

**Item name:** House**Location:** 247 Clements Road East Gresford 2311

Dungog

**Address:** 247 Clements Road**Planning:** Hunter & Central Coast**Suburb/nearest town:** East Gresford 2311**Local govt area:** Dungog**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:****Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Farming and Grazing**Category:** Homestead Complex**Owner:** Private - Individual**Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:** Residence and Farm**Former uses:** Residence and Farm**Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The house and surrounding land are a record of the occupation of the land by Dr Parks as part of the first land grant. The house was built for Dr Parks' son and the date of construction is unknown. The farm has been in continuous use as a beef cattle property. In its early years the land was used for growing grapes, tobacco and oranges.

The form of the earlier house is evident as a simple vernacular Georgian inspired cottage. The later addition of a decorative projecting gable resulted in a Victorian style house with an asymmetrical form. The surrounding outbuildings may include early structures of significance to the history of the property and require further investigation.

**Historical notes of provenance:** Dr Parks, an original grantee built the house for his son. Bruce Saxby is the current owner of the house and it was bought by his father when he married in 1920. The farm has always been a beef cattle property. In its early years the land was used for growing grapes, tobacco and oranges.

**Themes:** **National theme****State theme****Local theme**

3. Economy

Agriculture

4. Settlement

Land tenure

**Designer:****Builder:****Year started:****Year completed:****Circa:** No

**Physical description:** House built in brick with a galvanised iron roof and bullnose verandah. The chimneys are face brick with rendered mouldings. Decorated with rendered quoins in sandstone courses. The gables are decorated with carved timber infills and the finial appears to have been removed. The windows are double hung with two panes per sash to the gable. Lable moulds decorate the windows on the projecting gable end. The verandah has been enclosed to the south.

The projecting gable may have been added at a later date and the earlier house form which is visible is a simple vernacular Georgian cottage. Further investigation is required to assess the fabric in detail.

There are a number of outbuildings located to the north of the house and access to these was not obtained. These require further investigation.

**Physical condition****level:**

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**Physical condition:** Good to fair condition.

**Archaeological  
potential level:**

**Archaeological  
potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:** During Bruce Saxbys tenure the verandah has been enclosed on the west and there are additions to the north rear verandah.

**Recommended  
management:** Proceed to consider for listing in the Dungog LEP.

<b>Management:</b>	<b>Management category</b>	<b>Management name</b>
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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The house and surrounding land are a record of the occupation of the land by Dr Parks as part of the first land grant. The house was built for Dr Parks' son and the date of construction is unknown. The farm has been in continuous use as a beef cattle property. In its early years the land was used for growing grapes, tobacco and oranges.  
**[Historical significance]**

**Criteria b):** The house and property are associated with Dr Parks, and his son who occupied the house.

**[Historical  
association  
significance]**

**Criteria c):** The form of the earlier house is evident as a simple vernacular Georgian inspired cottage. The later addition of a decorative projecting gable resulted in a Victorian style house with an asymmetrical form. The surrounding outbuildings may include early structures and further investigation is required. (access to these was not obtained)  
**[Aesthetic/  
Technical  
significance]**

**Criteria d):**  
**[Social/Cultural  
significance]**

**Criteria e):**  
**[Research  
significance]**

**Criteria f):**  
**[Rarity]**

**Criteria g):** Representative example of both an earlier Georgian style house and its later adaptation and development as a Victorian style house in the asymmetrical design with projecting gable and decoration such as rendered quoins.  
**[Representative]**

**Intactness/Integrity:** The earlier house appears intact externally with later Victorian additions.

<b>References:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year</b>
	Bruce Saxby		2013

<b>Studies:</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Year</b>
	Carste Studio	Dungog Heritage Study Review	5	2013
	Perumal, Wrathall & Mur	Dungog Heritage Study	R29	1986

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**Latitude:**

**Longitude:**

**Location validity:**

**Spatial accuracy:**

**Map name:**

**Map scale:**

**AMG zone:**

**Easting:**

**Northing:**

**Listing: Name**

**Title**  
Heritage study

**Number**

**ListingDate**

**Data entry:** Data first entered: 21/01/2013

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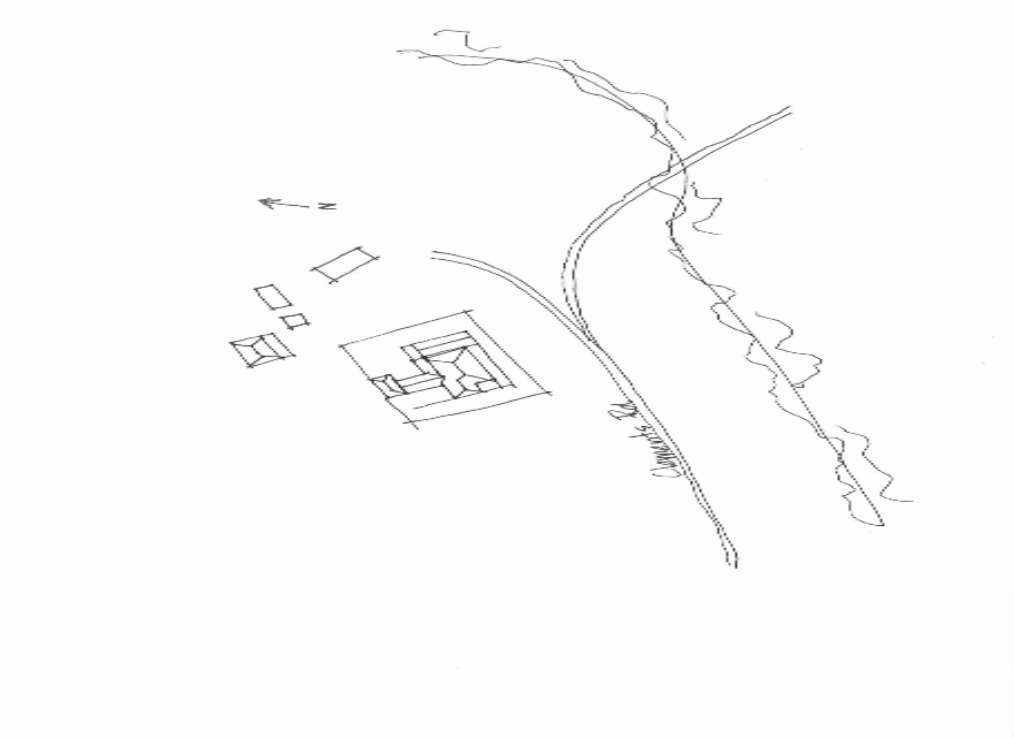
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