

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: WALTER RESIDENCE (FORMER)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Memorial Road GLENTHOMPSON

STUDY NUMBER: 308

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

**OTHER NAME/S
OF PLACE:** HENRY RESIDENCE

PRECINCT: Glenthompson

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: part of **SECTION:** 1 **PARISH:** PARISH OF YUPPECKIAR
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ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 434J 13, VicRoads 229 N10, located on the south side of the Glenelg Highway on a service road between Thompson and Scott Streets.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Walter Residence (Former), Memorial Road, Glenthompson

Image Date: 29/05/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the house but excluding the interiors and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

A large symmetrical timber house facing north with two projecting front rooms and verandahs on either side and between the rooms. The main roof is hipped and covered with corrugated iron. The bullnosed verandahs are decorated with a traditional frieze of timber arches supported on brackets. The central front door is glazed with leadlight in a late Art Nouveau style and with side lights and a fanlight. The gables over the projecting rooms are half timber and partly cantilevered. The front windows are pairs of narrow double hung sashes and have sunhoods roofed with 'ripple-iron'. The chimneys are located opposite the facade and are red brick, presumably from the nearby Brickworks. The original front fence has been replaced by a post-WW2 low brick wall with a steel pipe between the higher piers.

HISTORY:

The land on which the Walters' Residence now stands was purchased from the Crown by W Wilson on 10th June 1870 [This date is indistinct and may have been misread from the Township Plan]. William Wilson, bootmaker is rated as having a house at Glen Thomson [now Glenthompson] valued at 12 pounds in the 1870 Shire of Mount Rouse rate book. [SMR RB #430] He is rated at Glen Thomson for several years and also as holding 130 acres of land at Yuppekiar.

The present house was constructed in 1917 for the Walter family. John Walter was a carrier, dealer and storekeeper who prospered as a result of the Mafeking gold rush at Mount William in 1900. He operated Walter's Store there and was also in partnership with T Scott and Sons in Glenthompson. His second wife was the daughter of Walter and Annie Scott and sister of Sidney Scott. John Walter (c1871-1962), Annie Walter (1866-1930) and Bonnie Walter (1892-1965), nee Scott are buried in the Glenthompson cemetery. The original Walter home was in the Caramut Road.

The house was subsequently owned and occupied by the Harry Henry and Phyllis Henry (1913-1995). The Henry family were also storekeepers and Hope Henry (c1896-1962) wrote a brief history of Glenthompson. Mr. Harry Henry still lives in the house.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.12 Feeding people

3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.12 Living in and around Australian homes

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

Good condition.

INTEGRITY:

high degree of integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The former Walter Residence is located on the south side of the Glenelg Highway on a service road between Thompson and Scott Streets. The house is a large symmetrical timber house facing north with two projecting front rooms and verandahs on either side and between the rooms. The house was built in 1917 for the Walter family, when they moved from a less substantial home in Caramut Road. The house was an expression of the Walter families improving fortune, as John Walter was a carrier, dealer and storekeeper who prospered as a result of the Mafeking gold rush at Mount William in 1900. He operated Walter's Store there and was also in

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partnership with T Scott and Sons in Glenthompson. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The house is in good condition, with a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Walter Residence is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Glenthompson.

Why is it significant?

The Walter Residence is of historical significance for its associations with the Walter and Henry families, two important pioneering families in Glenthompson, and of architectural significance as one of the more important private residences in the township.

COMPARISON:

256 Olle Residence, 143 Bell Street, Peshurst
007 Fairview, 101 Church Street, Coleraine

ASSESSED BY: MGT & TFH

ASSESSMENT DATE:

29-May-02

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
Hope Henry	Glenthompson History	1954	1-3
Mount Rouse Shire Council	Shire of Mount Rouse Rate Books 1872-1930		