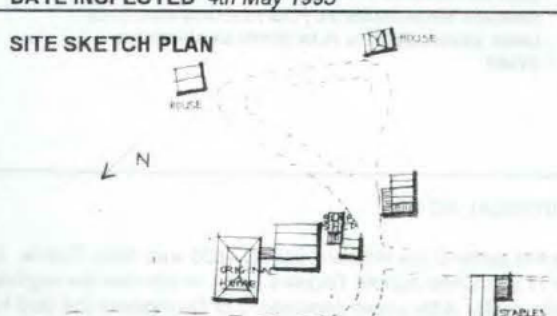
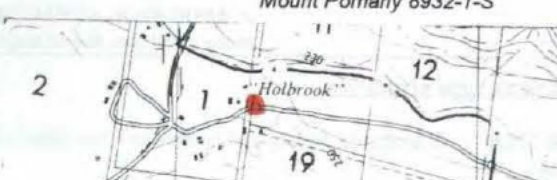



MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

Inventory 1996

HOLBROOK STUD - BAERAMI

PRESENT NAME <i>'Holbrook Stud'</i>		REFERENCE No <i>BAER/R003</i>
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES		PREVIOUS REFERENCE No <i>MUSW/R003 - Hunter REP Sch. 4 Review</i>
		DATE INSPECTED <i>4th May 1995</i>
LOCATION STREET No <i>2639</i> STREET NAME <i>Widden Valley Road</i> TOWN/SUBURB <i>Baerami</i> POSTCODE <i>2328</i> LOCALITY <i>Widden</i> LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i>		SITE SKETCH PLAN 
PRESENT OWNER [REDACTED]	TYPE <i>Private</i>	PROPERTY DETAILS: a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Parish Blackwater, Widden, Mirrie and Pomany</i> b SITE AREA <i>1383 hectares</i> c EXISTING ZONING <i>7(L1) - Environment Protection - Alluvial Areas</i> <i>7(d) - Environment Protection - Scenic</i> <i>8(a) - National Parks and Nature Reserves 'A'</i>
CATEGORY <i>Building</i>		MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 253250E, 6385700N AMG Mount Pomany 8932-1-S</i>
SUB CATEGORY <i>Homestead; Stable</i>		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1850</i>		
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>Unknown</i>		
BUILDER <i>Unknown</i>		
PHOTOGRAPH 		

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HISTORICAL NOTES

The first settler in the Widden valley in 1836 was John Tindale. In 1855-56 John and William Thompson acquired their land on Widden Brook and 11 years later bought Tindale's land. At this time the emphasis changed from wool production to the breeding of thoroughbred horses and raising cattle. After seven generations of Thompsons the stud has seen some leading horse breeders and has been referred to as one of "the finest thoroughbred studs in the world".

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a ARCH. STYLE Victorian Gothic chapel; Federation stables; Inter-War Georgian Revival homestead	Materials: Exterior Stone & timber vertical slab stables, timber slab weatherboard
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
c MODIFICATIONS	
d CURRENT CONDITIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> REPAIRS REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC ✓ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Buildings of major significance to the study include the homestead with its many additions, the champion stallions stable and the drop slab church.	

INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN	D.M. Barrie, "Valley of Champions - The Story of Widden Stud", Australian Stud Book Vol.1 - 1878
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EVALUATION CRITERIA	(S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically the Stud is significant not only to the region but to the state in relation to the birth and development of the horsebreeding industry in NSW. Socially the property is of regional significance for its association with seven generations of the Thompson family, one of the state's pioneer horsebreeding families, and one of the oldest thoroughbred studs in the world. Scientifically the stud must be considered to be of state significance for its rare potential to reveal information which could contribute to an understanding of the scale of thoroughbred breeding in NSW in the mid to late 19th century and later and of the lifestyles of the generations of the state's major thoroughbred breeding family of that period.