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# UNKNOWN WOMAN GRAVE SITE

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## Location

NOONES ROAD DARGO, WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Municipality

WELLINGTON SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8323-0026

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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## History

The grave was marked by the Harrierville Historical Society in 1969 as the "Unknown Woman". Rogers & Helyar believe the grave could be Eliza Gardner who died, aged 39 years, of heart disease at 18 Mile Creek, Dargo Road on 11 May 1867. She had been in the Colony for 30 years, and had married Alex Gardner, an engineer, when aged 33 years. They had no children. The grave was also known as "Little Women of Frasers", as the ruins of the settlement nearby included a wayside store and hotel owned by Alex Fraser (Little Women's Plain, c1865-80's). The grave could also be that of "Mother" Fraser, wife of Alex. "Mother" Fraser, or the "Fat Woman" of the High Plains, ran the shanty, after it was put up in 1865 to intercept the traffic between the Upper Dargo reefs and Grant. She was referred to as an old lady at the time, "18 stone weight and moustacheoed like a dragon". She

was well-liked by the struggling local diggers, but notoriously took full toll of the well-heeled. Her date of death and burial details have not been researched.

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