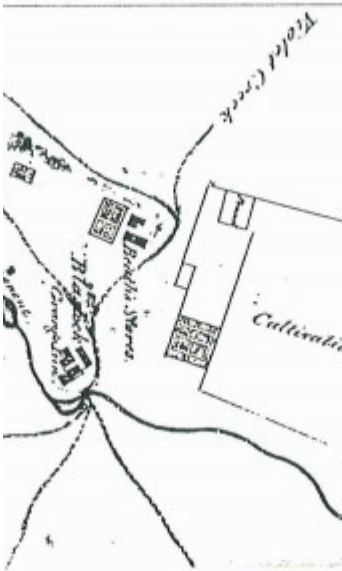


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## Archaeological site



27214 Archaeological site

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### Location

Digby Road HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

### Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

### Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

### Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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### 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	

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## 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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