings associated with these building types.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH	The form of the stables and coach house, with loft and constructed using	
POTENTIAL	traditional techniques, has the potential to provide further information into	
	mid 19 <sup>th</sup> construction methods for agricultural buildings of the period.	
	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
CRITERIA F) RARITY	The stables/coach house at No. 4 Bensons Lane, Richmond is not	
	considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local	
	government area, although the use of round timber sets for stable flooring	
	is considered very rare in the Hawkesbury district.  Meets the criterion on a local level.	
CRITERIA G)	The stables/coach house at No. 4 Bensons Lane, Richmond is	
REPRESENTATIVE	representative of the long history of agricultural development within the	
	floodplains of the Hawkesbury River, which commenced in the late 18 <sup>th</sup>	
	century and continues today.	
	The restored and adapted building is a good example of sensitive adaptive	
	reuse of a mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century stables and carriage house. The overall form	
	and enough early fabric is retained to understand the building's	
	construction and use.	
DAME CONTROL	Meets the criterion on a Local level.	
INTEGRITY/	High- moderate	
INTACTNESS		

## **IMAGES**



Caption: Stables and Coach house at 4 Bensons Lane, Richmond (exterior) Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Date: June 2023

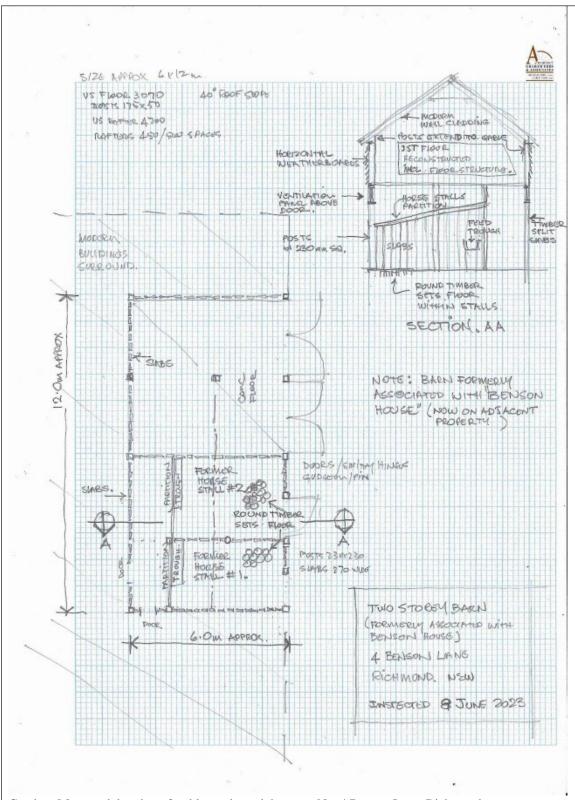


Caption: Detail of log floor to Stables at 4 Bensons Lane, Richmond Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Date: June 2023



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Caption: Detail of forged iron hinge of Stables and Coach house at 4 Bensons Lane, Richmond Photographer: S. Johnson Copyright Owner: Lucas Stapleton Johnson & Partners Date: June 2023



Caption: Measured drawing of stables and coach house at No. 4 Benson Lane, Richmond

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ITEM DETAILS	ITEM DETAILS		
NAME	Single Storey Town Slab Barn with Side Skillion		
OTHER/FORMER NAMES	House and Slab Barn		
ADDRESS	118 Francis Street, Richmond		
LOCAL GOVT AREA	Hawkesbury		
PARISH	Ham Common		
LOT/DP	Lot 1 DP 571910		
SHI No.	1743057		
EXISTING HERITAGE	N		
ITEM?			
RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT			
MANAGEMENT	Not recommended for State or local listing.		
SUMMARY			
ITEM CLASSIFICATION			
ITEM TYPE	Built		
ITEM GROUP	Farming and Grazing		
ITEM CATEGORY	Barn		
DESCRIPTION			
CIRCA	Y		
PERIOD	Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century		
MODIFICATION/DATES	Slabs and skillion removed since 2010.		
CURRENT USE	Abandoned		
FORMER USE	Barn		
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Site access not provided in 2023.

