

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: HENTY MEMORIAL

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Glenelg Highway CARAPOOK

STUDY NUMBER: 059

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: outside

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF MUNTHAM

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 429 B near 63; VicRoads 72 A3 '340'; on the north side of the Glenelg Highway at the top of the hill (elevation 340m) 250m west of the intersection of Muntham Lane.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Henty Memorial, Glenelg Highway, Carapook.

Image Date: 19/03/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the cairn and its surroundings.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Henty Memorial is a plain cement rendered cairn, 2.0m high and 1.0m square at the base, tapering to 0.7m at the top. It stands on a concrete slab. Set into the render at the top on the south face is a cast bronze plaque which reads "HENTY MEMORIAL Throwing up their hats with a cheer they put their horses to the gallop and set off for the stations across the plans." (Extract from Henty Diary) / The view you behold consisted of "Muntham", established 1838, the original property of Edward Henty. Area 77,000 acres, carried 55,000 sheep, 8,000 cattle and 500 horse, staff 50 employees, including 20 shepherds, 12 hut keepers and blacksmith. / Edward Henty 1810-78, Victoria's first permanent settler, arrived from Portland Bay 19th November, 1834 - six months prior to John Batman at Port Phillip, married Anne Marie Gallie on October 16th, 1840, died without issue. / Being pioneers in small communities their lives were interwoven with events of the day, and are part of Australia's history. Erected 1971.

The memorial stands on the top of 'Muntham Hill' in a lay-by on the north east side of the Glenelg Highway, approximately 8 kilometers west of the township of Coleraine.

HISTORY:

The Henty Memorial was erected in 1971 to commemorate the contribution of Edward Henty and the Henty family in the pastoral settlement of the Western District of Victoria. It stands at the highest point of Muntham Hill and overlooks much of what was the Muntham run and the Muntham pre-emptive right. The memorial does not, however, offer the alternative interpretation that the squatters were opportunists nor does it acknowledge the role the Henty family played in the occupation of Aboriginal country.

The Muntham squatting run was, with Merino Downs and Sandford, amongst the very first to be established inland from Portland in the mid-1830s. It was associated with the Henty family, and in particular with Edward Henty, the patriarch of the family until the later nineteenth century. It was named after 'an old well-groomed estate near Worthing' in England and regarded as the chief station of the Henty family (Basset, 489). Muntham was Portland Bay Run No. 132 and, when the licence was issued, it consisted of 57,300 acres, had 3000 cattle and 20,000 sheep B&K, 256). The licence was held in Edward Henty's name until it was cancelled in 1866. From then until the mid-1870s, perhaps its pastoral heyday, the property was said to consist of 3,200 acres and to have the capacity for as many sheep (Bailliere, 270; and Hiscock, Map of Dundas, 1874). However, the property was never a major residence of the family, but was managed for them by a series of managers or overseers. The irregular attendance of the Henty family may be one reason why the complex did not develop into a grand estate in the way other some early squatting runs matured, such as Murndal.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 2: Peopling Australia

2.4 Migrating

2.4.2 Migrating to seek opportunity

2.4.5 Changing the face of rural and urban Australia through migration

2.6 Fighting for land

2.6.2 Displacing Indigenous people

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working on the land

CONDITION:

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Good although cement render is weathered.

INTEGRITY:

High degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Henty Memorial is located at the top of Muntham Hill about fifteen kilometres west of Coleraine on the Glenelg Highway. It is close to Muntham, one of the first two squatting runs established by Edward Henty. The cairn was erected in 1971 and is a simple cement rendered plinth on a concrete slab with a cast bronze plaque. The plaque includes an extract from the Henty diaries celebrating their squatting stations. It then describes the Muntham run, provides a brief biography of Edward Henty and his wife, and makes a general and uncritical comment on their roles. The memorial is unaltered and is in fair condition.

How is it significant?

The Henty Memorial is of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Henty Memorial is of historical significance as a marker to one of the most important moments in the Shire's history, as a recognition of the contribution of the Henty family to pastoralism and, by default, for showing that the historical interpretation of the settlement of the Western District has become more complex.

COMPARISON:

0298 Major Mitchell Monument, Lake Repose, Bundoran Lane, Glenthompson (Strathmore)

0101 Major Mitchell memorial and water trough, Dunkeld

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

08-Oct-01

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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