
ANDREW O'ROURKE MEMORIAL

Location

WULGULMERANG STATION AND SNOWY RIVER ROAD WULGULMERANG EAST, EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Municipality

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8523-0003

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Property Number

History

Andrew was the son of Eliza & James O'Rourke of Wulgulmerang Station. Born at Wulgulmerang Station in about 1847, 4 year old Andrew died tragically in 1851. He was burnt severely after his clothes caught fire while he was standing next to the fireplace, and died the next day. Because her husband and brother in law were away mustering cattle, Eliza sent for her sister in law, Elizabeth, at Black Mountain Station. The two women dug the grave, and buried the boy between two sheets of bark. James was so shocked when he returned that he sold Wulgulmerang, and moved to Reedy Creek in the Woodside district. Nigel Hodge (a descendent of the

O'Rourke) installed the memorial to Andrew.

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