PART TWO

15. UNINCORPORATED AREA

ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEETS


Funded under the National Estate Financial Assistance Programme 1982/83 and 1983/84.
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This mission was established in 1945, in what, during the war, had been used as an Alien Woodcutters Camp. Many of the first buildings used in the expended camp were relocated from the wartime internment camps which were located in the area. The Settlement is noteworthy because of these associations, but more particularly as a modern example of European missionary endeavour. The Settlement was a successor to an earlier one at Swan Reach and another at Ooldea in northern South Australia.

REFERENCES

United Aborigines' Mission, God Cares for the Aborigines
Woolmer, The Barmera Story ...., pp. 72-73

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAH
Direction of view
Film No. Negative No.

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Item
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This tank is significant because of its identification with the old coach road between Morgan and Wentworth. It is the most tangible of the relics of this important transport relic. This section of the track was blazed by Harry Brand in 1879 to upgrade the overland communications between South Australia and New South Wales, via Morgan and Wentworth. It was built at a time before there was significant European settlement along the Upper Murray. This part of the track was part of a long stage between Overland Corner and Ral Ral, and there are many stories of distress and death suffered by travellers along this road. Thus, the associated tank is of particular significance. The track is also significant because of its association with William Brand, who was an important identity in the region, and for several years, the licensee of the Overland Corner Hotel, which marked one end. The track became obsolete with the closer settlement near the river immediately to the south.

**REFERENCES**

Verbal George Woolmer & Howard Martin, 1983
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 765 Negative No. 4
Direction of view to W (at AMG Ref. 7029-IV 46820 622530)

**LOCATION**

Address
Town
Postcode
Section Pas Bk 1003
Hundred Out of Hundreds
County
L.G.A. Unincorporated
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 7029-IV
54 46150 622490

**SUBJECT**

4.7

**PERIOD**

Study Area
1853-1880

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature [ ] Historical site [ ] Historical Gdn. [ ]
BUILDING [ X ]
STRUCTURE

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

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**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items [ ]
Reg. Interim [ ]
Nomination [ ]
National Estate [ ]
Reg. Proposed [ ]
National Trust [ ]
CL RL File [ ]
Other [ ]

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local [ ]

PREPARED BY HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This site is significant because it was one of the most important quarries for building stone in the Upper Murray. Indeed in the 1920s, it was the only quarry providing suitable building material between Renmark and Murray Bridge. Because of this it provided the material for several significant buildings in the Murray Region, particularly in Renmark and Berri including the Renmark Irrigation Trust Office, the Renmark Uniting Church and the Old Berri Police Station.

**REFERENCES**

Young, "Stone Quarries of the Murray Valley" (Appendix C, General Report)

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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**LOCATION**

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Postcode
Section 166, 386
Hundred Out of Hundred
County
L.G.A. Unincorporate
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 7029-IV
54 46710 621110

**SUBJECT**

4.2

**PERIOD**

State Study Area
1881-1905

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature Historical site Historical Gdn.
BUILDING STRUCTURE PHYSICAL CONDITION

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Item
Reg. [ ] Interim L [ ]
Nominated [ ]
National Estate
Reg. [ ] Proposed L [ ]
National Trust
CL [ ] RL [ ] File [ ]
Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [ ] (B) Local [ ]

**PREPARED BY**

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1984
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This homestead is significant largely because of its solid, and original construction. It has few architectural features, and this exemplifies the manner of pastoral settlement in the region. The station was earlier known as Bookmark, and was taken up by Richard Holland and managed by his step sons, Robert and John Robertson. The station was divided into Calperum and Chowilla Stations in 1896. In the early 20th Century Calperum still comprised "nearly half a million acres, with a river frontage of nearly 40 miles". The present stone homestead replaced the original pug and pine construction probably in the 1870s when more permanent land tenure was obtained.

**REFERENCES**


Verbal John & Hazel Chappel, Joe Mack, 1983

Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 802 Negative No. 7

Direction of view to NE
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This remote and isolated grave is part of the early Bookmark Station. It is of heritage significance largely because of the manner in which it exemplifies the tribulations of the early settlers of the region. The identity of the person buried here is in dispute, but there is no question that others thought highly of him or her to go to great lengths to protect the grave as is indicated by the wrought iron fencing. Although the brass plaque was removed in c.1955 it is believed to be the grave of Margaret Rankin, wife of the Bookmark overseer. She died as a result of intestinal trouble in September 1863 at the age of 41 years.

REFERENCES

Verbal Howard Martin, 1983; Joe Mack, 1984
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 802 Negative No. 8
Direction of view

LOCATION

Address Calperum Station
Town
Postcode Pas Bk 989
Section
Hundred Out of Hundred
County
L.G.A. Unincorporated
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 7029-IV 54 47090 621020

SUBJECT

1.4

PERIOD

State
Study Area
1853-1880

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature Historical site Historical Gdn.
BUILDING STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Item: Reg. □ Interim □
Nominated □
National Estate Reg. □ Proposed L □
National Trust
CL □ RL □ File □
Other

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State [X] (B) Local □
PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This blazed tree is a massive old dead red gum on the north bank of the river on the Chowilla run. The inscription SME20 is clearly visible from the river and is believed to represent "Sturt's Murrumbidgee Expedition Twentieth Day". The location of the tree is consistent with the expedition's approximate position on the twentieth day of the famous boat journey which commenced on January 7th, 1830.

