

# Irwin Shire Council

## Municipal Inventory Place Record

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**Place Details**      **Place Number:** 071      **Category:** 4      **HCWA No:** 11847  
**Assessment Date:** 11/06/1997      **Last Revision Date:** 20/08/2004

**Name:** Site of the Port Store  
**Former Name:** Moore's Warehouse & Cottage  
**Type of Place:** Site  
**Address:** 52 Point Leander Drive  
**Map Reference:** HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03  
**Locality Name:** Port Denison      **Area of Site:**  
**GPS Northing:**      **GPS Easting:**

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### Photograph

**Date of Photograph:** 6/06/1957      **Source:** IDHS/IRME0347



Front, showing verandah and twin gable roof.

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### Ownership

**Owner:** D.F. Barrett      **Owner Phone/Fax:**  
**Address:** PO Box 40, Dongara, 6525

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### Site Details

<b>Lot/Locn:</b>	Lot 201	<b>Diagram/Plan:</b>	<b>Vol/Folio:</b>
<b>Reserve:</b>		<b>Purpose:</b>	
<b>Assess No:</b>	1807	<b>Vesting:</b>	
<b>Occupied:</b>	No	<b>Occupier:</b>	
<b>PubAccess:</b>	No	<b>Lease:</b>	

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### Uses of the Place

**Original Use:** Warehouse

**Current Use:** Site only

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### Description

**Walls:** N/A

**Roof:** N/A

**Condition:** N/A

**Integrity:** N/A

**Original Fabric:**

**Modifications**

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### History

**Const'n Date:** 1868

**Source:**

**Architect:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

This large limestone building was built in 1868 as a warehouse for S. F. Moore, merchant and first President of the Irwin Roads Board. Following the decline of Port Denison, in 1892 the building was mortgaged by Moore to the Bank of WA for £700 as collateral for a loan of £5000. About 1914, the building became vacant and its main use for a time was as a dance hall and for other entertainments such as the annual children's "Christmas Tree". Church services were also held in the building. In about 1930, it was purchased by Thomas Hughes and it passed to his daughter Winnie Leitch who with her husband Alec, a local builder, converted it to a guesthouse with a shop on the west side. In the 1950's the building's twin gable roof was replaced with a single gable. The guestrooms closed for a while but were reopened for holiday makers in the 1970s with accommodation in the north verandahs and a general shop with takeaway foods. The shop operated until the building was demolished in 1996 by the current owners.

(Sources: Bain, M. A., "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, 1975; IDHS Records; Grundy, G., "Heritage Views", Vol. 2 No. 3, July 1996)

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### Chronology Entries

1870 There were three warehouses at Port Denison belonging to S.F. Moore, Edward Newman (later S.F. Pearse's) and George Shenton.

Other land holders at the Port were John Maley, Charles Crowther, Charles and Frederick Pearson, the Hosken family, Joseph Walton and William Moore and partner John Williams.

Ancient Landmarks, Bain, M. A., UWA Press, Perth, 1975 Pages 350

Port Denison 1850-1915 and the Rimmer Sequence as a Model for Port Development, Baskerville, B., UWA Thesis Pages 14

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### Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

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201 River and sea transport

3.8.1 Shipping to and from Australian ports

605 Famous and infamous people

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### Statement of Significance

The site of the former Moore's Warehouse and the original Port Store has historic significance given its connection to Port Denison as a port and a later as a holiday destination. The place has further historic significance for its association with S. F. Moore prominent businessman and civic leader.

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### Management Category: 4

HISTORIC SITE OR SIGNIFICANT VEGETATION.

Historic site without built features or with association to an historic personage. Recognise the site with a plaque, place name, paving stone or appropriate marker.

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### Other Listings

No other heritage listings.

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### Supporting Information

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IDHS Records

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

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