

Heritage Citation



Glindemann Farmhouse

Key details

Also known as	Glindemann's Highfield Dairy
Addresses	At 1118 Logan Road, Holland Park West, Queensland 4121
Type of place	House, Farm, Dairy
Period	Federation 1890-1914
Style	Queenslander
Lot plan	L1_CP895616
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 January 2003 Date of Citation — June 2001

Construction

Roof: Corrugated iron;
Walls: Timber

People/associations

Glindemann family (Occupant)

Criterion for listing

(A) Historical; (B) Rarity; (E) Aesthetic; (H) Historical association

This Colonial style farmhouse was constructed circa 1891 and was the third family home to be built on the Glindemann family's farm on Logan Road, which included a vineyard and the district's first commercial dairy. As a rare, surviving example of a nineteenth century farmhouse in the Holland Park area, it provides evidence of the district's transition from rural to suburban and is also important in demonstrating the contribution made by German immigrants to the development of Holland Park and wider Brisbane.

History

The first land sales in the Mt. Gravatt area occurred off Slacks Creek Road (now Logan Road) in January 1865. Prior to 1860, settlers beyond Mt. Gravatt travelled a circuitous route through Cooper's Plains to Brisbane. By the close of the decade, William Slack had begun driving his herds through the gap that led to Burnett's Swamp and the Brisbane River. Other travellers began to use the road that became known as 'Slacks Track'. When the new colonial government of Queensland decided to open farmland along Slack's Road at Mt. Gravatt in 1865, Logan Road was already a trade route, a line of communication and a direct link with Brisbane. With the opening of the first Victoria Bridge the following year, this road was host to an even greater volume of traffic, giving improved access for farmers marketing their produce in town.

During the first land sales in January 1865, brothers Conrad and Andreas Glindemann purchased 26 acres 2 roods and 5 perches of portion 190 at the foot of Holland Park Hill on Logan Rd. The brothers had left Hamburg in April 1863 bound for Australia aboard the ship 'Cesar Goddefory'. This area became known as German Bridge, after a structure that crossed the creek at the foot of the hill. Conrad had recently married Magdalena in August of 1864 with their first of three children arriving in June 1865. Many German settlers had come through the connection of the Lutheran church and the German Mission at Nundah. During the late nineteenth century, Chinese families also farmed in the district, one family leasing land on the Glindemann property for a short period.

The first structure to be built on the site was a slab built home with a later house being built on the hill near Cavendish Road. Circa 1891, the family built a residence, vineyard and dairy on Logan Road that became known as the Mt. Gravatt Dairy, the first in the district. The house still faces Logan Road in 2001. This is on the boundary of the suburbs of Holland Park West and Holland Park.

In the 1870s, Andreas left the farm to build the German Bridge Hotel and dance hall. Located on the family's land, it was situated opposite Sterculia Street on Logan Road, at the foot of Holland Park Hill. Both hotel and farm became rest stops for Cobb & Co., bullock wagons, timber jinkers and other traffic. Later, the business was noted on the Windsor Castle Estate 1884 land auction as Glindemann's Hotel.

Conrad survived until September 1912 and his wife Magdalene passed away in December 1939 at the age of 95. Title for the property was subsequently transmitted to August George Glindemann in January 1941.

By 1943, American war casualties began arriving in large numbers in Brisbane. It was decided to build Queensland's largest hospital for American and Australian troops on the Glindemann farm, with the home on Logan Road being retained. Known as the Holland Park Military hospital, it provided 1 000 beds and catered for surgical, medical and mentally disturbed patients.

Since World War II, suburbia has encroached on the former Glindemann farmhouse. The house is now one of row of homes along this part of Logan Road, sheltered from the main road by a service street.

In 2001, the Glindemann name is remembered by nearby Glindemann Drive and a large park running to the rear of the family home; land that would have been included in the original 1865 purchase.

Description

This two-storey residence, sited amongst a significant number of trees on Logan Road is actually more visible at the rear from Lawn Rd. It is built in timber with timber boards external walls and a corrugated iron roof cladding.

The house has a pyramid corrugated iron main roof with short eaves and a lower curved roof over the verandah encircling the building. At the rear of the house (and most likely attached to it) is a small building with a hipped roof and a brick fireplace with a short chimney, likely to have housed the kitchen and laundry in the fashion of many dwellings of its time.

The timber verandah is gracefully designed with slender posts, simple decorative brackets and two-rail dowel balustrades.

The house appears to be in exceptional original condition.

Statement of significance

Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

Historical

CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as a nineteenth century remnant farmhouse that provides evidence of the first commercial dairy in the Holland Park area.

Rarity

CRITERION B

The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the city's or local area's cultural heritage

as a rare, surviving example of a nineteenth century farmhouse in the Holland Park area.

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

for its simple, graceful design and detailing, play of textures and shadows, and picturesque setting.

Historical association

CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

as the former residence of the Glindemann family who were pioneers in the Holland Park area.

References

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