The item is particularly significant because of its long association with man in the River Murray region, demonstrated first by the incision left after bark was removed for the purposes of making a canoe and then in 1830, the blaze of Sturt. Sturt's blaze makes this a very significant relic of European heritage, because it was Sturt's journey down the Murray which established his reputation as an explorer. The close association of the two sets of scars is unique.

REFERENCES

"The River Murray, Discovery and Exploration by Captain Charles Sturt, 1829-1830" (Annotated map prepared by Dept. of Lands to commemorate the centenary of his expedition)

Verbal Lawrie Bailey, 1983
Archival photographs Advertiser, 20 Dec., 1970

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 816 Negative No. 7
Direction of view to N

PROJECT HERITAGE SURVEY REGION
Item Ref. No. 12

LOCATION Little Huneche Island
Address Chowilla
Town Station
Postcode 17
Section
Hundred Out of Hundred: 1
County L.G.A. Unincorporated
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 7029-I
54 48440 623330

SUBJECT
1.2

PERIOD
State Study Area
1830-1852

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L Nomination
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

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Item Ref. No. 12b
L.G.A. Unincorporated

Film No. 816
Negative No. 14
Direction of view to N

Photograph: Advertiser, 20 December 1970, p.2 view to N
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the major pastoral complexes of the Upper Murray and is of considerable heritage significance because of this. It was originally part of the Bookmark Station which was taken up by Richard Holland and managed by his step sons, Robert and John Robertson. The station was divided into Calperum and Chowilla Stations in 1896. The homestead is the centre of an extensive complex though it is a significant item itself. It is believed to have been built c1878. It is of particular interest because of its solid construction of a stone which is not common to the area. The homestead remains in good condition and appears to have retained its original integrity.

The nearby pug and pine outbuilding is believed to have been one of three huts built at Chowilla in 1863 by Sheep Inspector H.S. Glenie and is thus one of the oldest surviving structures in the upper Riverlands.

REFERENCES

National Trust 630
Whitworth, Bailliere's South Australian Gazetteer p.37

Verbal John and Hazel Chappel, 1983; Joe Mack, 1984
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 765 Negative No. 6
Direction of view to W

PROJECT

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION
Item Ref. No. 13

LOCATION

Address
Town via Renmark
Postcode
Section 17
Hundred Out of Hundred
County L.G.A. Unincorporate
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 7029-I
54 48490 623500

SUBJECT

4.1
4.10

PERIOD

State

Study Area
1853-1880

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature

Historical site

Historical Gdn.

BUILDING

STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Item
Reg. Interim L
Nominated

National Estate
Reg. Proposed L

National Trust
CL RL File

Other

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
### PROJECT
**HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5**

**Item Ref. No.** 13a
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Film No. 765
Negative No. 8
Direction of view to E
(pug and pine outbuilding)
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

These are fine items in themselves because of the method and mode of construction, but are also significant because of their association with Chowilla Station, which is one of the major pastoral complexes of the Upper Murray. The items are generally of native pine and galvanised iron, and are excellent vernacular buildings. The complex remains in good original condition.

An item of additional interest is the old gate on the river side of the woolshed. This gate was rebuilt using the original hand-made fittings of the original Border Gate of the coach road to New South Wales (see item no. 27).

**REFERENCES**

Verbal John and Hazel Chappel, 1983; Joe Mack, 1984

Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 765 Negative No. 13

Direction of view to SE

**PROJECT**

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION

Item Ref. No. 14

*Office Use*

ITEM NO.

DOCKET NO.

**LOCATION**

Address Chowilla Static Town

Postcode

Section 17

Hundred Out of Hundreds

County L.G.A. Unincorporated S.H.P. Region 5

A.M.G. Ref. 7029-I

54 48 560 623570

**SUBJECT**

4.1

4.10

**PERIOD**

State Study Area

1853-1880

1906-1940

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature Historical site Historical Gdn. X

BUILDING STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items

Reg. Interim L

Nominated

National Estate

Reg. Proposed L

National Trust

CL RL File

Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local

PREPARED BY

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
Item Ref. No. 14a
L.G.A. Unincorporated

Film No. 765
Negative No. 11
Direction of view to SW

Film No. 765
Negative No. 12
Direction of view (Woolshed Interior)

Film No. 765
Negative No. 10
Direction of view to SW (quarters)
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

