

Street Address	493 Main Road, Wellington Point
GPS/RPD	Lot 2 RP155349
Place Type	Built



Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).



Residence, 493 Main Road, Wellington Point (AHS, 2016).

Condition	Good	Integrity	Fair
Statutory Listings	Local Heritage Place		
Non-Statutory Listings	No current listing		
Inspection Date	02/12/2016		

Historical Context

This property was purchased in 1886 by local Cleveland butcher, James Cross. Cross had many interests and investments around the Cleveland area including serving on the Cleveland Divisional Board, running a shop, and owning a slaughter yard [1].

Cross had six sons and four daughters who were also heavily involved in local businesses. His son William established a butcher shop on this corner of Valley Road and Main Road to service the large population of mill workers associated with Gilbert Burnett’s sawmill [2].

Burnett’s industry in the Trafalgar Vale Estate included a sugar mill, saw mill, and bone mill. As the sawmill became Burnett’s focus in the mid-1880s, timber was used to construct dwellings and sheds associated with his industrial complex [3]. With a peak of 50 employees in 1889, Burnett’s sawmill went into liquidation just two years later, and the sawmill, shed, office, and several cottages were sold. This property was listed as one of Burnett’s assets at the time of liquidation [4]. Little is known about the original design of the place and it appears to have been extended over at least two phases since construction or may be the result of two structures, potentially a butcher’s store and residence, combined to make a single residence.

Physical Description

493 Main Road is a low set, timber dwelling with a steep pitch gable roof extending over the enclosed front verandah facing Main Road. A separate lower gable roof butts up against the side wall of the main gable, which has a skillion extension facing north to the Valley Road elevation. A slat window hood shelters the sash windows to the front gable elevation and banks of casement and hopper windows exist to the enclosed verandahs and skillion extension. A corrugated iron shed exists to the rear, which is accessed from Valley Road.

Statement of Significance

The residence at 493 Main Road is significant as it contributes to the historical and aesthetic quality of the local area. Historically, this house was bought and used by the Cross family, who were early butchers that serviced the Wellington Point area. Additionally, this property was associated with notable Wellington Point figure Gilbert Burnett, who listed the house as one of his own assets when he went bankrupt in the early 1890s. In terms of the aesthetic value of 493 Main Road, it is a good surviving example of an early house in the local area, and is representative of the character of Wellington Point and Main Road establishments associated with the Trafalgar Vale Estate, dating from the late nineteenth century.

Criteria A	The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region’s history.
493 Main Road, c. 1886, is historically significant as an early dwelling in this locality that demonstrates the pattern of Wellington Point’s history. This place is associated with early industry, retail and European settlement in the 19th century. The property was used as a butcher’s site to service the local workers who grew in number as the nearby sawmill thrived. The early sawmill industry in this area was associated with Gilbert Burnett who sold this property off after his assets were liquidated in 1891.	

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Criteria E	The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.
This small workers' cottage set close to the road displays a modest aesthetic quality. The distinct exterior form, the timber construction and the place's prominence to Main Road, contribute to the aesthetic quality of the place. It is one of the remaining typical examples of an early house in the local area, and is associated with early industry, retail and settlement in Wellington Point.	

Primary Themes	
6.0 Buildings, Settlements, Towns, Cities and Dwellings	6.04 Dwellings

References	
[1] Tracy Ryan, "Places of the Redlands: Thornlands," Redland Shire Council, 2003, p. 7. [2] Woods and Bagot, Inventory of Heritage Places, "293 Main Road, Wellington Point," 1995. [3] Mary Howell, "A History of Fernbourne Precinct, Wellington Point," Grad. Dip., The University of Queensland, 1997, p. 17; QHR Citation, "Whepstead," 600776. [4] Woods and Bagot, "293 Main Road".	