

## Item Details

**Name**  
"Mimosa", dwelling, fence and garden

**SHR/LEP/S170**  
LEP #219

**Address**  
13 Pages Road ST MARYS NSW 2760

**Local Govt Area**  
Penrith

**Local Aboriginal Land Council**  
Unknown

Item Type	Group/Collection	Category
Built	Residential buildings (private)	Villa

## All Addresses

Addresses								
Records Retrieved: 1								
Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
13	Pages Road	ST MARYS/NSW/2760	Penrith	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

**Boundary Description**  
Pages Road, N.W. Corner of Putland Street

## Significance

**Statement Of Significance**

Mimosa, completed in 1894 for Andrew Thompson, the most successful of St Marys tanners, the house emphatically demonstrates the rise of a resident business class in St Marys over the late nineteenth century, and is an extant building that provides an association with the Thompson family. The house is an excellent example of a late Victorian suburban middle-class Italianate villa. Set within an expansive mature garden next to the historic Victoria Park and surrounded by a pallisade fence, the property is one of a small number in St Marys erected over the nineteenth century and early part of the twentieth century that demonstrate the evolution of village settlement.

**Criteria a)**

**Historical Significance**

The whole property with its house and grounds and parkside setting demonstrates the rise of a resident business class in St Marys over the late nineteenth century.

**Criteria b)**

**Historical Association Significance**

The property is associated with Andrew Thompson, tanner of St Marys, and is an extant building which demonstrates this association.

**Criteria c)**

**Aesthetic/Technical Significance**

The house is an excellent example of a late Victorian suburban middle-class Italianate villa that retains an enclosed garden setting which provides a backdrop to the neighbouring Victoria Park.

Criteria f)

Rarity

The villa is rare in scale and date in the LGA and is associated with industrialists of St Marys.

Criteria g)

Representative

The property is one of a small number of strucutres in St Marys erected over the nineteenth century and early part of the twentieth century that demonstrate the evolution of village settlement.

Owners

		Records Retrieved: 0
Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer	Builder/Maker
Joseph Sainsbury	Joseph Sainsbury

Physical Description	Updated
The item is a brick house with expansive frontage to Pages Road. The house is a two-storey Italianate style villa erected in 1894. The house is rendered brick and has a asymmetrical front elevation with a projecting two-storey wing with gabled roof, and a two storey verandah with cast iron columns, brackets and valance. The external walls are decorated with rendered quoins, stringcourses, window sills, classical window pediments, and decorative glazed tiles. The main roof is hipped and half-hipped with rendered chimneys featuring corbelled capitals and stringcourses. The roofs are covered in cement tiles. The timber framed sash windows are notable for their large glazing. The house is set within a garden that on the Pages Road frontage is enclosed by a substantial cement rendered dwarf wall with iron palisade fencing and a pair of grandiose gate posts. The expansive green canopy of trees such as camphor laurels and jacarandas, together with comparable trees in the nature strip, form a dramatic backdrop to Victoria Park. The extensive rear grounds are enclosed by a high Colorbond steel fence and they include an outbuilding associated with the main house. There is a modern garage discretely located on Sainsbury Street.	

Physical Condition	Updated 07/01/1986
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Modifications And Dates

Further Comments

Current Use
Residential

Former Use  
Residential

Listings

Listings

		Records Retrieved: 2			
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazzette Number	Gazzette Page
Local Environmental Plan	Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010	219	9/22/2010 12:00:00 AM		
Heritage study		2260219	11/1/2007 12:00:00 AM		

Procedures/Exemptions

Records Retrieved: 0					
Section of Act	Description	Title	Comments	Action Date	Outcome
No Results Found					

History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

Mimosa was originally built for St Marys tannery owner and businessman, Andrew Thompson. Completed in 1894, it was designed and built by local building contractor Joseph Sainsbury. According to a report in the Nepean Times at the time of its completion, Mimosa was considered to be "without a doubt, the costliest building in the Nepean district". The building created considerable interest at the time, the local newspaper making frequent references to its progress. Finally, in the first issue of 1895, the Nepean Times reported that the Thompson family had shifted into their new home.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 3		
National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
9. Phases of Life	Persons	Rural villages
8. Culture	Creative endeavour	Rural villages
4. Settlement	Towns, suburbs and villages	Rural villages

Recommended Management

Management Summary

Management

Records Retrieved: 0		
Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

## Report/Study

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### Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 4

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty Ltd
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Pail Davies Pty Ltd
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty. Ltd.
Penrith Heritage Study Review			2005		Paul Davies Pty. Ltd.

## Reference & Internet Links

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### References

Records Retrieved: 2

Type	Author	Year	Title	Link
Written	Green, A.	1987	St Marys Industrial Heritage Study	
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## Data Source

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