

BLAIR ATHOL GROUP

Lot 22 DP 746468 Blaxland Road, Campbelltown

Built c. 1880's





HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

The residence of the Hon. John Kidd (from 1883 to his death), Blair Athol was noted in the Campbelltown Herald during the 1880's (Bayley p.104). John Kidd was a prominent Campbelltown resident with grazing interests (owning between St. Andrews Rd and Raby Rd). He became a member of Parliament, was Postmaster General of New South Wales in two Parliaments, and Secretary for Mines and Minister for Agriculture at other times; he remained in Parliament until 1904.

Blair Athol is named after a small town in Scotland. A large brick cement rendered stucco designed home, with three large rooms of the ground floor, solid oak and cedar stairs leading to four large bedrooms on the first floor. Other features include fireplaces, a verandah supported by 16 dressed wooden posts a verandah posts with cast iron lace work.

The Victorian cottage would date from the 1880's and is a good example of its period. The trees around it are important for the visual impression created. This house has a gable roof with a bay window at the front. The hipped iron roof and returned verandah on the side is supported on delicately designed cast iron columns. It may have been a manager's cottage for the Blair Athol property. It was, at one time, known as "The Kraal"

The small brick cottage with timber verandah was apparently an employee's house on the Blair Athol property, though the interior details were more elaborate than would be expected. Features included sophisticated joinery; plaster ceilings, marble fire places and a service wing. Hipped roof of corrugated iron and store footings.

CONDITION AND USE:

Owned by the Brook Crompton Parkinson and rented out. The house has been renovated in the past but appears dilapidated now. The Victorian cottage has also been allowed to deteriorate. Both are rented out. The small cottage to the southwest is in ruins though largely intact.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

- Blair Athol is a conservative Victorian house continuing the Colonial tradition with its symmetrical facade.

HERITAGE LISTING:

LOCAL: LEP 2002

STATE: *Proudfoot:* Index No. 31, Category 2

Macarthur Regional Heritage Study: Map 5, No. 42

National Trust (NSW): Classified (All 3 buildings)