

**Item name:** House**Location:** 41 Lord Street Dungog 2420

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**Address:** 41 Lord Street**Planning:** Hunter & Central Coast**Suburb/nearest town:** Dungog 2420**Local govt area:** Dungog**Parish:****State:** NSW**County:****Other/former names:****Area/group/complex:****Group ID:****Aboriginal area:****Curtilage/boundary:****Item type:** Built**Group:** Residential buildings (private) **Category:** Cottage**Owner:** Private - Individual**Admin codes:****Code 2:****Code 3:****Current use:****Former uses:****Assessed significance:** Local**Endorsed significance:**

**Statement of significance:** The house and its siting facing an earlier street alignment is a record of the settlement of Dungog and the layout of the town. The land on which the house is sited is associated with an early settler, Peter Egan who owned property throughout the town of Dungog. The date of construction of the house is unknown though it is likely to date from the ownership of Dr Charles Pearson Higgs and prior to the establishment of Lord Street. The house is also associated with Higgs family and Charles' wife Lucy Higgs (nee Dumbrell) who was an important person in Dungog as the manager of a Maternity Hospital. 41 Lord Street is also associated with one of Lucy's sons, Isaacher Pearson Higgs, a decorated member of the AIF in WWI.

The house is a vernacular workers' cottage with steep pitched hipped roof broken over a skillion and with an attached kitchen to the side elevation and intact chimney. The materials such as hand made bricks and methods of construction have the potential to reveal information about early construction during the settlement of Dungog. The siting of the house records and reveals the early layout of Dungog. The type and layout of the house potentially could reveal the history and way of life of families in this period.

The house is valued by the local community as one of the earliest houses in Dungog.

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**Historical notes of provenance:** The land on which 41 Lord Street is sited was first owned by Peter Egan who had a number of plots in Dungog from the 1850s. The date of construction of the house is unknown, though it is likely to be during the ownership of Dr Charles Pearson Higgs. Higgs is the first recorded owner of a house on this site and it may have been one of three similar houses built in a row.

Higgs was from Birmingham and he died in 1891 after falling from his horse. His widow, Lucy Mary Higgs (nee Dumbrell), left with 11 children, ran a maternity hospital (location uncertain) and died in 1922 aged 73. One of Lucy's sons, Isaachar Pearson Higgs, a decorated member of the AIF in WWI, sold the property to Thomas Bacon in 1929 for 500 pounds. Charles Bacon, Thomas' brother lived in a house across the street and both brothers were cared for in their old age by Charles' daughter Jessie. Jessie inherited the house and used it to provide board for school teachers. The house was then passed to her daughter Pearl "Dot" Bell. When Dot moved to the Northern Territory to join her son, the house was purchased by a renovator in 2004. The house was again on the market for a lengthy period in 2009 and was bought by another owner with intentions to renovate.

According to Michael Williams the house is likely to be one of the oldest in Dungog. It is built in hand made bricks with a diamond pattern frog. The house is supported on timber stumps and the interior is lined in plaster and lathe. The siting of the house with its back to Lord Street indicates its early construction, built fronting an earlier road. This road transversed near the corner of Myles and Dowling Street diagonally across the top of Lord Street to join the road to Clarence Town.

**Themes:** National theme  
4. Settlement

**State theme**  
Towns, suburbs and villages

**Local theme**

**Designer:**

**Builder:**

**Year started:**

**Year completed:**

**Circa:** No

**Physical description:** The house is a brick construction, rendered and painted and supported on timber stumps. The two chimneys are built in brick and one is exposed face brick and the other rendered and painted. The bricks are hand made with a diamond pattern frog. Some more recent louvre windows and aluminium windows have been installed. The roof is clad with galvanised iron corrugated sheets. The house is built with the front elevation facing away from Lord Street. The skillion verandah has been enclosed with fibre cement cladding.

The interior was not inspected.

