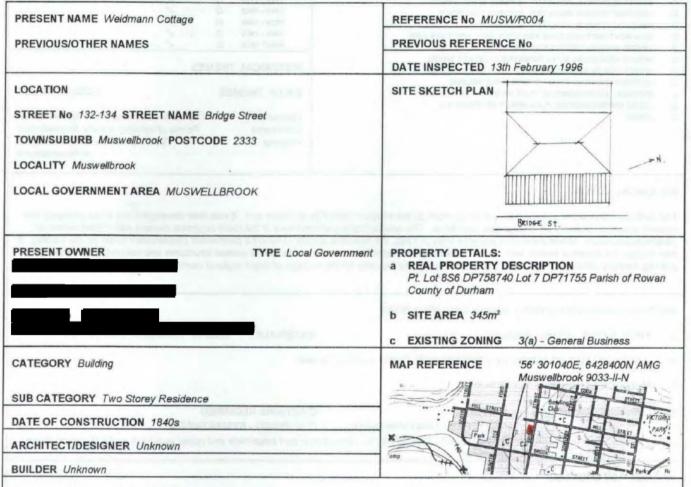
MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

WEIDMANN COTTAGE - BRIDGE STREET - MUSWELLBROOK



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HERITAGE LISTING HISTORICAL PERIOD REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE (AHC) - REGISTERED BUILT USED REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE OF AUST. (AHC) - INTERIM PERIOD 1 REGISTER OF NATIONAL TRUST (NSW) REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TWENTIETH CENT. ARCHITECTURE (RAIA) PRE 1800 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HERITAGE AND CONS. REGISTER 1800 - 1825 1826 - 1850 COMMONWEALTH HISTORIC SHIPWRECKS ACT (DECLARED SITE) HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - PERMANENT CONS. ORDER 1861 - 1875 0 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - INTERIM CONS. ORDER 1876 - 1900 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - SECTION 130 ORDER 1901 - 1926 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - NOMINATION 1926 - 1950 NSW GOVT DEPT HERITAGE REGISTER (\$170 HERITAGE ACT) 1951 - 1975 POST 1975 NP&WS HISTORIC SITES REGISTER NP&WS ABORIGINAL SITES REGISTER (CONTACT SITES) HISTORICAL THEMES INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (NSW) HERITAGE REGISTER EXISTING HERITAGE STUDY (WRITE NAME BELOW) REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE S.H.I.P. THEMES LOCAL THEMES LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE OTHER **Townships** The early establishment of Muswellbrook Commerce Forms of retailing in early Muswellbrook Persons The early middle class merchants of Muswellbrook HISTORICAL NOTES The earliest portion of this structure is one stone room on the western side of its southern end. It was later developed into a two storeyed, four roomed structure, probably as a store plus residence. The spartan style and smallness of the room suggests owners with limited means or parsimonious nature. When demolition became likely in 1985, the historical society obtained a permanent conservation order on the building. It now houses the historical society and has two main claims to significance - one of the town's earliest structures and second, a symbol of growing heritage consciousness in the wider community and concern for the heritage of major regional centres. PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS ARCH. STYLE Victorian Georgian MATERIALS: Exterior Stone/galvanised iron roof OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE Timber extension to rear b MODIFICATIONS C **CURRENT CONDITIONS** ✓ INTACT ☐ REPAIRS REQUIRED

□ ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC

✓ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Ground floor part balustrade and upper verandah part latticework above

INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN

R. Tickle, 'Weidmann Cottage and Its Owners'

balustrade.

ORAL GRAPHIC

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

HISTORIC RARE \checkmark (R) REPRESENTATIVE \square AESTHETIC RARE \checkmark (R) REPRESENTATIVE \square SOCIAL RARE \checkmark (L) REPRESENTATIVE \square SCIENTIFIC RARE \checkmark (R) REPRESENTATIVE \square

✓ ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building has regional historical significance for its part in the earliest growth of retailing in Muswellbrook and for indicating the increase in affluence of its owner over a period of approximately twenty years. Aesthetically it is of local significance as a representative example of a simple middle class merchant's shop and house, with little refined detail but rare at the local level of its type and period. It is also significant locally for its contribution to the streetscape of Muswellbrook over the past century and a half. Scientifically the building has high level local significance for its potential to reveal information about the resources, lifestyle, and levels of affluence of a typical Muswellbrook merchant in the middle of last century. Socially the building has local significance to the Muswellbrook community as a distinctive town icon and symbol of Muswellbrook's economic roots. Its regional scientific significance also relates to its potential to reveal information which could contribute to an understanding of the geographical focus of retailing in Muswellbrook at that time. Of its type the building has local rarity.