

Heritage Inventory Sheet

Recommended Name	Federation C	Cottage		
Site Image	<image/>			
Address	8 Hewlett Street, Granville NSW 2142			
Lot/Section/DP	14 D 975348			
Heritage Study ID	HS44			
LEP ID	Listed, I123 (former Parramatta LEP); I48 (Cumberland LEP)			
Heritage Conservation Area	Included, Granville Conservation Area – Residential Precinct			
Date Updated	February 2021			
Significance Level	LOCAL			
Site Type	Level 1 Built			
	Level 2 Residential Buildings (private)			



Curtilage Map



Statement of Significance

The residence at 8 Hewlett Street is significant at the local level for its historic, aesthetic, and representative values. Built c.1895, the dwelling relates to the late nineteenth century residential development of Granville that occurred in conjunction with the relocation of large manufacturing industries to the area. The building has demonstrated aesthetic significance as an intact example of an early Federation cottage. It has additional significance as part of the Granville Conservation Area – Residential Precinct as it contributes positively to the overall historic character of the Conservation Area. This is enhanced by the similarities in age, design, use and materials with other houses along the street. The cottage demonstrates representative qualities as an intact and modest Federation brick cottage built in Granville, c.1895.

Criteria Assessment		
a) Historic	The cottage relates to the early development of Granville in response to the movement of industry away from Sydney in the 1880s and the establishment of large manufacturing industries in the area and was built in conjunction with the early subdivision of the area.	
b) Associative	The item does not meet this criterion.	
c) Aesthetic/Technical	The item has demonstrated aesthetic values as an intact Federation cottage that retains much of its original fabric and detailing. It has additional aesthetic significance for the positive contribution it makes to the Granville Conservation Area – Residential Precinct.	
d) Social The item does not meet this criterion.		
e) Scientific	The item does not meet this criterion.	
f) Rarity	The item does not meet this criterion.	



g)	Rentegenianvenegg	The item demonstrates representative qualities as an intact Federation
		cottage built in Granville, c.1895.

Physical Description

The building at 8 Hewlett is a brick, single storey Federation cottage, with a gabled roof. Sheeted in galvanised corrugated iron, the roof features a central gablet with a single timber bargeboard and timber louvers, and three brick chimneys with stepped string courses. The verandah features a bullnose roof with distorted metal sheeting, supported on timber chamfered posts, with a decorative timber valance. The timber posts are supported on brick piers and enclosed by a brick balustrade with coloured glass privacy screens. The building has Polychromatic brickwork around the sills and along the verandah balustrade which is finished with a pebble concrete capping. The brickwork also appears to have been tuck pointed. The verandah is accessed by a curved brick staircase that is also rendered with pebble concrete. The windows are double hung sashes, with multiplanes along the lower sash fronted by contemporary flyscreens. The windows have rendered sills with decorative apron. The front door has a transom light and arched glazed sidelights above timber door, which is fronted by a contemporary screen door.

The dwelling has a small front yard, with informal plantings along the fence line which is a steel welded wire mesh fence. The property shares a driveway with 6 Hewlett Street. The buildings footprint has not changed since 1943.

The building is well maintained and appears to be in a good condition.

Condition Good Fair Poor

Alterations and Additions

- Sympathetically replaced roof sheeting
- Contemporary flyscreen and security door
- Pebblecrete stairway and capping*
- Contemporary welded wire mesh fence

The building retains a high level of integrity with much of its original fabric and key architectural details intact.

Integrity	High	Moderate	Low		
* element detracts from the overall cultural significance of the place					

Historical Notes	
Construction years	c.1890-95

Granville

Granville was originally part of the land grant known as Drainwell Estate, given in 1806 to Garnham Blaxcell. This grant consisted of 1,125 acres which was used as collateral for Blaxcell's commercial enterprises. The estate was then mortgaged to Sir John Jamison, who took it over when Blaxcell fled the colony in 1817. The land was largely undeveloped until the 1860s when it was subdivided. Many of the first buyers were orchardists and farmers, although there were also some men who built middle-class villas. In the 1880s, the area became known as 'Granville', in honour of the British Foreign Minister, Lord Granville and in 1885 the Municipality of Granville was declared.

The formation of Granville was largely determined by development between the 1880s – 1930s which was driven by the relocation of several large manufacturing industries close to the railway, such as the Hudson Brothers locomotive engineering works at Clyde. For the 25 years that followed the establishment of the Clyde Engineering, Granville experienced a great period of development with the appearance of new small industries, housing, shops and businesses. New houses were built for the workers and substantial residences were built for the managers and factory owners. Today, the



subdivision pattern of this era is still evident and there is still a predominance of buildings dating to the 1880s – 1930s.

8 Hewlett Street

The Drainwell Estate was subdivided into eight sections in 1866 by John Castner. The study area formed a part of Section A, lot 7 of this subdivision. Land parcels along Hewlett Street measured 66ft wide and 156ft deep. The land was purchased by William Adam in 1895, who built then built No.6 Hewlett Street, a weatherboard cottage. In 1910, the brick cottage at 8 Hewlett Street was constructed. The building first appears in the Sands Directory in 1910 occupied by Rowell William. Rowell William is listed as the resident for a number of years. It is unknown what the connection between numbers 6 and 8 Hewlett Street, but it is likely 8 Hewlett Street was constructed for the family of Adam William.

The building remains in use as a private residence.

Recommendations					
Heritage Management		Existing Built and Landscape Elements		Future Development and Planning	
1. Include this item as a new heritage listing on the LEP.	x	6. Original fabric is highly significant and should be maintained.	x	12. Alterations and additions should respond to the existing pattern of development, with careful consideration of the setting (form, scale, bulk, setback and height).	x
2. Include this item's listing as part of the Heritage Conservation Area.	x	7. Unsympathetic alterations that detract from the cultural significance of the item should be removed.	x	13. New alterations and additions should respect the historic aesthetic/character of the item and area (e.g. paint scheme, materiality, style, landscape elements).	x
3. Consider additional research to nominate this item for the State Heritage Register.		8. Maintain heritage landscape elements and schemes.		14. Future uses for this item should be compatible with its historical functions/ associations.	
4. The heritage curtilage for this item should be revised/reduced.		9. Maintain the existing setting of the heritage item, informed by the historic pattern of neighbouring development (form, scale, bulk, setback and height).	x		
5. Not recommended for inclusion on the LEP.		10. Maintain the historic aesthetic/character of the item and area (e.g. paint scheme, materiality, style, landscape elements).	x		
		11. The condition of this item is poor. Condition and maintenance should be monitored.			

Other recommendations and/or comments:

 Should the future opportunity arise a more sympathetic and appropriate fence for an early Federation period building should be investigated, such as a timber picket fence.



Listings		
Heritage Listing	Listing Title	Listing Number
Heritage Act – State Heritage Register	N/A	-
Local Environmental Plan	N/A	-
Heritage Study	Federation Cottage	HS44
National Trust Australia Register	N/A	-

Other References

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Limitations

1. Access to all heritage items was limited to a visual inspection from the public domain. The interiors of buildings and inaccessible areas such as rear gardens were not assessed as part of this heritage study.

2. Condition and site modification assessment was limited to a visual inspection undertaken from the public domain.

3. Unless additional research was required, historical research for all heritage items was based on existing information in the Cumberland Heritage Study Stage 1 2019 prepared by Extent Heritage.

Additional Images



View from Hewlett Street.



View from Hewlett Street to front façade and shared driveway.



