

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 33	Category: 3
Assessment Date: 15/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 07/03/2012	
HCWA Number: 13384	Asset ID: MCH126598	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Sam Diddams' Grave Site
Other Names:	40 Maley Street
Type of Place:	Grave Site
Address:	40 Maley Street
Suburb:	Mullewa

LOCATION

Map	Mullewa	GPS	6841829.11	GPS	354593.370
Reference:	Townsite	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

15/11/2011

T. Henkel

View of grave through perimeter fence.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 85	Assess No.:	8400
Reserv No.:	2497	Vol/Fol:	LR3011/514
Dia/Plan:	222859		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Grave Site		
Current Use:	Grave Site		
Ownership:	Unknown		
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick (Rendered)	Roof:	Tile
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Largely intact		
Modifications:			

Located opposite the Railway Station on the southern side of Maley Street is a small square piece of land surrounded by a tall metal pole and wire mesh perimeter fence. Inside is the overgrown grave of Sam Diddams. Consisting of a marble headstone and a metal grave surround, a clear view of the site was obscured by the fence and grasses covering the site.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1895	Source:	Headstone
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

In the first years of settlement the town of Mullewa did not have an official graveyard. Burials were carried out on the hill overlooking the railway station and it is estimated that approximately 50 graves are located in this area. During work associated with the railway extensions, many of the grave sites were unfortunately obliterated. However, one grave remains - that of Sam Diddams, the son of the local baker who died of typhoid fever on 22 January 1895, aged 25 years. In the years that followed a Cemetery Board was established and a new cemetery (the Pioneer Cemetery) was opened on the North Road, a couple of miles to the north of Mullewa. Then in the c1950s this original cemetery was found to be unsuitable for further interments and a new one was established along the road leading

from Mullewa to Mingenew.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 602 Early settlers
AHC: 9.7.1 Dealing with human remains
9.7.3 Remembering the dead

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The grave of Sam Diddams has some historic significance as remaining evidence of a larger old burial area used prior to the formal establishment of a cemetery in Mullewa.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

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

Shire of Mullewa - Town Planning Scheme, 15/08/1986

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Barden, W.D., "Mullewa Through the Years 1861-1961", Mullewa Road Board, 1961; Keeffe, B., "Eastward Ho: To Mullewa and The Murchison", Mullewa Shire Council, 1995.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos