

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME 'Sterndale' Homestead
ADDRESS 965 Cleland Road, Totara Valley
PHOTOGRAPH



(HNZPT)

FORMER DISTRICT PLAN ITEM No. No. 74 **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** 1999 / 2
(at time of assessment)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION RS 14159

VALUATION NUMBER 2481010400

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1903 [?]

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** Unknown

STYLE Villa

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Single-storey dwelling with irregular, U-shaped footprint and hipped and gabled roof forms. Principal elevations face north and east. Return veranda carried on simple posts with decorative braces, bracketed eaves, external brick chimneybreast and double-hung sash windows.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber, brick and corrugated metal.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Brick addition (post-1942?).

SETTING

The homestead is located to the south-east of the former 'Sterndale' homestead and a cluster of farm buildings, near the western terminus of a driveway that comes off the west side of Cleland Road, immediately south of its intersection with Middle Road. The extent of setting is limited to the garden setting of the homestead, rather than the land parcel as a whole. The setting for the former homestead, stable and granary (heritage items 73, 75 & 76) is separate from that of the homestead.

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. Garrick never married and was survived by two brothers and their families. 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 'Sterndale' homestead has historical significance for its association with TB Garrick and the Fraser family and the 20th century development of the property.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The '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 'Sterndale' homestead has architectural value as an Edwardian villa with a sympathetic mid-century addition. The designer is currently unknown.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Sterndale' homestead has technological and craftsmanship value for its construction and detailing.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

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

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

Although the house post-dates 1900 its site has potential archaeological significance relating to the property's development since the 1870s.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Sterndale' homestead has overall heritage significance to the Totara Valley and Timaru district as a whole. The house has historical significance for its association with TB Garrick and the Fraser family and cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its past and present residents. The 'Sterndale' homestead has architectural value as an Edwardian farmhouse and technological and craftsmanship value for its timber and brick construction and detailing. The 'Sterndale' homestead has contextual value as a historic feature in relation to three other scheduled heritage items on the property. The 'Sterndale' homestead has potential archaeological significance in view of the property's development since the 1870s.

HERITAGE CATEGORY

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Extent of setting, limited to homestead's garden setting, 965 Cleland Road, Totara Valley.



Land parcel as a whole.