

# Irwin Shire Council

## Municipal Inventory Place Record

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**Place Details**      **Place Number:** 005      **Category:** 2      **HCWA No:** 1209  
**TPS No:** 61      **Assessment Date:** 05/08/1997      **Last Revision Date:** 30/07/2004

**Name:** Wimpole/Wimpool  
**Former Name:**  
**Type of Place:** House  
**Address:** Wimpole Road  
**Map Reference:** BOOKARA SW & SE1:25000  
**Locality Name:** Bonniefield      **Area of Site:**  
**GPS Northing:**      **GPS Easting:**

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### Photograph

**Date of Photograph:** 5/08/1997

**Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Wimpole, main house

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### Ownership

**Owner:** Keith & Gloria Norrish      **Owner Phone/Fax:**  
**Address:** PO Box 1, Trayning, 6488

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### Site Details

**Lot/Locn:** Lot 101 Loc 1416      **Diagram/Plan:** D12/213      **Vol/Folio:** 1584/567.  
**Reserve:**      **Purpose:**  
**Assess No:** 8819      **Vesting:**  
**Occupied:** No      **Occupier:**  
**PubAccess:** No      **Lease:**

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### Uses of the Place

**Original Use:** Residence

**Current Use:** Not in Use

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### Description

**Walls:** Limestone

**Roof:** Corrugated Iron

**Condition:** Fair

**Integrity:** High

**Orig'l Fabric:**

**Modifications**

1997

This assessment covers the main house, shepherd's cottage and underground tank.

#### MAIN HOUSE

The house is built of random rubble limestone and has a corrugated iron hipped roof to the main part of the house with a corrugated iron roof to a rear skillion. There is evidence of a hipped verandah to the front with the remnants of a timber frame and corrugated iron lean-to still remaining to the west façade. Remnants of the timber floor to the front verandah are evident with internal timber floors to the front rooms still intact. Windows are 6 pane timber framed and double hung. There are remnants of a stone chimney to the east side of the building.

#### SHEPHERD'S COTTAGE

The shepherd's cottage is located immediately to the north of the main house and is a single room built of random rubble limestone. Only two walls to the south and west remain standing and the corrugated iron hipped roof is supported on timber posts to the north and east. There is a large open fireplace set into the interior of the south wall. Evidence remains of informal quoins to the corners of the structure.

#### UNDERGROUND TANK

The large circular underground tank is sited immediately to the west of the shepherd's cottage and to the north of the main house. The tank is concrete lined and has a low random rubble wall. The timber and corrugated iron roof has collapsed with some materials inside the tank.

2004

The house has deteriorated to some extent since the last review. The property around the house has been subdivided.

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### History

**Const'n Date:** c1864

**Source:**

**Architect:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

The original lease was owned by Caleb Massingham which passed c.1880 to Samuel F. Moore who held it until his death in 1921. The first building was a one room shepherd's cottage situated at the rear (north) of the present house. Built of limestone about 1864-5 it had a shingle roof, one door, and one window. It is recorded that Thomas Reynolds was born here in 1865. His father Peter Reynolds was a farmer and later was the licensee of the Traveller's Rest, Bookara. (Place No. 1) John and Esther Pell moved to Wimpole in c.1880 and S. F. Moore allowed them to build on his land and the limestone and corrugated iron house known as Wimpole was built. It was named after the village in England from which the Pell family had come. John and Esther later moved into Dongara by the bakery and their sons took over Wimpole. In the 1920's the land was bought by Darcy Ellery, the Ellery family knew the property as Wimpool. In 2000 the area was subdivided into small lots.

(Source: Irwin Shire Rate Books (IDHS) and memories from Tom Reynolds to C. G. Ellery, Osborn 1868 map.)

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### Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

104 Land allocation and subdivision

3.9 Farming for commercial profit

602 Early settlers

5.8 Working on the land

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### Statement of Significance

The buildings at Wimpole have high historic significance for their connection to the development of the Irwin district given their connection to the Cattle Company and John and Esther Pell. The shepherd's

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cottage is a rare example of a single room building, which dates back to the early 1860s prior to the issuance of tillage leases. The structures demonstrate the use of local materials.

### RECOMMENDATION

Given their high historic significance, if the structures at Wimpole are to be restored, consideration should be given to the preparation of a conservation plan prior to the commencement of major works. 2004

Regrowth vegetation around the buildings should be removed to reduce fire hazard.

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### Management Category: 2

MAXIMUM INCENTIVES UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING SCHEME.

High level of protection appropriate: provide maximum protection under the Town Planning Scheme with encouragement to the owner to conserve the significance of the place. Prepare a floor plan and photographically record the place prior to any redevelopment.

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### Other Listings

NTWA - Classified; 02/04/1984

Shire of Irwin - Town Planning Scheme (61); 10/03/1998

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### Supporting Information

IDHS Records

AHC Reference 009672 01-01

HCWA Database No.1209

Bain M.A., "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, 1975

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### Additional Photographs

**Date of Photograph:** 5/08/1997      IR005-1

**Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Wimpole, stone kitchen

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**Date of Photograph:** 5/08/1997      IR005-2

**Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Wimpole, stone underground tank, west side of main house.

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**Date of Photograph:** 5/08/1997      IR005-3

**Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Wimpole Farmhouse, (front) southeast aspect

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