

NEWMAN GRAVE SITES

Major Charles Newman Lone Grave Site

Place No. 357

ADDRESS	11-13 Homestead Road & 9 Watties Road Templestowe	Last Update
DESCRIPTION	<p>A beautiful site overlooking the Yarra Valley to the North and the Creek Valley to the East. There is a large pine shading an old dam.</p> <p>Victoria has a large number of lone grave burials. Most are now unmarked, like this one. Those that are identifiable are "extremely significant". Examples are : James "Tally Ho" Taylor of Major Mitchell's party (1836) on the Broken River at Benalla; of Alexander Miller (1862) at Murrindindi, Yea; of Agnes Kistock (1847) Havey Park, Strathbogie; and of Eliza Archer (1847), Crooke Street, Lucknow at Bairnsdale. [6]</p> <p>No threats known. The site should be sufficiently disinterred to determine whether it still holds the remains. If so, it should be identified and interpreted and protected from rabbits and stock.</p> <p>Condition - Integrity The gravestone has been re</p> <p>Threats No threats known. The site should Key elements</p> <p>Designer</p>	

HISTORY	<p>Major Charles Newman served as commanding officer of the 51st Bengal Native Infantry on the East India Company, in India [1]. He retired on September 6, 1834. He arrived at Van Dieman's Land at the end of that year and worked supervising convict labour. In 1837, he sailed to Port Phillip to select land. He followed the Yarra on the north side near Heidelberg (which had been already sold), and built a turf cottage, then a house "Pontville", about 1845, which still stands [2]. In 1846-7 he purchased "Monckton station" and built the house "Monckton" in the early 1850s [3]. He acquired a pre-emptive right of 640 acres and held a pastoral lease on 10,000 through Templestowe, Warrandyte and East Doncaster, grazing cattle and sheep and breeding horses. His own racetrack was on Homestead Road. "Monckton" was demolished in 1968 [4].</p> <p>In 1855, Newman left Templestowe to live in Lonsdale Street, as he went blind. Both he and his wife were buried in the 'family cyrpt at "Monckton" at the end of Homestead Road'. The seven Newman grave sites were moved to Templestowe Cemetery in 1910. "It is said that . . . The Major's bones are still lying near the gate to "Monckton" (now "Windrush") at the end of Homestead Road." [5]</p> <p>Templestowe Cemetery was gazetted in 1859 and the first grave is dated 1860, so the cemetery was available at the time of at least two of the Newman graves.</p> <p>Four of the seven Newman gravestones were moved to Templestowe Cemetery in 1910. It is said that the task of removing the gravestones and the remains was never completed, interrupted by rain. "It is said that . . . The Major's bones are still lying near the gate to Monckton (now Windrush) at the end of Homestead Road [5].</p> <p>Creation Date Change Dates</p> <p>Associations Local Themes</p> <p>Major Charles Newman</p>	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	An unmarked lone grave site of local historical significance of Major Charles Newman and his family. Newman was the first settler of Templestowe in 1837, the builder of "Pontville" (c1845) and "Monckton" (1850s, now demolished).
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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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- BIBLIOGRAPHY**
- [1] Hazel Poulter (Editor Jim Poulter) Templestowe : A Fold History, Templestowe 1985, p.4. This history is indebted to Mrs. Poulter's outline.
 - [2] Context Pty Ltd, City of Doncaster and Templestowe Heritage study, Doncaster 1991 p.61 for "Pontville". Paul de Serville, Port Philip Gentlemen, Melbourne, 1980, p.193 has him living "in Oriental splendour in Heidelberg".
 - [3] Refer : A26, "Windrush", Homestead Road, Templestowe.
 - [4] Poulter, op.cit.
 - [5] Ibid.
 - [6] Celestina Sagazio (Editor), Cemeteries : Our Heritage (National Trust of Australia Victoria), Melbourne 1992, pp.117-119 & 154-155.