

# City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 14 Category: 5

 Assessment Date:
 12/11/1997
 Last Revision Date:
 28/01/2005

 HCWA Number:
 9244
 Asset ID:
 MCH126739

# **PLACE DETAILS**

Name: Golden Sheaf Hotel Site

Other Names: Golden Sheaf Hotel

**Type of Place:** Site

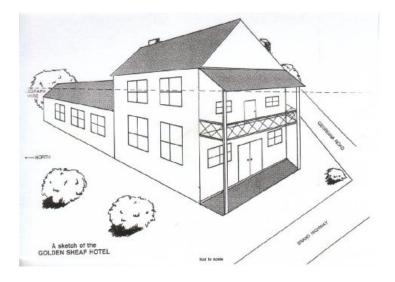
**Address:** Cnr Brand Highway & Georgina Road

Suburb: Greenough

# **LOCATION**

 Map
 Geraldton
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 6799416.00
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 276815.000

Reference: S.E. Northing: 0000 Easting: 000



# **Photo Description:**

J. Clinch, "Golden Sheaf Hotel"

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### **SITE DETAILS**

Lot No.: CG G1

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 63074

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

# **USE OF PLACE**

Original Use: Hotel

Current Use: Not in use

Ownership:

Public Access: No Occupied: Not Occupied

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Walls: Not applicable Roof: Not applicable

Condition: Poor Integrity:

Original fabric: Modifications:

The Golden Sheaf Hotel was located on the north-east corner of the intersection of the Brand Highway and Georgina Road.

2004/05 Review: Remnants of stone cellar are partly obscured by vegetation.

#### **HISTORY**

Construction Date: 1881 Source: J. Clinch

Architect: Not available Builder: John Tetlow

Lots CG G1 and G2 were conveyed to John Stephen Maley by James Doran in 1869. In 1881 J.S. Maley commenced building a hotel on his land which he called "The Golden Sheaf Hotel". Located on the corner of the Geraldton Highway (now Brand Highway) and Georgina Road, it was subsequently licensed with a Wayside House License and a Publican's General License in 1883. During the following years the license was held in various names, the last recorded license being granted to Joseph James Patience on 1 December 1902. It is believed that the license expired in December 1903 and was never renewed. In 1904 lots G1-4 were sold to William John Wilson for £600. Wilson owned Woodburn House, later known as Corringle. [Place No. 9] In 1922 the property was transferred to Wilson's daughter Frederica, possibly as a wedding present when she married

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Arnold Walter Armstrong, son of Francis Gow Armstrong. Francis Armstrong, a former Mayor of Geraldton, lived in the hotel building between 1909 and 1922 with his family. He ran a grocery business and brought the hotel's ballroom back into use for various entertainments. Due to the poor condition of the building, when the Armstrong family vacated it in 1922 most of it was demolished. Mr Arthur Clinch received the contract to demolish the building but sub-leased the work to Mr Crothers, a Geraldton builder. Timber and iron from the building were auctioned, while the stone was used for road construction. One of the small remaining rooms was later used for Sunday School. A garage later operated from near the remains of the hotel.

(Sources: Gary Martin; Clinch, J., "The Golden Sheaf Hotel", pp.1-3)

#### HISTORIC THEMES

**HCWA:** 311 Hospitality industry and tourism

400 Social and civic activities

605 Famous and infamous people

AHC: 3.22 Lodging people

3.21 Entertaining for profit

8.5.4 Pursuing common leisure interests

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the Golden Sheaf Hotel has considerable historic significance as evidence of the development of the Greenough Front Flats into 3 distinct settlements - north, central and south. Together with the site of the North Greenough State School, it reveals the changing settlement patterns of the area; from close settlement in the late 1800s to centralisation from the 1920s. Further, the place has some historic significance for its association with J.S. Maley, W.J. Wilson and F.G. Armstrong, prominent residents of the district.

#### MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 5

**Level of Significance:** HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance

for its previous use and its role in the historical

development of the locality.

ManagementProposed development may need to haveRecommendation:regard to possible archaeological evidence

remaining on the site. Recognise and interpret

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the site if feasible. This may be achieved through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, signage, public art, paving treatment and landscaping as well as design treatment of any new development which reflects the former use of the site.

# **OTHER LISTINGS**

No other listings

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

Clinch, J., "The Golden Sheaf Hotel", 1990.

Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994.

GHS - Photo Collection.

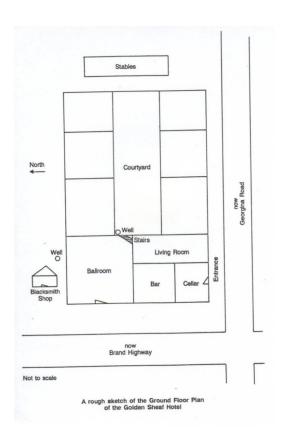
HCWA Database No. 9245.

Photographs:

GHS0646 demolishing hotel (1922), GHS0647 demolishing hotel (1922), GHS0951 demolishing hotel (1922).

### **OTHER PHOTOS**

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# Photo Description:

29/06/2005

A rough sketch of the ground floor plan of the Golden Sheaf Hotel

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