

<b>Area:</b> Geraldton	<b>Place Number:</b> 180	<b>Category:</b> 2
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 14/10/1996	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 19/11/2009	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 13277	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126860	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	House
<b>Other Names:</b>	31 Francis Street
<b>Type of Place:</b>	House
<b>Address:</b>	31 Francis Street
<b>Suburb:</b>	Geraldton

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b> 14.15	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 6814147.00	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 266133.000
	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 0000	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 000



#### Photo Description:

6/08/2007

Rod Milne

House is set above street level.

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 113	<b>Assess No.:</b>	10946
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Residence		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Residence		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	No	<b>Occupied:</b>	Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Stone	<b>Roof:</b>	Corrugated Iron
<b>Condition:</b>	Good	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

This stone house is set above street level and has a hipped painted corrugated iron roof punctuated with a rendered masonry chimney to the north east and with consoles to the eaves overhang. A separate bull nose hipped verandah roof is supported on chamfered timber posts with fretwork timber brackets to a cast iron verandah frieze. The south end of the verandah is enclosed with fibro, the north end has a low timber balustrade. The front facade has been painted, and brick quoining has been used to accentuate openings and corners. Windows are timber framed and double hung. Access from the street is via six concrete steps with a capped rendered masonry balustrade to each side. The street boundary has a low masonry wall with capped corbelled pillars and a picket fence providing infill. To the rear (east) there is a fibro clad lean-to. To the north there is another small fibro clad lean-to, set at street level, and used as a garage.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	unknown	<b>Source:</b>	
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown		

In the late 1800s the house was owned by Mrs F.E. Sewell, an early Greenough settler. Margaret Cobley was born in the house. (Source: Margaret Cobley) According to Shirely Scotter, the house later became

the residence of Mrs Wilson, the widow of 'Peak Hill' Wilson who was the original owner of Corringe on the Greenough Flats.

### HISTORIC THEMES

**HCWA:** 104 Land allocation and subdivision  
**AHC:** 4.1.2 Making suburbs

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This place has considerable aesthetic appeal given its high integrity, use of local materials and decorative features such as the bullnose verandah, frieze, braces and door surround. The place makes a high contribution to the streetscape of the area.

### 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

No other listings

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### OTHER PHOTOS



**Photo Description:**

14/10/1996

Suba & Grundy

Decorative verandah detailing a feature.