HOUSE

Place No. 304 88 Leeds Street **ADDRESS** Last Update **Doncaster East**

DESCRIPTION

Condition Fair Integrity Altered

Threats Key elements

Designer

HISTORY

W S Williams' house was built in c1860 [84], and remains a detached, single-storey residence. Williams is believed to have been the first person to grow citrus trees in the locality. He constructed the largest dam in the area (in the valley between Leeds Street and Wetherby Road). He was the first person to win 'The Leader' cup for the best fruit garden in Melbourne in 1883.

It is an unusual, Early Victorian double-fronted symmetrical timber house with an M-hipped roof facing the street; the door aligns beneath the roof valley. Three good internal chimneys are of handmade bricks.

There is a skillion verandah around three sides and a separate skillion extension at the rear. The verandah is on a concrete slab and its structure is mostly recent. There are three extensions beneath the verandah and an Edwardian rectangular bay at right. Some windows are 1930s classical. The door is Edwardian, but the front windows could be old. they have a single vertical glazing bar. There are old plantings at the rear.

It needs further repair, especially the roof.

Creation Date c1860 **Change Dates Associations Local Themes** W.S. Williams 5.03 - Eight hour pioneer settlement

SIGNIFICANCE

STATEMENT OF Of regional significance as a rare surviving (but typical) Early Victorian timber farmhouse with later alterations not detracting from its form and with important historical associations with Williams.

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register Reference **Zoning Status**

None Specified

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls: On VHR: VHR Ref No:

Internal Alteration Controls: Prohibited Uses:

Tree Controls: Aboriginal Heritage Place:

Outbuildings or Fences: Incorporated Plan: Incorporated Plan Details

Description:

Conservation Management

Extra Research

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