

*MACQUARIE FIELD HOUSE*

Lot 1 DP 612265 Quarter Sessions Road, Macquarie Fields

Built c. 1840's

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## **HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:**

Sited on a grant made in 1810 to James Meehan, surveyor, Macquarie Fields House is thought to have been built by the later owner, Samuel Terry, one of Sydney's wealthiest emancipist merchants, and given to his daughter Martha when he married John Hosking in the early 1840's. Meehan had previously built structure on or near the site then known as Meehan's castle and in the 1820's the Rev. Thomas Redall ran a school there, one of his pupils being Governor Macquarie's small son. There was a school building, a chapel, a two storey stone store and a brick convict barracks, on the site, but know these have vanished.

The house is a superb example of a small colonial mansion with a returning stone flagged verandah and Doric columns, stuccoed walls, and French windows. Sited beautifully on a spur overlooking the railway line, the old hoop pines and olive trees embellish the grounds.

## **CONDITION AND USE:**

After being derelict shell for years, this house was carefully restored by Mr. David Jamison in 1962 and is now in good condition. Mr. Jamison sold the house to Scots College in 1993..

## **HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:**

- Acknowledged as a fine colonial mansion in the Regency Style

## **HERITAGE LISTING:**

**LOCAL:** LEP 112

**STATE:** *Proudfoot:* Index No. 5 Category 1 (Key Building)

*Macarthur Regional Heritage Study:* Map 4, No. 12

*Heritage Act 1977:* PCO No. 424, G.G. No. 161 (29/11/85)

*National Trust (NSW):* Classified

**FEDRAL:** *Heritage Commission (National Estate):* Registered (House & Garden)