Construction of Lock 6 was commenced in 1927 and completed in 1930. It is one of the six Locks which were built on the River Murray in South Australia. It is significant because of its identification with the immense scheme for locking the Murray which was agreed upon by the Commonwealth Government and the State Governments of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia in September 1914. This in turn reflects the concern of the South Australian government to harness the State's scarce water resources and to promote irrigation schemes along the Murray. This was part of a grand scheme which also included works on the Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

**REFERENCES**

E & WS Dept., Lock and Weir No. 6

**PHOTOGRAOh**

Film No. 816 Negative No. 4

Direction of view SE

**LOCATION**

Address: Chowilla Island

Town

Postcode: 165

Section: 165

Hundred Out of Hundreds

County

L.G.A.: Unincorporated

S.H.P.: Region 5

A.M.G.: Ref. 7030-II

54 48940 623810

**PERIOD**

State

Study Area

1906-1940

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND: Natural feature

Historical site

Historical Gdn.

BUILDING

STRUCTURE

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Item:

Reg. [ ] Interim [X] Nominated [ ]

National Estate

Reg. [ ] Proposed [X] National Trust

CL [ ] RL [ ] File [ ]

Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local [ ]

PREPARED BY

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The old coach route to Wentworth in NSW cut through desolate country to the north of the Murray Valley and was in use until the early twentieth century. "Suicide Bridge" is one of the few surviving structures associated with that adventurous coaching era. Its curious names probably relate to the terrifying night coach crossings during storms or floods.

This item is a highly significant vernacular structure. It is made of native pine with split eucalyptus decking. Nearby to the east are the remains of old telegraph posts which were once part of the overland telegraph between South Australia and New South Wales. To the west is an example of early timber roadside fencing.

**REFERENCES**

Verbal: Joe Mack, 1984
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 765  Negative No. 15
Direction of view to SW

**PROJECT HERITAGE SURVEY REGION**

Item Ref. No. 23

**LOCATION**

Town: 
Postcode: 
Section: 17
Hundred: Out of Hund
County: 
L.G.A.: Unincorporated S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref.: 7030-II
54 49510 624960

**SUBJECT**

4.7
4.10

**PERIOD**

State: 
Study Area: 1853-1880

**TYPE OF ITEM**

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National Estate [ ]
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National Trust [ ]
CL [ ] RL [ ] File [ ]
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**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local [ ]

PREPARED BY HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

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HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This item is significant because of its function in indicating the position of the South Australian/New South Wales border, but also because of its historical associations and the nature of its determination. The cairn was placed on the site in 1868, after Charles Todd, the government astronomer, and Postmaster General had established a temporary telegraph station nearby and determined the site by means of star sightings which were synchronised by telegraph with sightings at the Sydney and Melbourne observatories. The brick cairn was originally 13'6" high. Its location was checked again in 1911 at the time of the border dispute between Victoria and South Australia, by which time the cairn was only 8' high. The names of this party are inscribed in slate on what is now the top of the cairn.

The structure is of red brick and part of the original inscriptions reading "PROVINCE BOUNDARY" can still be seen in the decaying concrete render.

REFERENCES

Private research notes prepared by the late Mr. H.W. King, M.P. and supplied by Mrs. King.

Verbal Mrs. H.W. King; Joe Mack, 1984
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 766 Negative No. 8
Direction of view to E
Item Ref. No. 25a

L.G.A. Unincorporated

Film No. 766
Negative No. 10
Direction of view to S

Film No. 766
Negative No. 7
Direction of view to SW

Film No. 766
Negative No. 9
Direction of view to N
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This gateway is one of the few structures surviving from the old coach route to Wentworth. Although the original gate itself was removed and reconstructed at Chowilla woolshed (see item no. 14), the remaining relics and the site itself is of considerable historical and archaeological significance as an early crossing point on the South Australia-New South Wales border.

**REFERENCES**

Verbal  Joe Mack, 1984
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**  Private Collection Joe Mack, Waikerie

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Item
Reg. Interim L
Nominated L
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local [ ]
PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATION:
Date: 1984
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This item is very significant because of its association with the main overland route between South Australia and New South Wales. It was built in 1871 by W. Knowles and was firstly as a station for the inspection of sheep being overlanded into South Australia. Subsequently it was also used as a customs house. It highlights the separate nature of the colonies prior to Federation, before there was free trade. The Inspection Station is one of a number of public and government buildings which were functionally associated with the overland route.

The substantial limestone and pug walls are important vernacular relics but have deteriorated badly since the 1956 flood.

To the south-west of the house is the site of an early graveyard, most relics of which were also removed by that flood. The graves are believed to include those of a police constable, and his wife and children who died of diphtheria.

REFERENCES

Verbal George Woolmer, 1983, Joe Mack, 1984
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 766 Negative No. 4
Direction of view to W

STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Item
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File Other

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
SURVEY REGION

Item Ref. No. 26a

L.G.A. Unincorporated

Film No. 766
Negative No. 3
Direction of view to S

Film No. 766
Negative No. 5
Direction of view to E

Film No. 766
Negative No. 6
Direction of view to N