

Place name Glebe	Survey Date: 04/07/2004
Other name	Id: 1184
Street 1496 Maffra-Sale Road	Last Update 21/08/2007
Locality Sale	Postcode
Official Locality	Property No HO105
Local Government Area Wellington Shire	Property Info CA94
Precinct: Not in precinct	
Easting	Northing
Map	
Workshop number	Workshop votes
Field survey number	Community priority
Designer	Builder
Ownership	Built Date 1890? Change Date

Description The Glebe is a simple square house situated on a bare rise of land marked by peppercorn trees and a huge old oak. The broad hipped roof has a ridge line which runs at right angles to the facade of the house. The owner of 'Woondella', has been a neighbour to this property for nearly 50 years and testifies that the original shingles remain beneath the present-day corrugated iron roof (1). The facade today has a straight verandah continuing from the roof which protects three sets of French doors with a fourth pair at the side of the house. The house is in fair to good condition. The footings appear to be sinking.

Comparison with an early, undated photograph (2) reveals that the house has been extended under an enlarged roof form, the verandah has been replaced in a different form and two sets of french doors removed from the main facade (one now positioned on a side wall). These changes suggest substantial rebuilding may have occurred, and further detailed physical inspection would be valuable.

There are two brick-lined wells at the rear of the house, one filled in. An outbuilding, used for many years as a wash house, is in a deteriorated condition. There are mature trees near the house: a large oak tree, peppercorns and others. The main house was burnt down and the chimneys demolished in 2007.

REFERENCES

- (1) Ms Goble, pers. comm., 1994
- (2) Photograph showing 'The home where Mary Grant Bruce lived in Sale', from the LaTrobe Collection. Undated.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
House	Other	Weatherboard	Corrugated iron

Condition

Integrity

Residential/Rural	Buildings Landscape Tree(s)
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History Archdeacon Stretch was living at the Glebe in 1864, when it was described as 'built of wood but of a good size', and surrounded by 30 acres.(1) Diana Stretch, the Archdeacon's sister, ran a school in the house.(2)

Anglican ministers continued to live in the Glebe, although it was a great distance from the church in Sale. Canon Watson lived there from 1872, until he thankfully moved into the new parsonage which had been purchased next to the St Paul's building site in 1883.(3)

The Glebe, originally part of the neighbouring Woondella Park property (refer to separate citation in this Study), appears to have had associations with the famous author Mary Grant Bruce during part of her childhood (6) It has not been possible in the Sale Heritage Study to verify which of the houses, (the Glebe or Woondella Park), was the first home of the author.

There was once a billabong at the back of this house which was said to have inspired some of her children's stories.(5) Published as the Billabong series from 1910 to 1942, these books were largely responsible for Bruce's

reputation as an important part of Australia's literary heritage.(4) Born in 1878 and educated in Sale, Bruce began writing as a child and later practiced as a journalist for the Melbourne Age and Leader newspapers and a number of periodicals and women's journals, both in Australia and overseas.(4)

REFERENCES

- (1) 'Church of Our Fathers', p.190.
- (2) Information from Flo Pearce.
- (3) Information from Peter Synan; The Cathedral Church of St Paul's.
- (4) Wilde, W. H., et al, 'The Oxford Companion to Australian Literature', pp.118-119.
- (5) Current owner Ms Goble.
- (6) Photograph showing 'The home where Mary Grant Bruce lived in Sale', from the LaTrobe Collection. Undated.

Period	Associations
	Mary Grant Bruce

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO105		Listed

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations Add tree controls to Heritage Schedule.

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed & protected **Stage 2 priority** No Action: Already include

Final Ranking Regional significance **Final Recommendation** Amendment C26

Statement of significance The Glebe is a significant part of the heritage of Sale, representing the earliest period in the town's development and having important associations with the Anglican Church and community of Sale. (A.4, H.1) The connection with Mary Grant Bruce requires further research.

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study
Context Pty Ltd, (2004), Wellington Heritage Study: Sale Review

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