

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: CHERITTA HOMESTEAD COMPLEX (former)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Wallacedale North - Hamilton Road BRANXHOLME

STUDY NUMBER: 223

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: outside

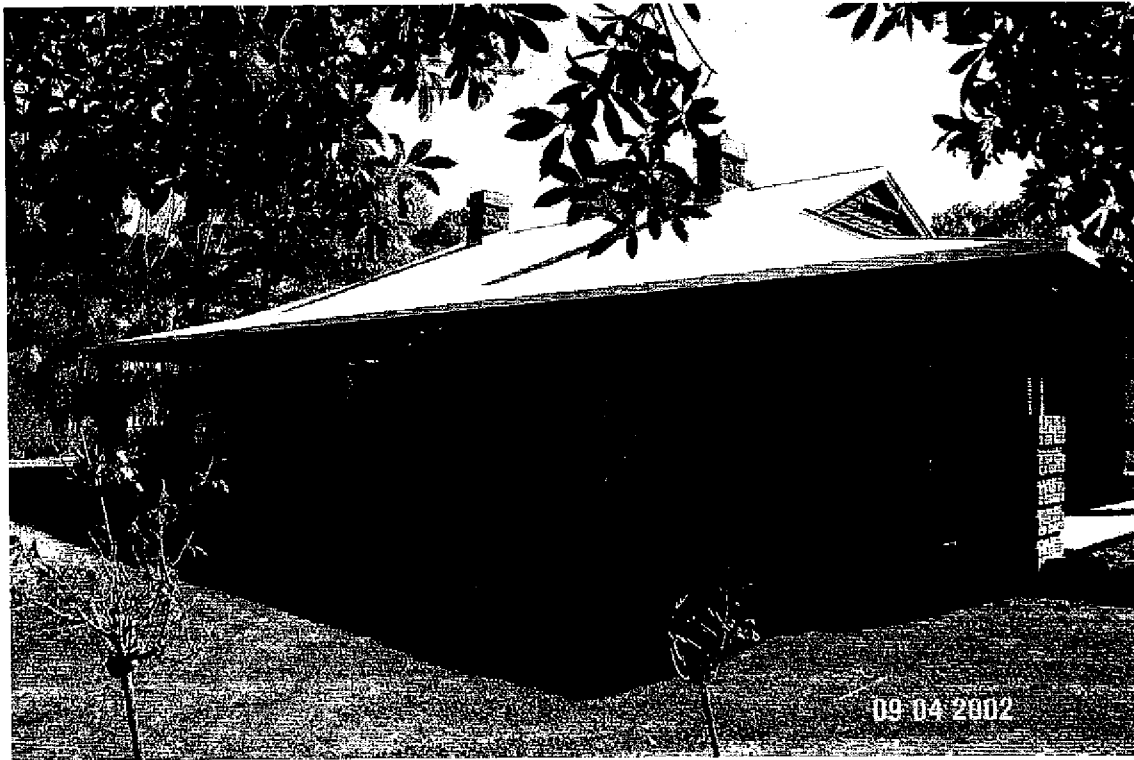
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 1 & 2 **SECTION:** 16 **PARISH:** PARISH OF BRANXHOLME

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 473 C-5; VicRoads 72 F8; located on the west side of the Wallacedale North - Hamilton Road (the Shire boundary), Branxholme 3.0kms south east of Branxholme.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Nil



Cheritta Homestead, Wallacedale North - Hamilton Road, Branxholme. Façade.

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EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the house, excluding the interiors, and the immediate outbuildings and the major plantings.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The original Cheritta Homestead was destroyed by fire in the late twentieth century. A modern brick homestead has been built around the two bluestone chimneys which survived the fire. Several timber outbuildings and some substantial plantings survive around the homestead.

HISTORY:

The land on which the former Cheritta homestead complex stands was part of the Audley station when it was purchased by Charles Read in 1885 (Walter, 45). Cheritta homestead is east of Glenlogie, and the Arrandoovong Creek runs through Cheritta near the homestead. James Stewart purchased 2,000 acres about 1889, and it was sold in 1905 to wind up his estate. Archibald Cameron, who was in charge of Upper Audley (now Koorong) for a number of years, managed Cheritta for four years from 1890. Rochford was manager after that. Gummow Bros. had Cheritta later and L Gummow sold it to Trevor Armytage, whose parents were on Bassett, in 1927. In 1937, W H Philip bought Cheritta and sold it again 1953 to D M McKenzie. Gordon Sobey purchased the property in 1965 (ibid., 45).

An notice lodged by Laidlaw and Fenton, of Hamilton, announced the sale of a 5 year lease by auction on 15th September 1888. The notice describes the "well-known Cheritta Estate, situated 3 miles from Branxholme Railway station and 16 miles from Hamilton, and containing 2,000 acres of Superior Agricultural and Grazing Land, 300 acres of which are rich rye-grass and clover flats. The Land is permanently watered, securely fenced, and subdivided into conveniently-sized paddocks. The improvements include a comfortable none-roomed Dwelling house, large detached kitchen, stables, coach-house, drafting yards, and all necessary improvements."

A fire all but destroyed the Cheritta Homestead in the late nineteenth century, with only a few timber outbuildings, some plantings in the garden and two bluestone chimney's surviving. The present owners have constructed a new brick house on the site of the original Cheritta, around the surviving bluestone chimneys.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

3.5.2 Breeding animals

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Theme 5: Working

5.8 Working the land

CONDITION:

The condition of the outbuildings and surviving plantings is fair.

INTEGRITY:

Very low degree of integrity/intactness. Surviving fabric of original homestead only two bluestone chimneys.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

Cheritta Homestead Complex (former) was a large single storey bluestone homestead, with significant outbuildings and a substantial garden. It was destroyed by fire in the late twentieth century. The surviving

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elements of the Cheritta Homestead Complex are two bluestone chimneys, some outbuildings and some elements of the garden. A new brick house has been built around the surviving chimneys, set amongst the remnant garden and outbuildings. Cheritta was originally part of the Audley run, located some distance east. It was taken up in 1885 by Charles Read, and had a succession of owners and managers until it was burnt down. There has been no architect or builder associated with the original design. The remaining fabric of Cheritta Homestead Complex is in good condition, although it retains a limited degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Cheritta Homestead Complex (former) is of nil significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The Cheritta Homestead Complex is of historical significance for its associations with the larger, historically significant Audley Homestead, and for its association with a range of important individuals and companies who have owned and managed the property over the past 100 years.

ASSESSED BY: TFH

ASSESSMENT DATE: 12/12/2003

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Agnes V. Walter	Branxholme 1843-1973	1973	45