

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 18	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 12/11/1997	Last Revision Date: 14/04/2004	
HCWA Number: 3755	Asset ID: MCH126755	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Rock of Ages
Other Names:	Harrison Cottage
Type of Place:	Cottage
Address:	Phillips Road (north side)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	6799268.00	GPS	276693.000
Reference:	S.E.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

14/04/2005

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East elevation, Rock of Ages

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 5	Assess No.:	63051
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Residence		
Current Use:	Residence/B & B		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Stone walls		
Modifications:	Box Awning		

Rock of Ages is located on the north side of Phillips Road, approximately 300 metres west of Brand Highway. The rendered stone cottage has a steeply pitched corrugated iron hipped roof which extends to cover the front (east) verandah. The verandah, which is supported on timber chamfered posts, is enclosed to each end with stone to form rooms. The place has stone additions to the north and west to facilitate continued use as a residence, and in more recent times as a Bed and Breakfast establishment. Windows are generally casement style with small panes. There is a rendered chimney to the south. A feature of the garden is an old pepper tree located immediately to the east of the cottage. Adjacent to the cottage is a rammed earth building which accommodates a pottery shop.

2004/05 Review: The rammed earth building now houses a tearooms and antiques shop.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1857	Source:	Heritage Trail
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	John Patience		

Originally known as "Rock of Ages" after the well known hymn, this cottage was built in 1857 by ex-convict John Patience (1819-1870). Patience was

convicted of burglary in Dorset in 1848 and sentenced to 14 years transportation. He arrived on the 'Scindian' in June 1850, and after being granted a ticket-of-leave in 1851 worked in Perth, Fremantle and Champion Bay. He married Ann Criddle in 1857 at Port Gregory and settled on this small farm. After his death, Patience's widow and their six children continued to live and farm in the area.

In 1877 Ann married another former convict, Thomas Harrison (1843-1931), who had arrived aboard the 'Lord Dalhousie' in 1863. After being granted a full pardon in 1872, he worked in the Greenough area as a farm labourer and cartage contractor. Harrison farmed the property and extended the cottage to accommodate a further six children. The cottage remained in the Harrison family until 1978 when it was sold to Mr Barry Edmunds who has restored the building and, in 1997, opened a Bed and Breakfast in the original part of the cottage. "Rock of Ages" was the recipient of the Shire of Greenough Heritage Award in 1998.

(Sources: Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail & Baskerville, B., "Felon to Farmer - Thomas Harrison and his family", Thesis, 1984, p.33)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	100 Demographic settlement and mobility 602 Early settlers
AHC:	311 Hospitality industry and tourism 2.3 Coming to Australia as a punishment 3.5 Developing primary production 3.22 Lodging people

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rock of Ages has considerable historic significance as one of the early farming cottages to be built on the Greenough Flats. Further the place is closely associated with the Patience and Harrison families, descendants of the ex-convicts who built and extended the residence. The cottage has considerable aesthetic appeal given the use of local stone, simple style and detailing as well as the sympathetic extensions. The place makes an important contribution to the built heritage of the Flats.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.

Management
Recommendation:

Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.

OTHER LISTINGS

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (14), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Recorded, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos