

Item Details

Name
Mungerie House

SHR/LEP/S170
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Address
RMB 73 Windsor Road ROUSE HILL NSW 2155

Local Govt Area
The Hills

Local Aboriginal Land Council
Unknown



Item Type	Group/Collection	Category
Built	Farming and Grazing	Homestead Complex

All Addresses

Addresses								
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Street No	Street Name	Suburb/Town/Postcode	Local Govt. Area	LALC	Parish	County	Electorate	Address Type
RMB 73	Windsor Road	ROUSE HILL/NSW/2155	The Hills	Unknown			Unknown	Primary Address

Significance

Statement Of Significance

Evidence of late 19th century farming. The place is also significant for its association with and evidence of the Pearce family as major graziers, orchardists, and land dealers in this part of the Shire.

Criteria a)

Historical Significance

Mungerie House is of historical significance as an example of a Late Georgian/ Early Victorian five room rural house. The property has further significance through its association with the Pearce Family descendancy, most likely having been built for the fourth generation son, Robert Pearce Jnr. The Pearce family were one of the more prominent families associated with the development of the Rouse Hill area. The property was initially used as a sheep breeding farm, then for orcharding and later as a grazing property, which typifies the changing patterns of land use in the area.

Criteria c)

Aesthetic/Technical Significance

Mungerie House has aesthetic significance as an example of a Late Georgian/ Early Victorian rural house, located on a prominent knoll overlooking Windsor Road. This depicts what was once the typical form of development along Windsor Road in the Rouse Hill area.

Criteria d)

Social/Cultural Significance

Mungerie House has social significance as a remnant of an unpretentious simple farming complex established by a little known fourth generation Pearce family member. It has further significance for its association with the broader Pearce family who were major landholders in the area.

Criteria e)

Research Potential

Mungerie House has technical/research significance as a relatively intact Late Georgian/ Early Victorian farming house, displaying elements from all periods of development/use. The site has potential for displaying below ground artifacts.

Criteria f)

Rarity

n/a

Criteria g)

Representative

The house is representative of farm houses that were once more common through out the area on the major properties.

Integrity/Intactness

With the loss of most of its outbuildings, the integrity of the house and its property is diminished.

Owners

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Organisation	Stakeholder Category	Date Ownership Updated
No Results Found		

Description

Designer	Builder/Maker
Not Known	Not Known

Physical DescriptionUpdated

The house is a 14 room U-shaped cottage constructed of weatherboard in late Georgian/early Victorian style. It has a hipped corrugated iron roof, with a separate bullnose corrugated iron roofed verandah to three sides. There is a kitchen wing and several additions to the rear with iron roof and chimney. The house has two symmetrically placed chimneys. There was a post and rail fence to Windsor Road, which has been recently replaced.

Physical ConditionUpdated 03/04/1999

The remains of the outbuildings need to be carefully assessed, and their locations interpreted. The site has some archaeological potential. The house is in generally poor condition and in need of maintenance.

Modifications And Dates

With no documentary evidence, it is difficult to assess:
1890's-1940s: five roomed residence (four main rooms and attached kitchen wing). Some outbuildings 1890s.
1940s-1980s: a series of additions in a substantial manner to modernise the house. Some outbuildings demolished.
1980s-present: remainder of the outbuildings demolished.

Further Comments

Graham Edds & Associates' Heritage Assessment notes that :
"The cultural significance of 'Mungerie House' is difficult to assess as nearly all of the evidence of the property's use has been destroyed with the removal of farm outbuildings and other associated evidence."

Current Use

Vacant

Former Use

Farm/Residential

Listings

Listings

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Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number	Gazette Date	Gazzette Number	Gazzette Page
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Procedures/Exemptions

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History

Historical Notes or Provenance

Updated

The area that Mungerie house is sited on forms part of the land that was granted to Edward Robinson on 18 October 1809 (Portion 85 - 32ha/80 acres). When Robinson died in 1820, his 15 year old son, Edward, inherited the property.

After Edward Jnr's marriage in 1827, he sold the property in 1828 to Jonas Bradley, who had already acquired portions 83 and 84, as well as Merrivale on the south side of Windsor Road. H.F. White's 1827 survey map of Windsor Road showed no house on portion 85, therefore it is thought up to that time the property was solely used for grazing.

Prior to 1852, Bradley also acquired portion 82, completing a regular estate. He sold the estate in 1852 to Elias Pearson Laycock, who sold the estate to Robert Pearce in 1866. In the latter half of the nineteenth century, the Pearce family were prominent landholders and orchardists in the area. Pearce's son bought the property in 1895, and sold it in 1914 to Paul Gore Ormsby, who held onto it for two days before conveying it to William Cope. In 1915 the property was sold to Charles Baker. As Baker has been described as a grazier, it is assumed that any orchards on the site did not survive past his occupancy.

There is no clear evidence for the existence of the house prior to Baker. It is assumed by Prof I Jack that it was built during the ownership of Pearce between 1866 and 1895, as this is consistent with the fabric of the house, although the style and layout of the cottage are more consistent with the 1860's and 1870's than the 1890's.

Historic Themes

Records Retrieved: 1

National Theme	State Theme	Local Theme
3. Economy	Agriculture	Unknown

Recommended Management

Management Summary

The house needs urgent repairs and works to stabilise the fabric. A careful assessment of all its fabric is needed as part of a conservation plan. No intervention to the fabric of the site should occur until this has been done, with the exception of stabilisation and repair. The grounds are overgrown and need attention to keep vegetation away from the house.

Its integration into Mungerie Park town centre needs to be carefully managed, otherwise the remaining significance of the property may be severely compromised.

Management

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Management Category	Management Name	Date Updated
No Results Found		

Report/Study

Heritage Studies

Records Retrieved: 3

Report/Study Name	Report/Study Code	Report/Study Type	Report/Study Year	Organisation	Author
S.170 Register DUAP			1999		Paul Davies Pty Ltd
Baulkham Hills Heritage Study 1993-1994			1994		Graham Edds and Associates
North West Sector Study			0		NSW Department of Environment and Planning

Reference & Internet Links

References

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