

Penrith Heritage Inventory

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SHI Number

2260065

Study Number

EP15

Item Name: **Westbank - House**

Location: **2-6 Nepean Street, Emu Plains**

Address: 2-6 Nepean Street

DUAP Region: Sydney West

Suburb / Nearest Town: Emu Plains 2750

Historic region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Penrith

Parish:

State: NSW

County: Cumberland

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built

Group: Residential buildings (Category: House

Owner: Private - Individual

Admin Codes: 42845

Code 2:

Code 3: Current LEP Item

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: **Local**

Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: Prominently sited adjacent to the Great Western Highway, the former farm cottage in its varied components and scale demonstrate a continued tradition of a rural economy in the locality over generations. The building was erected in Emu Plains over the nineteenth century and early part of the twentieth century and demonstrate the pattern of a village settlement at this important location at the foot of the Blue Mountains.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Themes: National Theme

State Theme

Local Theme

3. Economy

Agriculture

Rural settlement

4. Settlement

Accommodation (Housing) (none)

4. Settlement

Accommodation (Housing) Rural villages

4. Settlement

Towns, suburbs and village Rural settlement

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

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Year Started: 1865 Year Completed: 1894 Circa: Yes

Physical Description: The item is a stone and brick cottage on the Great Western Highway. The house was built in stages over the last half of the nineteenth century. The earliest central section is reported to have been constructed in the 1860s. This section is in ashlar stone work comprises in its front elevation a set of french doors and sandstone flagged verandah. Wings have been added to each side of the building in brick around the turn of the century. These gabled wings feature decorative bargeboards, large multi-casement windows and window hoods with decorative pressed metal covering. The verandah was remodelled around this time with timber posts and a slatted timber valance, and a bullnose profiled corrugated metal roof with an unusual centred porch. The building is set close to the Great Western Highway and is prominent at the intersection of the highway and Nepean Street. Now located within a relative small suburban sized block the house was originally associated with a larger parcel of land with orchard which extended to the Nepean River. In recent years the property has been developed with additions at the rear, a new brick pillar and aluminium railing fence, and landscaping work inclusive of the mature palm trees. Once open to the neighbouring park the house is now partially obscured.

Physical Condition:

Modification Dates: Extended with symmetrical brick wings to either end in 1894

**Recommended
Management:**

Management:

Further Comments:

Criteria a) The former farmhouse demonstrates rural development over the nineteenth century in Emu Plains.

Criteria b)

Criteria c) The cottage is an excellent example of a modest mid-Victorian sandstone cottage with late Victorian brick wings. The different phases of construction demonstrate the prevailing vernacular architectural styles and preferred building materials of the respective periods.

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g) The building was erected in Emu Plains over the nineteenth century and early part of the twentieth century and demonstrate the pattern of a village settlement at this important location at the foot of the Blue Mountains.

Integrity / Intactness: High externally

References: Author Title Year

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Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Paul Davies Pty. Ltd.	Penrith Heritage Study Review	EP15	2005
	Fox & Associates	Heritage Study of the City of Penrith	EP-15	1987

Parcels:	Parcel Code	LotNumber	Section	Plan Code	Plan Number
		1		DP	620712

Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial Accuracy:

Map Name:

Map Scale:

AMG Zone:

Easting:

Northing:

Listings:	Name:	Title:	Number:	Date:
	Local Environmental Plan	Westbank House	EP-15	12/20/1991
	Heritage study	Westbank House	EP-15	4/1/1987

Built Form:

Allotment and Setback:

Height:

Fences:

Driveways and Garages:

Building Materials:

Data Entry: Date First Entered: 15/12/1999 Date Updated: 28/11/2007 Status: Partial

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