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**Physical condition level:**

**Physical condition:** Fair, maintenance required.

**Archaeological potential level:**

**Archaeological potential Detail:**

**Modification dates:**

**Recommended management:**

**Management:** Management category

Management name

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**Further comments:**

**Criteria a):** The house and its siting facing an earlier track or street alignment records the settlement of Dungog and the layout of the town. The date of construction of the house is unknown, though it is likely to have been built during the ownership of Dr Charles Pearson Higgs.  
[Historical significance]

**Criteria b):** The land on which the house is sited is associated with an early settler, Peter Egan who owned property throughout the town of Dungog. The house is likely to date from the ownership of Dr Charles Pearson Higgs. The house is also associated with Higgs family and his wife Lucy Higgs (nee Dumbrell) who was an important person in the history of Dungog as the manager of a Maternity Hospital. The house is also associated with one of Lucy's sons, Isaacher Pearson Higgs, a decorated member of the AIF in WWI.  
[Historical association significance]

**Criteria c):** Vernacular workers cottage with steep pitched hipped roof broken over skillion and kitchen attached to side.  
[Aesthetic/ Technical significance]

**Criteria d):** The house is valued by the local community as one of the earliest houses in Dungog.  
[Social/Cultural significance]

**Criteria e):** The materials such as handmade bricks and methods of construction have the potential to reveal information about early construction during the settlement of Dungog. The siting of the house records and reveals the early layout of Dungog. The type and layout of the house potentially could reveal the way of life of families during the early period of the settlement of Dungog.  
[Research significance]

**Criteria f):**  
[Rarity]

**Criteria g):** Representative of vernacular workers cottage with steep pitched hipped roof broken over skillion and kitchen attached to side.  
[Representative]

**Intactness/Integrity:** Original form and materials are evident and hence it is an important early record of the history of settlement of the town of Dungog.

References:	Author	Title	Year
	Dr Michael Williams	Notes	2013

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Carste Studio	Dungog Heritage Study Review		2013

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**Latitude:**

**Longitude:**

**Location validity:**

**Spatial accuracy:**

**Map name:**

**Map scale:**

**AMG zone:**

**Easting:**

**Northing:**

**Listing: Name**

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Heritage study

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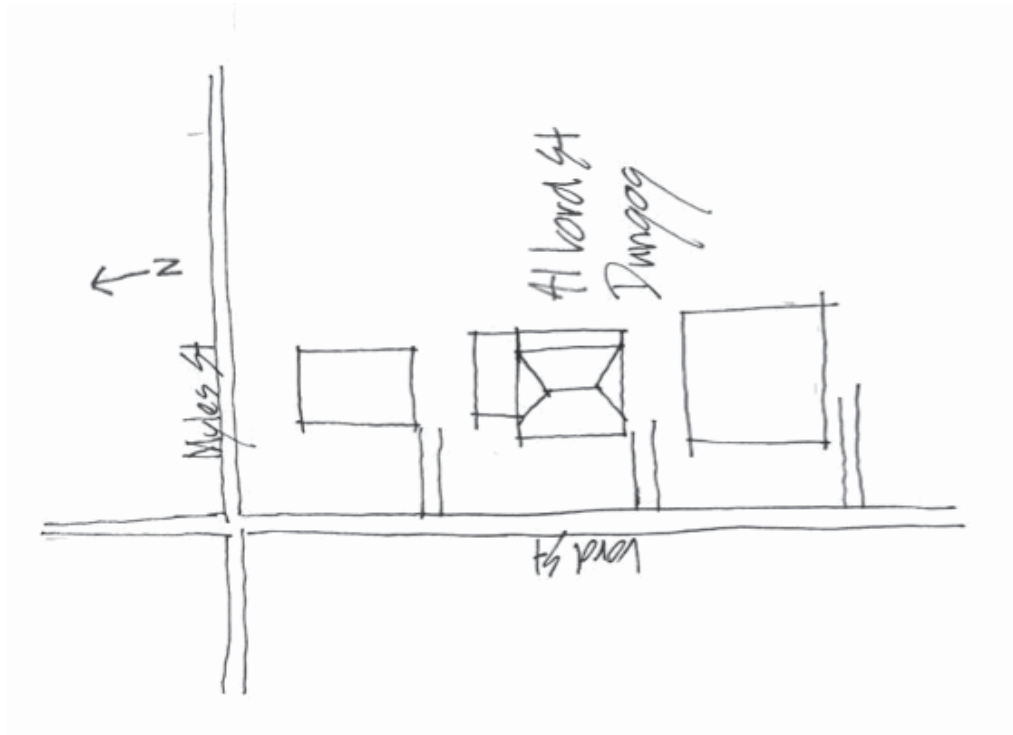
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