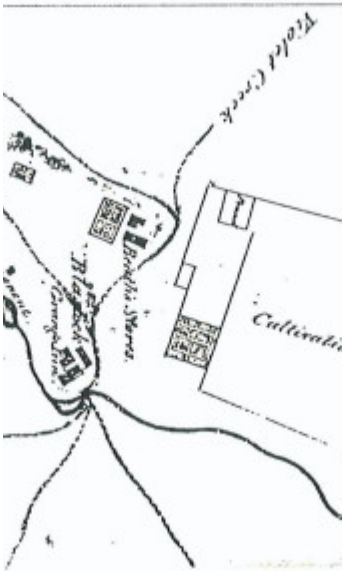

Archaeological site



27214 Archaeological site

Location

Digby Road HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

SIGNIFICANCE: Site of first permanent settlement in the district.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Archaeological Site
Digby Road

This area has local significance as an important archaeological site because of its historical associations with the Grange Inn and a number of other 1840s buildings which preceded the establishment of the Hamilton township. The earliest buildings on the site in 1842 were a couple of slab huts, a kitchen, a police office and a store. (i) In 1843 the Grange Inn (later Blackstock's Inn) was opened about 75 metres south-west of where Digby Road now crosses the Grange Burn. In 1844 a blacksmith's business was built near the inn by Robert H Heazlewood, and in late 1849 or early 1850 a store was opened nearby by David Beath, a failed pastoralist. (ii) This group of early buildings is shown on the 1850 *Town of Hamilton* map and they still existed in 1948. James Blastock (c1812-58) bought the site of one acre from the Crown at auction in 1854. Today, all the buildings have been demolished, but the area remains a significant archaeological site. (iii)

FOOTNOTES

i Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 30-35.

ii Ibid., p 33.

iii Ibid., p 32; *Plan of the Town of Hamilton 1850*, Featr. 5U, Central Plans Office, Melbourne.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991;
Construction dates	1842, 1843, 1849,
Hermes Number	27214
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

NOTABLE FEATURES:archaeological site

Historical Australian Themes

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town: 1840s

Early settlement: first site

Tertiary Industry: Early inns and stores

Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

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