

NOARLUNGA HERITAGE STUDY
1991

Seaview Farm
Chaffeys Road
MCLAREN VALE SA 5171

Item No.: MC17

Statement of Cultural Significance

An early building in this district with its additions over the years reflecting the changes that have occurred in the McLaren Vale area since it was first settled.

Relevant Criteria

An interesting complex of buildings including 2 dwellings, a cellar built on 2 levels, 2 partially underground water tanks and a building housing 2 steam driven olive presses still in working order.

Significant Interest

Owned by Sir Samuel Way as a holiday home, but continuously worked as a farm.

Recommendation

It is recommended that this item be included on the Register of State Heritage Items.

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Analysis of Significant Interest

Architectural

The dwelling and stable are thought to date from 1853. Both are built of local stone. The walls of the stable have recently been rendered. The dwelling has had various additions to the original structure, over the years. The original floors were of slate. Only one slate floor remains, but is now covered by a timber floor. The dwelling is built on 2 levels. Adjoining the dwelling is a two-roomed cottage with cellars built for Samuel Way to house his workers. Outside the kitchen door of the dwelling is a cellar built partially underground. The cellar is on 2 levels and about 40 feet long. A second-hand shearing shed was re-erected on the property in the 1950's. Two olive presses from England are built about 6 foot into the foundations of one of the outbuildings. The presses are fired by 2 steam engines. They are still in working order. Two rectangular rainwater tanks serve the property. They are built partially underground and the water is pumped by windmill.

Historical

Thought to have been built in 1853. Owned by Mr and Mrs Luney (or Looney) in the late 1800's. Later purchased by Sir Samuel Way who spent his school holidays at Seaview with Mr and Mrs Luney. Seaview was managed by relatives of Sir Samuel as he used the property mainly as a weekend and holiday home where he entertained guests. Succeeding owners included Mr Ryan, Mr Chambers, Mr O K Thomas and Mr F R Thiele.

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Site Record

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Location

Chaffeys Road, McLaren Vale

Mapsheet

AMG Reference

Description

Dwellings and outbuildings

Land Description

Lot 11, Section 60, Hundred of Willunga
CT4205/734

LGA

Noarlunga

Owner

Michael E & Margaret Evans
P O Box 253
McLaren Vale SA 5171

Other Assessments

Heritage Status

References

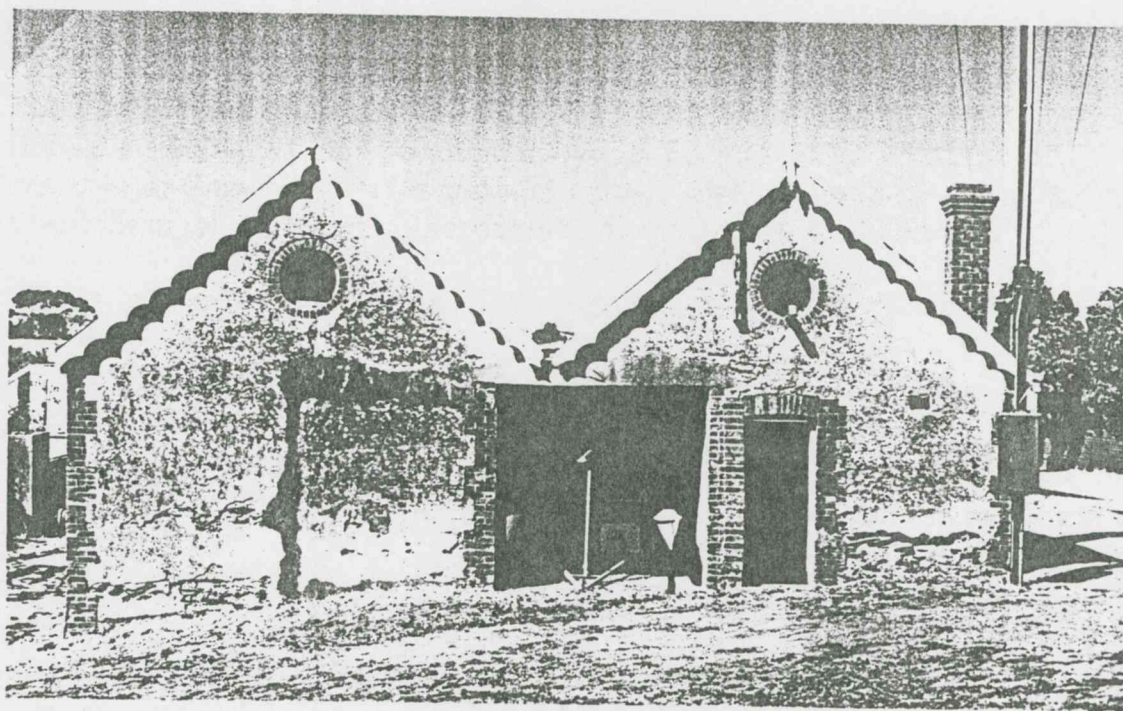
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Map Record

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