

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 20 Category: 2

 Assessment Date:
 23/09/1997
 Last Revision Date:
 28/01/2005

 HCWA Number:
 1149
 Asset ID:
 MCH126764

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Raphoe

Other Names: Brand Highway (west side)

Type of Place: Ruin

Address: Brand Highway (west side)

Suburb: Greenough

LOCATION

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and ceilings to the ground floor are pressed metal whilst the 1st floor has lathe and plaster raking ceilings on the underside of the roof members. The tripped conugated iron roof was originally shingled and these are exposed where several sheets of conugated iron have blown off over the two storey section. Some of the walls are beginning to crumble and the timber floors have been removed or destroyed by stock. Within the walled garden, there are several outbuildings, probably originally used as external kitchen and staff quarters. The remains of a small cottage are located just outside the walled area to the south.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1860 Source: GFF Survey

Architect: Not available Builder: Not available

Thomas Duncan, who migrated from Raphoe (pronounced Ra-foe) in Northem Ireland, settled in the Greenough District where he met and married Isabella Pearson. In 1858 Thomas Duncan operated a small horse drawn mill for grinding locally grown grain, probably on one of four blocks, Nos 91-94. Lot No. 94 became the site of the Raphoe Homestead. He built a two-roomed cottage with a thatched roof which he named after his home town. Thomas and Isabella Duncan had a family of eight children, four boys and four girls. Following Thomas's death Isabella moved to the newly built Rose Cottage [Place No. 19], leaving hereldest son David and his new wife to run Raphoe. The property remained in the Duncan family until 1970 when it was purchased by Peter Rudduck. (Sources: Burges to Colonial Secretary, September 3 1858. CSR 413/81, Red Book No. 539, pp. 18 & 22, Ducas, I, "They Came to Greenough", pp.9-10 & Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the MidWest")

HISTORIC THEMES

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aesthetically, socially and historically as a substantial property on the front flats that illustrates the variety and substance of the rural lifestyle of the district dating from the mid-late $1800 \hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{M}$ s. Further the place is closely associated with the Duncan Family, having been in their ownership for over 100 years. Raphoe is a substantial residence and is one of only a few two-storey houses in the district.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 2 Level of Significance:

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