

Lintel Grange Homestead Complex

Statement of Significance, May 2024

Heritage Place:	127 Edmonston Road, Addington	PS ref no:	HO232
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Figure 1. Lintel Grange Homestead (c.1860) façade. Verandah c.1890

What is significant?

The Lintel Grange Homestead Complex constructed c.1860, with later additions between c.1870-1900 is significant.

The elements which contribute to the significance of the place are:

- The 1860 bluestone and white Mount Bolton granite homestead, comprising the first four rooms of the dwelling, the rendered chimneys, symmetrically arranged façade with decorative double hung sash windows on either side of the 6-panel front door.
- The later additions c1870-1900, found to be of secondary heritage significance to the dwelling, set to the rear of the c1860 bluestone and granite homestead, including a substantial underground cellar and the late Victorian cast iron post supported verandah.
- A rendered dome brick well to the south of the homestead and associated hand water pump.
- The pre 1900 outbuildings constructed of brick, bluestone, granite, galvanised iron and timber located to the north and east of the homestead.
- Mature Privet hedge around the homestead.
- Mature trees, including Weeping Nootka Cypress, Ash Tree and Walnut Tree
- The granite piers and slabs located at the vehicular entrance to the property.

Modern outbuildings, silos, fencing and other farm structures are not significant.



Figure 2. The elements which contribute to the significance of the place

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|  | Farmhouse including verandah |  | Privet Hedge |  | Rendered dome brick well and hand water pump |
|  | Homestead Built 1860's |  | Granite Plinths and kerbs |  | Heritage Overlay Boundary |
|  | Homestead additions b/w 1870 & 1900 |  | Weeping Nootka Cypress tree |  | Walnut tree |
|  | Outbuildings pre-1900's |  | Ash tree | | |

How is it significant?

Lintel Grange Homestead Complex is of local historical, aesthetic, associative significance to the City of Ballarat.

Why is it significant?

Lintel Grange Homestead Complex is of historical significance as an early small farming enterprise established prior to the first of the Land Selection Acts in 1860. The original land purchase of 80 acres was purchased by Charles Edmonston and A. Kerr in 1856, although the partnership dissolved within a

few years when Kerr purchased the adjacent 80-acre lot. The establishment of a permanent finely constructed restrained Victorian bluestone and granite dwelling in c1860 indicates the early success in Edmonston's farming enterprise. The subsequent additions which were undertaken to the dwelling between c. 1870 and c.1900 and are of secondary heritage significance to the original dwelling, reflect the growing success and prosperity of the establishment farming business, which was also reflected in the acquisition of adjacent farmland over this period. The homestead which is comprised of a complex of highly intact Victorian buildings, including homestead, outbuildings and mature trees and privet hedge are of further historical significance as they demonstrate the close connection and way of life where there is little separation between the residential and enterprise related activities and structures. The outbuildings which surround the homestead demonstrate the various early pastoral interests of the farm and its daily running, including a grain barn (later used for the storage of other crops), stable for horses and equipment and others. It has functioned consistently as a homestead complex at the centre of a farming enterprise from c.1860 and has been retained within the same family for multiple generations. (Criterion A)

Lintel Grange homestead is of aesthetic (architectural) significance as example of a restrained classical mid-Victorian homestead. The use of white local granite is of particular interest, being very finely tooled and extensively used in window and door surrounds, under eave, base of walls and in quoins which provide relief from the heavy bluestone of which the majority of the dwelling is constructed. (Criterion E)

Lintel Grange is significant for its long and continuing association with the Edmonston family. Cr Charles Edmonston was an influential pastoralist, a progressive and prosperous cultivator and was heavily involved in the community. He arrived in Melbourne from Glasgow in 1854. He was elected Councillor for the Ballarat shire, member for west riding and President for two terms. He was a Justice of the Peace, honorary treasurer of the Waubra Cemetery Trust and the Waubra Presbyterian Church, and member and councillor of the Ballarat Agricultural and Pastoral Society (McCallum 1921, 9). The family pastoral business and public service interest continued after Charles' death. Members of the family are commemorated on the Avenues of Honour plaque and the Centenary of Pioneer families (Criterion H).

Primary Source

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