

Hunter Water S170 Register

SHI No.: *Name:*
3630112 Munn House, Tillegra Valley

Location 800 Salisbury Rd, Munn NSW 2420

Other ID nos IW ID: 130.



Description:

The house is set on a buff over looking the creek

The house is built in the colonial style, single storey with 6 principal rooms to the south range and a kitchen annex to the north west. There are later, intrusive, infill to the verandah to the west and additions to the north. The building is brick built probably from locally made bricks and has profiled steel hipped roofs over the 3 ranges. The verandah which surrounds the building on 3 sides has cast iron posts and a profiled steel roof. Internally much of the original cedar joinery appears to have survived.

There are several outbuildings to the west of the house. A weather boarded and hip roofed smoke house? A gabled split log stables/garage with skillion wings and a split log hipped roof barn ? building.

Significance:

Munn House is a modified example of a typical mid to late nineteenth century rural homestead, which retains its out buildings including a smokehouse, coach house and hay barn. The building is well detailed and proportioned and scope exists to remove later unsympathetic additions to the building to reinstate its earlier form.

Assessed Significance: Local

Endorsed Significance: Local

Historical Notes:

Constructed: c. 1865-1875

The original land grant for the property on which Munn House sits was made to John Mann on 13th October 1829. Mann named his 1920-acre selection "Munn", and by late 1829 had reported a number of improvements he had made to the property, including the construction of a slab hut, the location of which is still uncertain. In 1835 the ownership of John Mann's land passed to his brother, Samuel Furneaux Mann, possibly due to the former brother's bankruptcy. As a result of a period of economic hardship experienced across the colony, arising largely from drought conditions, the brothers are believed to have lived on the property together until the early 1840s. According to the Lands Titles Office records, the property was then sold to John Hughes in 1841, and in 1843 Hughes sold it on to Joseph Myatt. "Munn" then passed to Edward Newtown, before Newtown sold the land to William Alexander Smith in 1873. Another record however, indicates that a gentleman by the name of Edwin Smith, who had settled nearby up the Sheep Station Creek after quitting his parents' property, "Bandon Grove", bought the adjoining land on which Munn House is situated sometime after 1868.

The materials and design of Munn House indicate that the original 6-room portion of the house was built in the late 1860s or early 1870s, thus it is widely speculated that one of the Smiths was most likely responsible for the original construction. The rear dining wing was a later addition, added in 1875 as a wedding present from William Alexander Smith to his wife, and abutted the northwest corner, giving the house an 'L' shape.

A bull-nosed veranda was most likely added in the 1880s, or perhaps a little earlier when the dining wing was added. This veranda was removed c. 1910 and widened to its current dimensions when a brick balustrade with rendered curved capping and timber posts was constructed. Around 1965, the western and eastern verandas were closed in.

There was also originally an old kitchen block of three rooms out the back of the house, which was demolished around 1962 when a tennis court was constructed on the eastern side of the house.

The property also features two timber slab outbuildings that have been identified as having heritage value integral to the property. These sheds are hand sawn timber slab, shingled buildings, with the top shed held up by whole tree trunks, and the stables near the house by squared adzed poles.

The house itself was constructed of sandstone bricks, some of which were made in the gully near the front grid/ramp. The original front section of the house was in the Flemish design of bricking, with the cedar found throughout this part of the house cut on the property. The foundations of each room were sandstone, with six-inch pine floor and ceiling boards. The damp course was hand cut slate.

Designer/Builder: William Alexander Smith/Edwin Smith

Current Use:

Former Uses:

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Physical Condition:

Recommended Management:

- This item contributes to local character and should be conserved.
 - Original details should be maintained including doors, windows and original signage.
 - New materials should be sympathetic to the nature and character of the original building.
 - In the event of major proposed changes, prepare a Conservation Management Strategy and undertake an archival recording.
 - Wherever possible, changes should be restricted to the interior of the building.
 - Routine maintenance of existing fabric is essential.
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Listings:

- 1 *Heritage Act - s.170 NSW State agency heritage register:*
Listing date: . Reference Number:
 - 2 *Regional Environmental Plan:*
Listing date: 3/11/1989. Reference Number:
 - 3 *Local Environmental Plan: Munn*
Listing date: 6/04/1990. Reference Number:
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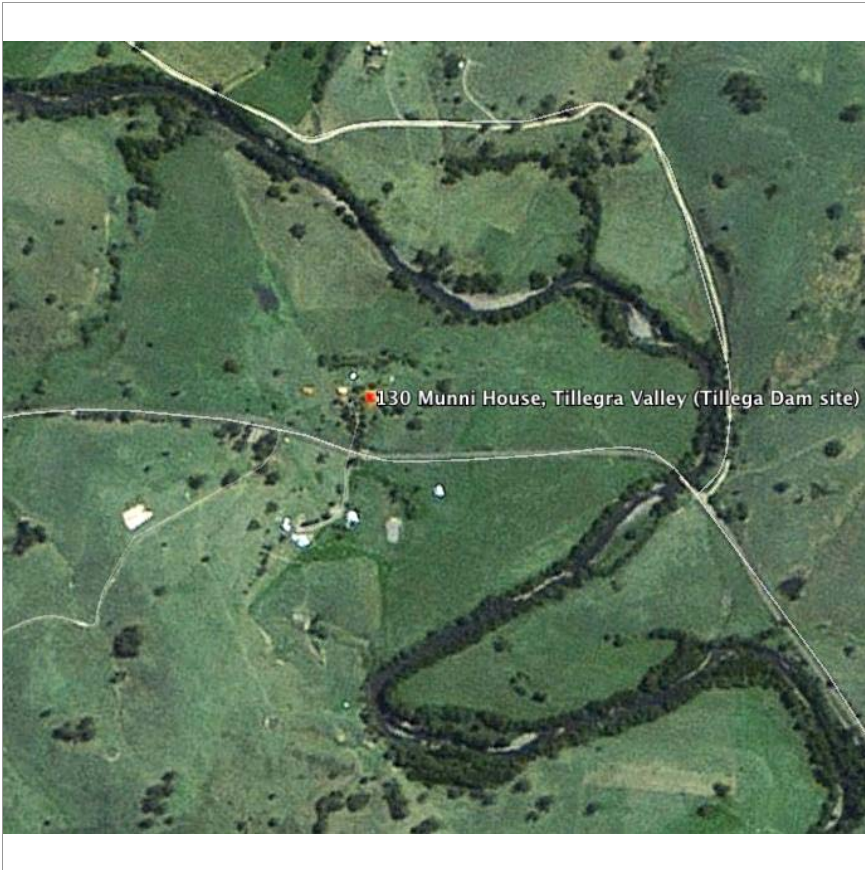
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