

**WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL
HISTORIC HERITAGE ITEM RECORD FORM**

2021 District Plan Item No. HH073
HERITAGE ITEM NAME 'Bankhead Farm' stable
ADDRESS 1455 Cust Road, Cust
PHOTOGRAPH



(WDC)

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. H089 **HNZ LIST No. & CATEGORY** n / a
(at time of assessment)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Part RS 4254

VALUATION NUMBER 2158005600

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1870s?

**ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/
BUILDER** Alexander Garland, owner/builder?

STYLE Agricultural vernacular

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Utilitarian agricultural building with rectangular footprint and saltbox roof. Six door openings, some with split doors. Trellis style ventilation panels on same, north-west facing elevation. Gable end window.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber, corrugated iron.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Extended (c.1911). Replacement of roofing iron (early 2000s).

SETTING

The stable stands within a group of outbuildings on a rural property on the south side of Cust Road, west of its intersection with Talbotts Road. The building is located to the east of the house that replaced the 'Bankhead' homestead after it was gutted by fire in 2011 and subsequently demolished. The stable can be glimpsed from the roadway. The scheduled setting encompasses the immediate environs of the stable building, rather than the land parcel as a whole and notwithstanding the potential archaeological values of the wider site.

HISTORY

Alexander Garland (1829-81) was born in Scotland and emigrated to Canterbury with his wife in 1859. After leasing a farm on Banks' Peninsula and running a cartage business at Heathcote for a short time, the Garlands received, by way of crown grant, Rural Section 4254 at Cust in May 1864. They also had another farm at Carleton, east of Oxford. After Alexander's death in 1881, his widow Helen (aka Ellen, nee Blackwood, c.1834-1910) ran the farm and cared for the couple's ten children. The property was sold to Samuel Smith (b. 1870), formerly of West Eyreton, in 1910 after Helen Garland's death. The clearing sale notice for the property listed seven horses in addition to 389 sheep, ten house cows and 50 head of poultry. Stabling for eight horses had been itemised in the earlier sale notice for the farm itself. The property has been held by the Smith family since 1910 and the stable was unaffected by the fire in October 2011 that gutted the homestead.

HISTORIC AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Bankhead Farm' stable has historic significance for its association with the Garland and Smith families and, more generally, the history of North Canterbury farming. The building also illustrates the importance of horses to colonial farming operations and a pattern of intergenerational farm ownership.

CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Bankhead Farm' stable has cultural value as a demonstration of the working life of a colonial farming family.

ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Bankhead Farm' stable has architectural significance as a mid-19th century agricultural building that was designed to be fit for purpose. Alexander Garland may have been the designer/builder of the stable.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Bankhead Farm' stable has technological and craftsmanship value for its mid-Victorian century timber and iron construction.

CONTEXTUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Bankhead Farm' stable has contextual value as a historic feature within a complex of farm outbuildings and in relation to the site of the historic homestead.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

As the stable pre-dates 1900, its site has potential archaeological significance.

SUMMARY OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Bankhead Farm' stable has overall heritage significance to Cust and to the district of Waimakariri as a whole. The building has historical significance for its association with the Garland and Smith families and cultural value as a demonstration of the way of life experienced on a colonial farm. The 'Bankhead Farm' stable has architectural significance as a 19th century vernacular agricultural building and technological and craftsmanship value for its Victorian timber and iron construction. The 'Bankhead Farm' stable has contextual value for the contribution it makes to the historic character of its setting and its site has potential archaeological significance in view of the colonial development of the property.

HERITAGE CATEGORY

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Extent of scheduling, limited to immediate environs, 'Bankhead Farm' stable, 1455 Cust Road, Cust.



Land parcel as a whole.