

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME 'Elloughton Grange', former Grant residence

ADDRESS 1 Pages Road, Timaru

PHOTOGRAPH



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FORMER DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. NO 5 **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** 2072 / 2
(at time of assessment)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lot 1 DP 483414

VALUATION NUMBER 2494184500

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1893

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** Maurice de H Duval, architect; Frank Palliser,
contractor

STYLE Jacobean Revival

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Two-storey building with rectangular footprint and gabled roof forms. Principal elevations face east and south, both having balanced facades with gabled bays. East façade has an entrance tower with pavilion roof and portico with first floor balustrading. Decorative plasterwork, finials and tower cresting. Leadlight windows light stair hall. Plaster inscribed to resemble masonry construction. Foundation ventilator grilles feature the architect's name. Diamond-shaped windows with decorative plaster surrounds set in to the gable ends. Stringcourses and quoins. South elevation features double height bay window.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Brick, plaster and corrugated metal.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Accommodation wings added to north (1959 and 1972). Large-scale redevelopment of the site and additions to the building (1990+). Renovated (2016).

SETTING

The former dwelling stands on the north side of Pages Road, immediately adjacent to its intersection with Old North Road and Selwyn Street. It is centrally located within a retirement village that fully occupies the site. The extent of setting is limited to the building's footprint in view of the loss of landscape setting brought about by the site's modern redevelopment.

HISTORY

'Elloughton Grange' was built by William Grant in 1893 some 12 years after he had acquired the property from TW Hall. Hall was the one who had named it after his family home in England. Grant (1843-1910), who emigrated from Scotland in 1865 and started his working life in New Zealand as a shepherd, also farmed sheep in the Mackenzie high country and was a major exporter of frozen lamb, as well as a successful stock dealer. He married Elizabeth Allan in 1884 and the couple had five children. Grant's estate was worth over £200,000 when he died. The house remained in the Grant family until it was bought by the South Canterbury Hospital Board for use as a home for the elderly in 1954. Since 1992 the property has been developed as a commercial rest home and retirement village.

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Elloughton Grange' has historical significance for its association with William Grant and as a demonstration of the wealth that was achieved by some of the district's early settlers.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Elloughton Grange' has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of the Grant family from 1893 until the mid-20th century.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Elloughton Grange' has architectural significance as a design by Maurice de Harven Duval, a French or Belgian architect who practised in Timaru between c.1877 and 1895. Duval undertook a considerable amount of work for the Catholic church in Canterbury, including St Mary's Church at Pleasant Point (1889), was the architect to the South Canterbury Education Board, and also designed residential and commercial buildings.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Elloughton Grange' has technological and craftsmanship significance for its brick masonry construction and ornamental detailing. Timaru builder and contractor Frank Palliser was born in Yorkshire and learnt his trade in England before emigrating to New Zealand. He also built Timaru's Salvation Army Barracks and hotels in Timaru, Temuka, Fairlie, Winchester and Pleasant Point.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Elloughton Grange' has contextual value as a historic feature within a modern retirement village development. The former house has lost its garden setting but retains some prominence within the site due to its height and architectural style.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the building pre-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological value relating to the structure's construction and the development of suburban Timaru. Earthworks associated with the retirement village and rest home development may have damaged or destroyed archaeological evidence on the site.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Elloughton Grange' has overall heritage significance to Timaru and Timaru district as a whole. The former house has historical significance for its association with William Grant and cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of a successful early settler. The former 'Elloughton Grange' has architectural significance as the work of local architect Maurice Duval and technical and craftsmanship significance for its brick construction and

plaster detailing. The former 'Elloughton Grange' has contextual value as a local historic feature and its immediate setting has potential archaeological value in view of its pre-1900 date of construction.

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Extent of setting, 1 Pages Road, Marchwiell, Timaru.