

HILLCREST

Lot 1, DP 1017017 Badgally Road, Claymore

Built: c. late 1850s early 1860s



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

The style and details of this house show great similarities to those of the front part of Varroville-chimneys, roof shape, cast iron open columns, the use of french doors with shutters (although Varroville's are more lavish, with side lights). This suggests that the house would have been built in the late 1850's or early 1860's. It still retains the classical symmetry of the colonial home. The iron work was from Ball's Foundry in Goulburn. The owner claims that the house dates back to the 1840's but has no documentary evidence.

The house was in the Woodhouse family for some generations. Additions were made to the stable by S.H. Woodhouse by A.R. Payten in 1891. Its situation on the crest of the hill overlooking Campbelltown and above the freeway to the west is important.

CONDITION AND USE:

Not well kept, with an untended garden, planting back to the mid 19th century. Hillcrest was renovated with some zeal by the former owner. Two front rooms are now one large room, extra doors were taken from the old Campbelltown Court house, the rear wings have been largely rebuilt, but retained the old shape, the southern verandah has been extended with matching columns. The verandah floor is now cement. Some fairly recent additions to the northern side of the house. Many new "features" in the garden, which does however still retain its basic early layout and quality. (Proudfoot). Currently owned by Blue Road Pty. Ltd.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

- A good house of its time, continuing the stylistic traditions of the Colonial era into the post 1850's period. Its garden provides considerable landscape value to the freeway, though the house itself is hidden

HERITAGE LISTING:

LOCAL: LEP 2002

STATE: *Proudfoot:* Index No. 25 Category 2

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