

HANSEN'S COTTAGE

Lot 7 DP 548554 No. 23 Hansens Road, Minto Heights
Weatherboard House, built late 1800's



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

The land on which this cottage stands is part of the 1300 acres originally granted to Thomas Rose in 1821. Rose, an ex-convict has several other estates including Mount Gilead where he built a stone dam, which is now recognized as the colony's first attempt at water conservation.

After his death the land became part of the Campbellfield Estate until it was sold to Charles Claussen in 1887. When Claussen died his widow Johanna become the owner. She later married Jasper Hansen and they continued to live in the cottage and operated the property as a dairy and produce farm. Jasper Hansen was at one time al Alderman on Ingleburn Council and the street was named after him.

The surrounding land was subdivided by the current owner Miss Hansen when she constructed the modern house in the late 1960's (Interview with Miss Hansen – March 1993).

The front rooms of the building were constructed by Claussen (in the late 1880's) and later additions were made to accommodate the growing Hansen family. It was a small weatherboard/iron workman's style cottage. The later kitchen/laundry wing is of similar construction and style.

CONDITION AND USE:

The cottage is in original internal and external condition. A well is still extant as are most of the outbuildings associated with the farm, including the small brick dairy building on the adjoining block. A remnant garden is also still clearly visible around the cottage.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

- The building has Historical, Architectural and Aesthetic significance
- It is of local significance to Campbelltown because:
 - it is a rare surviving intact example of early farm dwellings in the area;
 - It has a long connection with the Hansen Family (an established Minto Family);
 - It has a good remnant garden; and
 - The outbuildings are still extant providing a complete unit.

HERITAGE LISTING:

LOCAL: LEP 193

STATE: *NSW Heritage Act 1977:* Listed under the Act – although not listed on the State Heritage Register