

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 68 Category: 2

 Assessment Date:
 30/09/1997
 Last Revision Date:
 09/02/2005

 HCWA Number:
 13881
 Asset ID:
 MCH127006

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Donaville

Other Names: Zephyrus Farm

Type of Place: House

Address: Brand Highway (east side)

Suburb: Greenough

LOCATION

Map Walkaway **GPS** 6795265.00 **GPS** 281700.000

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



Photo Description:

9/12/2004 Henkel Donaville

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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lot 25 of CG 204

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 63811

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Residence Current Use: Residence

Ownership:

Public Access: No Occupied: Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Limestone Roof: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Fair Integrity:

Original fabric: Modifications:

The consultants were unable to gain access to the property. The following information is based on a Place Nomination Form and submission submitted by the owners: Located to the east of Brand Highway, approximately 1.5 kilometres south of McCartney Road, Donaville consists of a stone farmhouse (the original courtroom), original stone dairy, new dairy, machinery sheds, hay shed, 4 stand shearing shed and cattle yards and an original convict built well.

2004/05 Review: The farmhouse is of stone construction with a corrugated iron hipped roof and verandah. The roof is punctuated by two brick chimneys and one stone chimney. There are some corrugated iron clad verandah enclosures. There is a separate stone building located immediately to the north of the farmhouse and other outbuildings nearby.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1860 Source: GFF Survey

Architect: Not available Builder: J. Donaher

J. Donaher took up the title of VL 204 in 1864. In 1867 sessions of the Greenough Court were conducted in a building at Donaville Farm. Donaher advertised the property for sale in February 1883. The farm was described as having a "dwelling house – 3 rooms, surrounded by ample

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verandah, also storeroom, kitchen, a very large stone barn, shingled and floored, a commodious stable, good stockyard and extensive 'clearing up' yard. Well of splendid water." In 1896 the property was purchased by Thomas Clinch for one of his sons, Francis Edward Mortimer Clinch, who married in 1905. Frank and his father added three rooms, a verandah and outbuildings to the original cottage. In 1913, when the property was still owned by Frank Clinch, the Homestead was described as follows: "The homestead, which is reached by a three-mile drive from the Greenough Road Siding and five miles from Walkaway, is a substantially-built structure containing seven rooms, the stone used in its construction having been quarried out of the hillside quite close to the site of the house. It is surrounded by ornamental trees, and has a well-kept vegetable garden near by where fine fresh greens are produced with the aid of the good water supply; and a little distance apart is a small vineyard and orchard, also with the water laid on." The property also accommodated one of the first dairies in the area. The property was renamed 'Zephyrus Farm' in 1994 and back to Donaville in 2005. (Source: Crowley, F. "Cyclopedia of Western Australia", Vol 2, 1913, p.973, Owner Knowledge, Gary Martin, Joy Clinch & Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 100 Demographic settlement and mobility

301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying

400 Social and civic activities

AHC: 8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

7.6.4 Dispensing justice

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Donaville, has considerable historic significance as the location of the first Court proceedings on the Greenough Flats and for its association with the Clinch family, well known in the area. The place is evidence of the settlement of the district in the 1860s.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 2

Level of Significance: CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important

to the heritage of the locality.

Management

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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

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

Battye, J.S.,. "Cyclopedia of Western Australia", Vol II, 1913, p.973. Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994.

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OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos

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