

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 098 **Category:** 1B **HCWA No:** 1219
TPS No: 07 **Assessment Date:** 16/10/1996 **Last Revision Date:** 22/08/2004

Name: Tyford
Former Name:
Type of Place: House
Address: Brand Highway
Map Reference: HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03
Locality Name: Dongara **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 22/01/2003

Source: G. W. Grundy



Stone house to the south

Ownership

Owner: J. & A. Clarke **Owner Phone/Fax:**
Address: 21A Moreton Tce, Dongara, 6525

Site Details

Lot/Locn: Lot 11 Loc 457 **Diagram/Plan:** D 55781 **Vol/Folio:** 1712/194
Reserve: **Purpose:**
Assess No: 5013 **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: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Good

Integrity: High

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

1996

This assessment covers two houses, a stone rainwater tank and a stone privy.

REAR HOUSE (NORTH):

The east (rear) original section of the house is constructed of limestone with a pitched corrugated iron roof. The newer section to the west is limestone with brick quoining to openings and corners. The steeply pitched corrugated iron roof is punctuated by a brick chimney above. A gable end to the west of the main roof extends to cover the front verandah which is supported on chamfered timber posts. Windows are timber framed and double hung. The front house (south) parallels this structure and forms a breezeway about 5m wide between the two structures.

FRONT HOUSE (SOUTH):

Constructed of limestone this house has a hipped corrugated iron roof with separate verandahs. There are two large stone chimneys. The verandahs have an usual style roof of curved corrugated iron which is supported on moulded concrete (replacement) chamfered posts. Verandah floors are concrete. The east side of the verandah has stone infill. The front (south) elevation has two french doors with a central entry door with fanlight above situated between them. Windows are timber framed, casement style.

STONE RAINWATER TANK AND PRIVY:

A large stone circular underground tank is situated about five metres to the east of the breezeway. It has a pitched roof of flat sheets of corrugated iron with a decorative metal vent to the centre. The stone privy is situated about twenty metres to the north-east of the rear house and has a gable corrugated iron roof.

2004

The buildings and grounds are maintained by the owners. A timber sliprail fence has been constructed along the Brand Highway frontage of the property and a garden with a plumbago hedge has been established at the front (south side) of the front house.

History

Const'n Date: c1880

Source:

Architect: S. Hayes

Builder: Joseph Grant

Edward Hamersley took out the tillage lease of this property in 1868. He sold it to George Shenton who in turn sold it in about 1873 to Joseph Grant. It is thought that Grant built the stone house to the west. After a disastrous fire, Joseph Grant left Tyford in 1876 and his niece's husband E.W. Clarkson, owner of "Spring Farm", farmed here. He purchased the property and built it up to one of the most profitable farms in the area. After the death of Edward Clarkson, his sons ran the farm with his son Thomas living at Tyford until his retirement in the 1940s when his brother Joseph took over the property. It is thought that Thomas Clarkson built the brick and stone house to the east. In the 1980s, the two Tyford homes passed to Joseph's son Winston Clarkson who subdivided the lot on which the homesteads stand. He subsequently sold the property to Jim and Ann Clarke.

(Source: C. W. Clarkson; IDHS Records)

2004

The place is being maintained by the owners.

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

100 Demographic settlement and mobility

3.9 Farming for commercial profit

301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

605 Famous and infamous people

Statement of Significance

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The two stone houses and associated buildings on the property 'Tyford' have high historic significance for their connection with the early settlement of the district through the Grant and later the Clarkson families. Further the buildings are in a prominent position on Brand Highway close to the eastern entry to the town and add significantly to the character of the town.

Management Category: 1B

POSSIBLE INCLUSION ON THE STATE REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES.

Highest level of protection appropriate: warrants further assessment for possible entry into the State Register of Heritage Places. Provide maximum incentives 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 (07); 10/03/1998
NTWA - Classified; 02/04/1984

Supporting Information

IDHS Records
AHC Reference 009677 01-02
HCWA Database No. 1219
Bain, M.A., "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, 1975.
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Additional Photographs

Date of Photograph: 15/10/1996 IR098-1

Source: *Suba & Grundy*



Tyford Stone farmhouse

Date of Photograph: 16/10/1996 IR098-2

Source: *Suba & Grundy*



Brick farmhouse

Date of Photograph: 16/10/1996 IR098-3

Source: *Suba & Grundy*



Underground tank & privy
