

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM

HERITAGE ITEM NAME former 'Loudoun' Stable
ADDRESS 255/257/259 Cleland Road, Hazelburn, Totara Valley

PHOTOGRAPH



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DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. HHI199 **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** 2004 / 2
(at time of assessment) Former No. 84

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lot 1 DP 459090

VALUATION NUMBER 2481004202

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c.1877

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** Andrew Cleland, owner/builder?

STYLE Rural vernacular

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

One-and-a-half storey farm building with rectangular footprint and gabled roof. Arched door surround and square window openings; western [?] gable has loading door to access granary loft. Multi-pane windows. Rough-hewn coursed limestone walls.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Limestone, timber & corrugated iron.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Unknown, if any.

SETTING

The former stable stands within a cluster of farm buildings on the west side of Cleland Road, at the northern reach of Clelands Zigzag. The Tengawai River is to the south and is spanned by Clelands Bridge. The extent of setting is limited to the immediate setting of the stable, rather than the land parcel as a whole.

HISTORY

Andrew Cleland emigrated from Scotland in 1864 and took up land in the Totara Valley in c.1874. He named his farm 'Loudoun' after his home parish in Scotland. Cleland (1845-1919) was a well-known local farmer who served on the Levels Road Board (1875-80) and helped to establish a number of schools in the district. He married Margaret Gardiner [aka Gardner, c.1850-1916] in 1872 and the couple had eight children. By the turn of the 20th century the estate comprised around 2000 acres and was producing both wool and lamb for frozen export. The road running past 'Loudoun' was named for the family, which still held the farm in the mid-20th century.

HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Loudoun' stable has historical significance for its association with the Cleland family, farming operations on the property and, more generally, in Totara Valley.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Loudoun' stable has cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of the building's users since it was erected.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Loudoun' stable has architectural value as an example of a Victorian farm building rendered in permanent materials. The designer is currently unknown but may have been Cleland himself.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Loudoun' stable has technological and craftsmanship significance for its locally quarried, stone masonry construction.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Loudoun' stable has contextual value as a historic feature within a farm property that is one of a number in the Totara Valley to feature locally quarried limestone buildings erected in the 1870s and 1880s. A concrete homestead was also built by Andrew and Margaret Cleland (date unknown); it stands to the east of the former stable.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the stable 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 'Loudoun' stable has overall heritage significance to the Totara Valley and Timaru district as a whole. The stable has historical significance for its association with the Cleland family and their farming operations and cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life of its past and present users. The 'Loudoun' stable has architectural value as a Victorian vernacular farm building and technological and craftsmanship significance for its masonry construction using locally quarried limestone. The 'Loudoun' stable has contextual value as a historic feature within a cluster of farm buildings and in relation to the 'Loudoun' homestead. The 'Loudoun' stable has potential archaeological significance in view of its pre-1900 date of construction.

HERITAGE CATEGORY

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Extent of setting, subject to confirmation, 255/257/259 Cleland Road, Totara Valley.



Land parcel as a whole.