The following description is from the 2010 Hawkesbury Slab Barn Study, Graham Edds and Associates. The barn is in poor condition with little surviving original fabric.

A single storey town barn within the rear yard of a mid-19th century town cottage property.

Access to the property was not available so the following is provided from observation from Francis Street and the Council carpark to the rear.

The barn is a small structure rectangular in shape with gabled roof and a skillion roof along one side of the long axis (facing the cottage).

Structure:

A post and beam structure utilising round poles and beams, walls clad with vertical slabs for the full wall height, simply supported roof structure clad with corrugated metal sheeting and skillion similarly structured and clad.

## HISTORY

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The land at No. 118 Francis Street, Richmond was originally promised to Edward Powell by Governor Lachlan Macquarie. Powell assigned this site described as 4 acres (Lot 2, Section 4 of the Richmond Town Plan) between Jonathan Griffiths' allotment on the west, and John Stevenson's allotment on the east to Joseph Onus for £35 on 10 July 1830.

After the death of Onus, it passed to his heirs. On 6 February 1838, it was granted as 4 acres to Ann Sharp (formally Onus), wife of William Sharp of Richmond, in accordance with the report on Case 89 in the Court of Claims, dated 2 September 1837.

The site was shown as vacant on Galloway's plan of town of Richmond of March 1841. On 14 May 1881, the entail created by Onus's will was negatived for the northern half of the grant with an area of 2 acres 2 roods 30 perches. On 16 May 1881, that parcel of land was conveyed to the Bank of New South Wales for £1800.

It was subdivided into 10 lots with 33 feet frontages to Francis Street by surveyor George Matcham Pitt junior for the bank and auctioned on 16 December 1882. No. 118 Francis Street is on lots 3 and 4 in that subdivision with the current barn situated on lot 4. No buildings were shown on the plan.

The bank conveyed lot 4 of section 4 amounting to 27 and 9/10 perches, to sisters Mary and Julia Davenport, both spinsters of Richmond for £166/13/0 on 13 March 1885.

It appears that the Davenport sisters farmed the land, as Mary Davenport won prizes in Hawkesbury Agricultural Show, including second place for rye and butter in 1884 and 1885. Julia Davenport won numerous prizes for her fancy work. The sisters resided at their Francis Street property for the remainder of their lives, both dying within a year of each other in 1931 (Mary) and 1932 (Julia).

	eet, Richmond is of historical significance as a surviving late 19th century
ASSESSED	gh now abandoned and with little integrity.  Local
CRITERIA A) HISTORICAL	The barn at No. 118 Francis Street, Richmond is of historical significance as a surviving late 19 <sup>th</sup> century town barn, although now in dilapidated condition.  Meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA B) HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	Dating from the late 19 <sup>th</sup> century, the barn appears to be associated with sisters Mary and Julia Davenport, although they are not well known today. <i>Does not meet the criterion.</i>
CRITERIA C) AESTHETIC/TECHNICAL	Located at the rear of a residential allotment in the centre of the town of Richmond and associated with a weatherboard late 19 <sup>th</sup> century cottage, the barn makes little contribution to the historical character of Richmond. <i>Does not meet the criterion.</i>
CRITERIA D) SOCIAL/CULTURAL	The historic barns of the Hawkesbury district are appreciated by the local community and others, being symbolic of the history of the agricultural development of the region, as evidenced by the numerous exhibitions, artworks, historical tours, heritage studies and heritage listings associated with these building types.  Potentially meets the criterion on a Local level.
CRITERIA E) RESEARCH POTENTIAL	The remains of the late 19 <sup>th</sup> century barn are unlikely to provide further information into the use of town barns that is not able to be found elsewhere.  Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA F) RARITY	As a surviving town barn, the barn at 118 Francis Street Richmond is considered to be rare within the context of the Hawkesbury City local government area, although it is now abandoned and dilapidated, with little original fabric surviving.  Does not meet the criterion.
CRITERIA G) REPRESENTATIVE	The remains of the barn with gabled roof, timber support posts and corrugated metal roofing is a poor example of a late 19 <sup>th</sup> century town barn. <i>Does not meet the criterion.</i>
INTEGRITY/INTACTNESS	Little. No slabs or skillion surviving- only posts and corrugated metal gable roof.