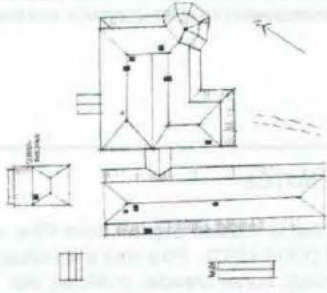




MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY

Inventory 1996

'PICKERING' - MANGOOLA ROAD - DENMAN

<p>PRESENT NAME <i>'Pickering'</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES</p>	<p>REFERENCE No <i>DENM/R013</i></p> <p>PREVIOUS REFERENCE No</p> <p>DATE INSPECTED <i>18th April 1996</i></p>
<p>LOCATION</p> <p>STREET No <i>221</i> STREET NAME <i>Mangoola Road</i></p> <p>TOWN/SUBURB <i>Denman</i> POSTCODE <i>2328</i></p> <p>LOCALITY <i>Denman</i></p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA <i>MUSWELLBROOK</i></p>	<p>SITE SKETCH PLAN</p> 
<p>PRESENT OWNER</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>TYPE <i>Private</i></p>	<p>PROPERTY DETAILS:</p> <p>a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION <i>Lots 89/90 DP818690 Parish Denman</i></p> <p>b SITE AREA <i>229.5 hectares</i></p> <p>c EXISTING ZONING <i>7(L1) - Environment Protection - Alluvial Areas</i></p>
<p>CATEGORY <i>Building(s)</i></p> <p>SUB CATEGORY <i>Homestead / Stable</i></p> <p>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>1827 (Stable) / 1897 (Homestead)</i></p> <p>ARCHITECT/DESIGNER <i>F.B. Menkens (Homestead)</i></p> <p>BUILDER <i>Will McJannett & Jones Hammond</i></p>	<p>MAP REFERENCE <i>'56' 285100E, 64175240N AMG Sandy Hollow 9033-III-N</i></p> 
<p>PHOTOGRAPH</p> 	

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HISTORICAL NOTES

Originally granted in 1825 to Captain John Pike, who maintained a Saxon Merino stud there until 1859, Pickering then passed into the hands of Archibald Bell (1804-1883). Pike was a significant figure in the early wool industry but Bell was more important, making his mark as an explorer (Bells line of road), horse breeder, politician, etc. Bell lived at Pickering from 1859 until his death. Pickering's homestead was "a very comfortable, modern looking cottage ... on the crest of a hill" in 1896 when Mackenzie visited the estate but in 1897 F.B. Menkens designed the present homestead for F.S. and H.W. Bell, sons of Archibald. One wing of the earlier house, of timber construction, adjoins the Menkens house. There are outbuildings from the earlier period including an 1827 stone built stable. Alan Newton first saw Pickering about 1927 and recalls an extensive vineyard, cellar and winery. A unique feature of the homestead is a cellar located beneath the second homestead and later servants quarters which adjoins the present 'Pickering'. There are suggestions that this cellar was used to keep the convicts. Also located on the site is a building assumed to have been used as a school.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

a ARCH. STYLE Victorian Filigree	MATERIALS: Exterior Stone walls, cast iron verandahs, galvanised iron roof
b OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
c MODIFICATIONS	
d CURRENT CONDITIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTACT <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> REPAIRS REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC

INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN	
ORAL	Alan Newton, Denman Resident
GRAPHIC	

EVALUATION CRITERIA (S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL

HISTORIC	RARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (R)	REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As one of the very earliest land grants in the Hunter Valley, the site has regional significance historically. Aesthetically the buildings record the two latter stages of residential development of the land, the current homestead having regional significance for being designed by eminent Newcastle Architect, Frederick Menkens and for its complex design featuring many polygonal bays of stone construction, rather than the more common brick. Its aesthetic significance is contributed to by the integrity of its original materials. Socially the buildings also have regional significance for their connection with the pioneering Pike and Bell families over a period of nearly one hundred and fifty years. Scientifically, the buildings are of great significance to the region for their potential to reveal information which could contribute to an understanding of the lifestyles of pioneer Hunter Valley settlers and successful pastoralists over a period of almost a century and a half. Of their intactness, periods and quality the buildings are rare regionally.