

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 008 **Category:** 2 **HCWA No:** 11812
TPS No: 01 **Assessment Date:** 05/08/1997 **Last Revision Date:** 09/02/2004

Name: Bonniefield
Former Name:
Type of Place: House
Address: Bonniefield East Road
Map Reference: BOOKARA SE 1:25000
Locality Name: Bonniefield **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 5/08/1997 **Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Bonniefield, west facade

Ownership

Owner: T&B Cockman(Brefjen Nominees) **Owner Phone/Fax:**
Address: PO Box 243, Dongara, 6525

Site Details

Lot/Locn:	Loc 888	Diagram/Plan:	Vol/Folio:
Reserve:		Purpose:	
Assess No:	3246	Vesting:	
Occupied:	Yes	Occupier:	
PubAccess:	No	Lease:	

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Residence

Current Use: Residence

Description

Walls: Limestone

Roof: Tile

Condition: Good

Integrity: High

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

1997

This description covers the main house, attached former quarters and stables.

MAIN HOUSE

This large building has a tiled hipped roof which extends to cover the surrounding verandahs. The verandahs are supported on chamfered timber posts. The walls are constructed of pointed limestone with red brick quoins to openings and corners. There is a red brick band at head height. The windows are timber framed casement style with french doors to the south verandah and a main entry door to the west. There is a new brick extension to the south west. The house is surrounded by Moreton Bay Fig trees to the south, west and north.

QUARTERS

Located immediately to the southeast of the main building is a smaller building constructed of rendered stone which has a hipped corrugated iron roof that extends to cover the surrounding verandahs. The verandahs are supported on chamfered timber posts. Windows are double hung and the main entry door is located to the north.

STABLES

The stables are located to the south west of the main house. The building runs north to south and has a gable corrugated iron roof. The west (rear), north and south walls are of random rubble limestone construction. The east side is supported on bush timber poles. To the south, there is a small timber frame and corrugated iron clad extension which has a timber floor.

2004

Not visited.

History

Const'n Date: c1900

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Mr. Sage

Bonniefield was part of Hamersley and Co.'s tillage lease which was bought by Frederick Waldeck Snr. c.1865. Frederick Waldeck's son, Henry Fletcher and his wife Isabella Waldeck moved here after their marriage in c.1867 and began farming. They built a small two room house (ruins in west paddock near highway). Henry died suddenly in 1883 and Isabella, with help from Francis Pearse and her brother David Brand, bought the property from her father-in-law. She took over management of the farm as well as catering for the Midland Rail workers who were building the rail line which passed through her properties. Isabella became a wealthy woman and in 1899 she engaged Mr Sage to demolish the old house and build the present one. In 1902 Isabella and her daughters moved to the mill house (The Bungalow, Place No. 13) after buying her son Harry a shop and residence at the East End, (now demolished), and leaving Fred and George to run the farm. The farm was sold to Charles Dowden c.1920s. In the 1980s after several changes of ownership, some of the land on individual titles which comprised the Waldeck property, was sold to new owners.

(Source: Bain, M.A., "Ancient Landmarks", Osborn 1868 map, letter to Mrs D. Cramer from Isabella's daughter Elizabeth Kniest Uren (nee Waldeck), 22/11/1968)

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

104 Land allocation and subdivision

3.9 Farming for commercial profit

301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying

5.8 Working on the land

Statement of Significance

The property Bonniefield has high historic significance for its connection to the Waldeck family. The house is a good example of a substantial farm house built at the turn of the century and displays a high

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degree of craftsmanship. The stables and quarters are representative of farm buildings of their era. The buildings together with the surrounding Moreton Bay Fig trees, have high aesthetic appeal.

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.

Other Listings

Shire of Irwin - Town Planning Scheme (01); 10/03/1998

Supporting Information

IDHS Records

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

HCWA Database No. 11812

Additional Photographs

Date of Photograph 5/08/1997 IR008-1

Source: *Suba & Grundy*



Bonniefield, west façade

Date of Photograph 5/08/1997 IR008-2

Source: *Suba & Grundy*



Bonniefield, shearing shed
