

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 16	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 14/04/2004	
HCWA Number: 4285	Asset ID: MCH126746	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Greenough Pioneer Museum
Other Names:	Home Cottage
Type of Place:	Museum
Address:	Phillips Road (south side)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	6799266.00	GPS	276741.000
Reference:	S.E.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

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Two storey section of the Museum

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1 of CG 142	Assess No.:	63383
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Residence		
Current Use:	Museum/Residence		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Poor	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Located adjacent to Maley's Mill (Place No.17), the former Home Cottage is now operated as the "Greenough Pioneer Museum" by the Geraldton Historical Society. The house was built in several stages, the first of which was a single storey cottage at the front, followed by a separate kitchen wing and cellar which were connected to the front cottage by a 2nd storey section at the corner to complete an 'L' shape floor plan as seen today. The residence has sections of natural stone walls as well as some limewashed and rendered areas. The roof is hipped, corrugated iron with little or no overhang to protect the walls. Some areas of roof were originally shingled and sheeted over whilst they are timber boarded on the underside to form ceilings.

2004/05 Review: Located in the front garden are 3 pepper trees (*Schinus molle*) that were reputedly planted from seed provided by the eminent botanist Baron von Mueller who visited Home Cottage in 1877.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1862	Source:	Heritage Trail
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

John Stephen Maley, a prominent early colonist, had this house built with the assistance of convict labour in 1862 in preparation for his marriage to

Elizabeth Waldeck, daughter of the pioneer missionaries Frederick and Fredericka Waldeck of Mt Pleasant (Place No. 29). The cottage originally had four rooms built of brick and roofed with she-oak shingles. These rooms now form the north-east wing of the building. In 1863, 2 rooms were added onto the western end of the cottage and stone walls built around the garden. A larger separate kitchen, dining room and cellar were built in 1856 and across the courtyard the bath house, maid's room, pantry and laundry were built in 1867. Construction of the two-storey section commenced in 1878. John and Elizabeth called their new house 'Home Cottage' and it became the social centre of the North Greenough settlement for many decades. The Maleys had a large family of 9 boys and 5 girls.

Born in Albany in 1839, Maley served as an engineering apprentice with Solomon Cook in Perth, who later backed his entry into flour mill enterprises. Maley built the adjacent Victoria Flour Mill [Maley's Mill - Place No. 17] in 1860-1, and was involved in the construction of the first flour mill at Dongara. Maley became an auctioneer, property agent, hotel proprietor, farmer, controlling shareholder of the Geraldton Brewery Co, chairman of the Greenough Road Board and president of the Geraldton Agricultural Society. John Maley died in 1910.

Frederick Rudduck bought the property from the Maley family in 1932 and renamed the farm 'Wonga Park', after his Victorian orchard property. He extended it from 500 acres to 1600 acres. In 1971 the dwelling was purchased from Peter Rudduck by the Shire of Greenough and leased to the Geraldton Historical Society for use as a museum. Now called the Greenough Pioneer Museum, the property houses valuable pioneering relics and displays.

(Sources: Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail brochure & "The Story of Greenough Pioneer Museum" pamphlet)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	104 Land allocation and subdivision 407 Cultural activities 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements 3 Developing local, regional and national economies 7.6.12 Conserving Australia's heritage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pioneer Museum, former Home Cottage, has high historic significance for its close connection to the adjacent flour mill and its strong association with John Maley, a prominent and well known identity of the district. The

building was an essential part of the North Greenough settlement in terms of social interaction. The place has considerable aesthetic value given its attractive setting in walled gardens, its large scale and prominent location on the Greenough Flats. Further, it is evidence of how buildings have been extended from small, simple cottages to large, grand residences, thus reflecting the improved financial position of the owners. The Pioneer Museum forms an integral part of the built environment of the locale and its significance is both linked to and enhanced by the close vicinity of Maley's Mill. The place continues to fulfill an important social role today as a local museum.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is considered essential. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the significance of the place and be in accordance with either a Conservation Plan or Heritage Impact Statement.

OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 01/01/1970
Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (12), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970
Australian Heritage Commission - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography: AHC Database No. 009626. Rohan, P., & Wilson, H.H., "Geraldton Sketchbook", 1976, p. 52. Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (12). "Greenough/Walkaway Heritage Trail". "The Story of Greenough Pioneer Museum". GHS n.d. "Restoration work nears completion", The Geraldton Guardian, 6/02/1990. Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994. Eastman & Poletti Pty Ltd Architects, "Former Home Cottage (Greenough

Pioneer Museum) Conservation Plan", 1999.

HCWA Database No. 4285.

Photographs:

GHS0560 cellar opening (1985), GHS 2 storey section (n.d.), GHS0950 painting 2 storey section (1990), GHS0970 rear view (1974), GHS0972 east view (1974), GHS0973 front verandah (1974), GHS0974 south view (1974), GHS2550 2 storey section (1966), GHS2568 reroofing (2000), GHS2569 courtyard (2000), GHS2571 laundry (2000).

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

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Pepper Trees in front garden



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East elevation of Pioneer Museum