

# *DENHAM COURT*

Lot 392 DP 564854 Campbelltown Road, Denham Court

Built c. 1820's-1830's







## **HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:**

The site was granted to Judge-Advocate Richard Atkins. It was acquired by Captain Richard Brooks, Sea Captain and Trader, who was operating in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. He applied to become a free settler and arrived with his family to settle in 1814. They lived in Sydney at first but came to Denham Court to live in the mid 1820's. The rear buildings at Denham Court are thought to have been erected before 1820. One date given was 1817 (not verified). There was certainly a small cottage by 1821.

The main part of the house, has a two storey front with a bowed one storey which was designed by John Verge in 1832. This was built by the Brooks in 1832/33.

A catalogue issued in 1884 describes the estate as it was at the time and shows the house and its associated buildings, which at the time included a school.

## **CONDITION AND USE:**

Loving kept by Ms G.F. MacDonald, niece of Mr. J.C. Mayne who brought the property in 1890. Associated with the house was a school room and other buildings which have since disappeared. The house is in good condition, though some detail may need attention. Currently owned by Dr. Okey. The wooden four-seater toilet block is thought to have been associated with the Miss Lester's School.

## **HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:**

- One of the most interesting early country houses in New South Wales, with important historical associations. An interesting architectural work in the latter-day Palladian style of John Verge attached to an even older rear portion.

## **HERITAGE LISTING:**

**LOCAL:** Previous Historical Register

**STATE:** *Proudfoot:* Index No. 6 Category 1 (Key Building)

*Macarthur Regional Heritage Study:* Map 4, No. 13

*Heritage Act 1977:* Listed on State Heritage Register - PCO No.

212, G.G. No. 14, 29/01/82

*National Trust (NSW):* Classified

**FEDERAL:** *Heritage Commission (National Estate):* Registered (House and Chapel)