

GLEN ALPINE (SITE OF THE ORIGINAL HOUSE)

Lot 756 DP 787316 Heritage Park, Glen Alpine

Built: c. 1820's



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

A NSW calendar and directory of 1832 refers to an ornamental and commodious house recently erected by the Rev. Mr. Reddall. Rev. Thomas Reddall and family arrived in 1820 and opened a school at Macquarie fields House in 1821; a young Lachlan Macquarie was a pupil. Moved to Campbelltown in 1830, living at Clan Alpine, Later known as Glen Alpine built that year. After he died in 1938 Misses Reddall opened a girls' boarding school there.

A photograph of the house held by the Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society shows a wide curved bay window garden front opening onto a verandah with what looks like marbled columns (may be the local slate).

CONDITION AND USE:

The site is a particularly fine one and is still well endowed with the original trees and shrubs planted there by the Reddalls, though only a few traces of the house remain – curved stone footings, a depression where there was a well or cellar and numerous bricks scattered about, some with a diamond shape frog, some frog less.

It is on the crest of the hill, with a fine outlook in all directions.

With a large Morton Bag Fig on one site, at the crest of the hill past three tall pine trees, the ground opens to show a flat site flanked on each side by large monkey puzzle trees and circled by olives where traces of the house remain. Along the eastern side of the hilltop, among the olive trees are footings of the outbuildings.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

- An early house of its time; with the site retaining considerable atmosphere from its situation and from the manner and site of the plantings, which is still in a flourishing state. It has important early associations with the Colonial era
- Associated with Rev. Thomas Reddall

HERITAGE LISTING:

LOCAL: LEP 2002

STATE: *Proudfoot:* Index No. 22 Category 1 (Key Building)

Macarthur Regional Heritage Study: Map 5, No. 90

National Trust (NSW): Classified

FEDRAL: *Heritage Commission (National Estate):* Rejected