# MUSWELLBROOK HERITAGE STUDY Inventory 1996

## 'WOODLANDS' STUD - DENMAN

PRESENT NAME 'Woodlands' Stud  PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES	REFERENCE No DENM/R015
	PREVIOUS REFERENCE No
	DATE INSPECTED 19th March 1996
STREET No 3933 STREET NAME Woodlands Road  TOWN/SUBURB Denman POSTCODE 2328  LOCALITY Jerrys Plains  LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA MUSWELLBROOK	SITE SKETCH PLAN
PRESENT OWNER TYPE Private	PROPERTY DETAILS: a REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Psh Althorpe Lots 15/7 Lot 100 DP752441 b SITE AREA 1530 hectares c EXISTING ZONING 7(L1) - Environment Protection - Alluvial Areas
CATEGORY Building SUB CATEGORY Homestead	MAP REFERENCE '56' 291460E, 6405260N AMG Jerrys Plains 9033-11-S
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1830 / c. 1860	
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER Unknown	
BUILDER Unknown	

**PHOTOGRAPH** 



#### HISTORICAL PERIOD HERITAGE LISTING USED BUIL T REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE (AHC) - REGISTERED PERIOD REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE OF AUST. (AHC) - INTERIM REGISTER OF NATIONAL TRUST (NSW) PRE 1800 REGISTER OF SIGNIFICANT TWENTIETH CENT. ARCHITECTURE (RAIA) 1800 - 1825 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HERITAGE AND CONS. REGISTER 1826 - 1850 1 COMMONWEALTH HISTORIC SHIPWRECKS ACT (DECLARED SITE) 1851 - 1876 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - PERMANENT CONS. ORDER 1876 - 1900 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - INTERIM CONS. ORDER 1901 - 1925 HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - SECTION 130 ORDER 1926 - 1950 п HERITAGE COUNCIL REGISTER - NOMINATION 1951 - 1975 0 NSW GOVT DEPT HERITAGE REGISTER (\$170 HERITAGE ACT) **POST 1976** п NP&WS HISTORIC SITES REGISTER NP&WS ABORIGINAL SITES REGISTER (CONTACT SITES) HISTORICAL THEMES D INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (NSW) HERITAGE REGISTER EXISTING HERITAGE STUDY (WRITE NAME BELOW) S.H.I.P. THEMES REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN HERITAGE SCHEDULE The development of cattle and horse OTHER Pastoralism breeding in the Muswellbrook area Persons Eminent pioneering and business families of the Muswellbrook area

#### HISTORICAL NOTES

"Woodlands" was the name of a small grant (960 acres) on the Goulburn River to James Arndell, the son of First Fleet surgeon Thomas Amdell, in 1824. The Amdells held it until c.1860 when it was bought by James White who passed it to his son H.C. White in 1868. It was a Shorthorn cattle stud but also used for thoroughbred horses, Subdivided in 1908, the homestead lot passed to E.G. Blume who made it famous as a thoroughbred stud. Sold next to A.E Grace of Grace Bros., it then passed to E. McManamin who ran sheep there. From 1971, when Lord Derby bought it, Woodlands has been developed as part of 'the largest private racing enterprise in Australasia' according to its present owners, Inghams Enterprises. The homestead is said to date from the early decades of the 19th century.

#### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS / DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

ARCH. STYLE Colonial Georgian

MATERIALS:

Exterior Stone walls, metal roofing, stone columns to older verandah, timber columns to

LOCAL THEMES

extension

- OTHER DETAILS OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE Rear extensions and glass doors to patio added in 1986 b
- MODIFICATIONS C

**CURRENT CONDITIONS** d

✓ INTACT

☐ REPAIRS REQUIRED

□ ALTERED - UNSYMPATHETIC

✓ ALTERED - SYMPATHETIC Extensions to rear and

significant landscape modifications

☐ ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

### INFORMATION SOURCES

WRITTEN ORAL

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GRAPHIC

**EVALUATION CRITERIA** 

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

HISTORIC RARE / (S) REPRESENTATIVE D **AESTHETIC** RARE / (R) REPRESENTATIVE D RARE / (S) SOCIAL REPRESENTATIVE D SCIENTIFIC RARE / (S) REPRESENTATIVE D

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodlands Stud is of state significance historically as much for its focus since the late 19th century as before that: its fame as a horse stud dates from the days when the White family started thoroughbred horse breeding in the latter decades of the 19th century. But its great historic significance also relates to the fact that the substantial 1830's dwelling sits in outstanding condition alongside the later residence, indicating the earliest phase of Hunter region development. Aesthetically its particular grouping of buildings is rare regionally. Socially and Scientifically the property is also of state significance for its very rare potential to reveal information which could contribute both to an understanding of thoroughbred horse breeding and cattle raising over a period of a hundred and fifty years, and to the lifestyle of the wealthy initial settlers of the Hunter Region land.