

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME former 'Sterndale' Homestead (Shaw Dwelling)

ADDRESS 965 Cleland Road, Totara Valley

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FORMER DISTRICT PLAN ITEM No. No. 73 **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** 1998 / 2
(at time of assessment)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION RS 14159

VALUATION NUMBER 2481010400

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION late 1870s?

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** Unknown

STYLE Colonial Gothic Revival

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

One-and-a-half storey building with rectangular footprint and gabled roof forms. Principal elevation faces south, has gabled dormer and external chimneybreast on west elevation. Rear wing has brick ground floor and stucco plastered upper floor. Double-hung sash and casement windows.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Limestone, brick and corrugated metal.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Addition of second floor to rear lean-to section (1899).

SETTING

The house stands to the west of a cluster of farm buildings at the western terminus of a driveway that comes off the west side of Cleland Road, immediately south of its intersection with Middle Road. A later homestead is located to the south-east. The extent of setting is limited to the immediate setting of the house and farm buildings (heritage items 75 & 76), rather than the land parcel as a whole. The setting for the homestead (heritage item 74) is separate from that of the former homestead and outbuildings cluster.

HISTORY

A rural section in the Totara Valley was purchased by Charles Shaw in c.1870. CR Shaw (1829-1906) emigrated from England to New Zealand, after four years in Australia, in 1857. He worked for the provincial government as a district surveyor on Banks Peninsula for four years and then transferred to Timaru in 1861. Shaw was twice married and had 14 children; his primary residence appears to have always been in or near Timaru. Shaw's son Geoffrey (c.1857-1920) farmed at Sterndale until it was sold to TB Garrick in 1898. The latter appears to have extended the homestead in 1899 and then replaced it with a new house in 1903. Tertius Bruce Garrick (c.1869-1941) served on the Levels County Council, the Timaru Harbour Board, and was a director on a number of companies. After his death the Fraser family purchased the property in 1942 and has run an Angus cattle stud on it ever since.

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Sterndale' homestead has historical significance for its association with the Shaw family and the development of farming in the area.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Sterndale' homestead has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of the families who have resided in the dwelling since its construction.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Sterndale' homestead has architectural significance as an example of a Victorian farmhouse rendered in permanent materials. The designer of the original house is currently unknown. Timaru architect James Turnbull called tenders for additions to the homestead in February 1899.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Sterndale' homestead has technological and craftsmanship significance for its locally quarried, stone masonry construction and detailing. A number of other limestone houses, farm buildings and bridges in the Totara Valley attest to the use of the local building stone in the 1870s and 1880s.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Sterndale' homestead has contextual value as a historic feature within a farm property that includes three other scheduled heritage items.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the farmhouse pre-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological significance relating to the structure's construction and the development of pastoralism in the Totara Valley.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The former 'Sterndale' homestead (Shaw dwelling) has overall heritage significance to the Totara Valley and Timaru district as a whole. The house has historical significance for its association with the Shaw family and the development of farming in the area and cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its former residents. The former 'Sterndale' homestead has architectural significance as a Victorian farmhouse and technological and craftsmanship significance for its masonry construction using locally quarried limestone. The former 'Sterndale' homestead has contextual value as a historic feature in relation to three other scheduled heritage items on the property. The former 'Sterndale' homestead has potential archaeological significance in view of its pre-1900 date of construction.

HERITAGE CATEGORY

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Extent of setting, former homestead marked by star, 965 Cleland Road, Totara Valley.



Land parcel as a whole.



TA Babington 'Sterndale, Totara Valley, South Canterbury', undated. View shows homestead, stable and granary. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington.