



City of Greater Geraldton
Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places
Place Record

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 58	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 16/09/2004	
HCWA Number: 1151	Asset ID: MCH126957	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Hampton Ams
Other Names:	Hampton Hotel
Type of Place:	Hotel
Address:	Company Road (east side)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Walkaway	GPS	6793954.00	GPS	280889.000
Reference:	S.W.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:
16/09/2004
Henkel
Hampton Ams, front (west) elevation

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1863	Source:	GPSOB
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

The Hampton Arms, named after the Governor of Western Australia, Dr John Steven Hampton, was built by Francis Watson Pearson and officially opened on 1 May 1863. The hotel was a popular resting place for travellers who could also get repairs undertaken to their vehicles and harnesses as Pearson was a good blacksmith as well as a publican. The Hampton Arms ballroom was a focal point for Greenough social life and the first ploughing match was held adjacent to the hotel in 1868. A meeting to elect seven men to the newly formed Greenough Road Board was held at the hotel on 17 February 1871.

Later licencees were Henry Woodman (1872-74), Thomas Wiley (1877-78), Mary Ann Pearson (1880-81 and 1889), Hugh Stephens (1881-86), Joshua Waldeck (1886-89), Henry Eaton (1889-92), Thomas Webb (1893-94) and James Criddle (1895-96). The construction of the Midland to Walkaway railway in 1894 drastically reduced road traffic and eventually resulted in the closure of the hotel in June 1896. Mrs Pearson's daughter, Elizabeth Wiley purchased the property in 1904. Mr A.A. Vince purchased the property in 1915 and the building was used as a farmhouse and gradually fell into disrepair. Alistair and Robin McKechnie bought the building in 1978 and commenced restoring the old hotel. The Hampton Arms was relicensed in 1981. The hotel was purchased by Judy Kennington in 1984.

(Source: Greenough Police Station Occurrence Book, Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail, Hampton Hotel Diary)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	311 Hospitality industry and tourism
	400 Social and civic activities
	602 Early settlers
AHC:	3.22 Lodging people
	3.21 Entertaining for profit
	8.5.4 Pursuing common leisure interests

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hampton Arms Hotel has considerable historic significance as the first licensed premise on the Greenough Flats and for its association with Francis Pearson, a well known identity in the district. Furthermore the

place provided for an important social venue for the Greenough community. The building has high aesthetic value given its simple yet commanding facade, its large scale and intact outbuildings. The Hampton Arms is an essential part of the built heritage of the Greenough Flats.

