
JONES HOUSE SITE, DARGO HIGH PLAINS

Location

DARGO HIGH PLAINS ROAD

Municipality

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8323-0029

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

the remains of the original house and farming infrastructure built by Alfred and Walter Jones when they held the Dargo High Plains run, from 1872 until 1882. The chimney remains, with the potential also for associated features, deposits and artefacts related to the long occupation of the property. In addition, features such as a blacksmith's forge pit, original fencing, a well and remnant planting provide evidence of the historic occupation of the site.

How is it significant?

The site is of historic and archaeological significance

Why is it significant?

The site of significance for its association with, and ability to provide evidence of, high country grazing and associated activities over the course of 140 years, as well as the early C20th operation of a store and post-office in a remote region. Supporting historical documents are held by the Treasure family who currently have a grazing lease for the property

Interpretation of Site	The site has been in continual use as a grazing run since the 1870s, as well as the operation of a store in the early C20th by the Treasure family. The original house, built in 1872, was destroyed by fire in 1939. The chimney remains, with the potential also for associated features, deposits and artefacts related to the long occupation of the property. In addition, features such as a blacksmith's forge pit, original fencing, a well and remnant planting provide evidence of the historic occupation of the site. These features, and the potential for further subsurface deposits and artefacts associated with the original house, have been subject to little disturbance due to the site's continuing use as a grazing run, and are therefore likely to be in a condition that will allow information to be obtained.
Other Names	Jones Block,
Hermes Number	210651
Property Number	

History

Alfred Jones took up the 121,000 acre Dargo High Plains Grazing Run in April 1872. In October 1872, Alfred was joined by Walter E. Jones, together they held the lease until 1882. They built the Jones House, named it Warragul Park, and applied for freehold title for 37 Acres in 1879. From 1882 until 1887 the property was held by Breen & McLean, passing to Petersen, Box & King until 1879 when George Treasure bought Petersen's one third share. By 1901, George and Emily Treasure and family were the sole holders of the grazing lease, and in possession of the Jones House. The Treasures operated a produce store and Post Office in the house until 1910, when they built Rockalpine Homestead nearby. The house was burned down in the 1939 bushfires. The Treasure family have used the land and stables/yards since 1879 until today.

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