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| Area: Greenough | Place Number: 1 | Category: 3 |
| Assessment Date: 12/11/1997 | Last Revision Date: 28/01/2005 | |
| HCWA Number: 3752 | Asset ID: MCH126677 | |

PLACE DETAILS

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| Name: | Felix Devlin's Cottage |
| Other Names: | Devlin's Hill |
| Type of Place: | Ruin |
| Address: | Jandonal Road (south side) |
| Suburb: | Rudds Gully |

LOCATION

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| Map | Geraldton | GPS | 6803833.00 | GPS | 272745.000 |
| Reference: | S.E. | Northing: | 0000 | Easting: | 000 |



Photo Description:

14/04/2005

Gary Martin

View of the cottage ruins

SITE DETAILS

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| Lot No.: | CG X6 | Assess No.: | 63192 |
| Reserv No.: | | Vol/Fol: | |
| Dia/Plan: | | | |

USE OF PLACE

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| Original Use: | Residence | | |
| Current Use: | Not in use | | |
| Ownership: | | | |
| Public Access: | No | Occupied: | Not Occupied |

DESCRIPTION

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| Walls: | Limestone | Roof: | Not applicable |
| Condition: | Fair | Integrity: | |
| Original fabric: | | | |
| Modifications: | Original roof reclad | | |

Ruin of a four roomed stone cottage which had a verandah at the front (north) facing the road. The building has a lean-to to the rear. The walls are rendered and the corrugated iron roof has collapsed.

2004/5 Review: The stone cottage has suffered further deterioration. The original stone chimney has collapsed and shrubs are growing out of the ruins.

HISTORY

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| Construction Date: | 1872 | Source: | D. Paparella |
| Architect: | Not available | | |
| Builder: | F. Devlin | | |

This ruin was originally used as a residence. It survives from the time of the second allocation of 23 lots for Pensioner Guards in 1870-71. Felix Devlin was one of the Pensioner Guards who settled on the Greenough Flats. Pensioner John Kelly was also allotted land nearby where he built a cottage. [Place No. 7] See also McNeece's Cottage. [Place No. 8] (Source: Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994)

The following information was kindly supplied by Dot Paparella, the great granddaughter of Felix Devlin: "Built by Felix (Sandy) Devlin with help of ex convicts in 1872. Felix served with the British Army's 86th Foot during the

Indian Mutiny and Crimean War, where he was wounded. He arrived on the convict ship the 'York' in December 1862 with his wife Sarah and son Michael. After living in the Guard Barracks in Perth and Fremantle for a short time, they were ordered to take convicts to Geraldton to help build bridges and other public facilities. When the main work was completed in the early 1870s, the Pensioner Guards were granted one block of ground for every 7 years of service in the British Army. Felix was allocated 2 x 20 acre blocks and 1 x 14 acre. He purchased an extra lot. One block was on the edge of Devlin's Pool. The property is presently owned by Felix's Granddaughter, Edith Page." Devlin used his land for pasture for his cattle and to grow hay for his working horses. There was a large stone barn nearby in which he housed his horses.

HISTORIC THEMES

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| HCWA: | 104 Land allocation and subdivision 302 Rural industry and market gardening 603 Local heroes and battlers |
| AHC: | 2.4.2 Migrating to seek opportunity 2.4.4 Migrating through organised colonisation 3.5.1 Grazing stock |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The ruin of Felix Devlin's Cottage has considerable historic significance for its association with the Pensioner Guards who settled on the Greenough Flats in the 1860s and 1870s. Although in poor condition, the place is representative of the simple style of construction that was prevalent in the area at this time. Furthermore, the cottage is evidence of the use of local materials.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

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| Management Category: | 3 |
| Level of Significance: | MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality. |
| Management Recommendation: | Conservation of the place is recommended. Any proposed change to the place 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:

Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (1).

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

Correspondence from Dot Paparella, 12/12/1997.

HCWA Database No.03752.

Photographs:

GHS6225 cottage ruin (1988).

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

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