
GAZETTE WOOLSHED ROAD STONE STRUCTURES

Location

GAZETTE LANE GAZETTE, SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7322-0007

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

There is no evidence to suggest more than a single phase of occupation. The place was most likely occupied from the 1870s onward; however, the date of the abandonment of the structures is not known but was likely abandoned at least from the 1950s when the land was purchased by the current owner. Function of the site includes a holding of stock and possible working quarters. Activities represented stock holding & pastoral work.

Archaeological Significance

The place has been assessed having low scientific (archaeological) significance because the place is a common example of a stone structural remains in Western Victoria complex, is in poor condition, and has low potential to contribute additional information. There is low potential for additional evidence of structures or portable artefacts within and surrounding the structures as they likely relate primarily to the holding of stock.

Hermes Number 165952

Property Number

History

Land selected by Archibald Baxter from the 1860s. Acquired by James Malcolm McIntyre in 1892 and held until 1921 when his son Norman McIntyre acquired the lot but was subsequently purchased by his brother James in 1931 and held until his death in 1954 when it was bought by Gerhard Burger and retained up to the date of the assessment.

Three stone wall structures (S1-S3) were recorded. Structure S1 was likely stockyards however only the basal course survives. The basal course comprises basalt boulders two wide. Structure S2 comprises small square stone wall compartments / rooms and a large curvilinear wall in very poor condition. Structure S3 was possibly a small stone hut of one or two rooms and is in very poor condition. Blake (2010: 8, 2011: Section 2.2) shows that this lot was selected by Archibald Baxter and occupied the land from the late 1860s for grazing and the cultivation of wheat and oats. Baxter is in the rate book for the Shire of Minhamite for 1874 but not 1885. In 1880, when Baxter applied for a lease on an adjoining allotment he noted stone walling and a dwelling on a nearby allotment and has lived on that land for the previous 12 years. This may refer to structure S3 above. If so, this structure may date to approximately 1868.

Additional details of the place history is found in Blake (2011)

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