MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

'PIERCEFIELD' - DENMAN

PRESENT NAME 'Piercefield' and Outbuildings	REFERENCE No DENM/R016
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES	PREVIOUS REFERENCE No MUSW/R005 - Hunter REP Sch.4 review
	DATE INSPECTED 2nd May 1995
STREET No. 1532 STREET NAME Denman Road TOWN/SUBURB Denman POSTCODE 2328 LOCALITY Denman LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA MUSWELLBROOK	SITE SKETCH PLAN
PRESENT OWNER TYPE Private	PROPERTY DETAILS: a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 21 23 24 DP215827 DP235356 Parish of Vaux b SITE AREA 100.5 hectares c EXISTING ZONING 7(L1) - Environment Protection - Alluvial Areas
CATEGORY Building(s) SUB CATEGORY Farm Homestead	MAP REFERENCE '56' 288120E, 6420030N AMG Sandy Hollow 9033-III-N
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1860	Park Lane Shess
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER Unknown	Percelient .

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HISTORICAL PERIOD HERITAGE LISTING BUILT USED REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE (AHC) - REGISTERED PERIOD REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE OF AUST. (AHC) - INTERIM REGISTER OF NATIONAL TRUST (NSW) п PRE 1800 0 REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TWENTIETH CENT. ARCHITECTURE (RAIA) 1800 - 1825 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HERITAGE AND CONS. REGISTER 1826 - 1850 0 COMMONWEALTH HISTORIC SHIPWRECKS ACT (DECLARED SITE) 0 1851 - 1876 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - PERMANENT CONS. ORDER 0 1876 - 1900 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - INTERIM CONS. ORDER 1901 - 1926 0 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - SECTION 130 ORDER 1926 - 1950 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - NOMINATION 1951 - 1976 NSW GOVT DEPT HERITAGE REGISTER (\$170 HERITAGE ACT) 0 **POST 1976** NP&WS HISTORIC SITES REGISTER NPAWS ABORIGINAL SITES REGISTER (CONTACT SITES) HISTORICAL THEMES INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (NSW) HERITAGE REGISTER EXISTING HERITAGE STUDY (WRITE NAME BELOW) S.H.I.P. THEMES LOCAL THEMES REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE Local/Regional horse racing Pastoralism OTHER Pioneering Families Leisure HUNTER REP 1989 (HERITAGE) SCHEDULE 4 REVIEW **Events** HISTORICAL NOTES Piercefield was originally promised to William Carter, but in 1837 James Brindley Bettington received the deeds to the property. Bettington had studied Merino sheep in Germany and had imported his own Saxon sheep to Australia, eventually bringing them to Piercefield. Bettington increased the size of the property holding to 20,000 acres. Between the 1870s and 1910s James Withycombe owned the property. The next owner, A. Gilder, reduced the property to 2,000 acres from its original 20,000 acres. Then in 1968 there was another change of hands to Mr John Lowe who is the current owner. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS MATERIALS: Exterior Brick with older brick chimneys ARCH, STYLE Victorian Gothic OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE Decorative brickwork to gables. b MODIFICATIONS Verandahs added and more recent addition of extensive skillion-roofed brick verandah. ✓ REPAIRS REQUIRED CURRENT CONDITIONS □ INTACT ✓ ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC □ ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC ✓ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Elderly owners cannot keep up repairs, outbuildings in bad condition; unsympathetic additions to stable building; evidence of old farming machinery INFORMATION SOURCES WRITTEN Muswellbrook Historical Society Records; "Patrick White - A Life", David Marr ORAL GRAPHIC **EVALUATION CRITERIA** (S) = STATE (R) = REGIONAL (L) = LOCAL HISTORIC RARE / (S) REPRESENTATIVE D **AESTHETIC** RARE D REPRESENTATIVE D RARE / (R) REPRESENTATIVE [SOCIAL RARE / (L) REPRESENTATIVE D SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the home is substantially compromised by the unsympathetic additions. It remains of state historical significance for its association with a major local pioneering wool-growing family for the fact that the outbuildings remain from that earliest period and for its significance in the development of regional horse racing. For its association with regional horse racing and breeding it has regional social significance.