

Of *local historical significance* for its long association with the Dehnert family, early German settlers and orchardists.

### **Fromhold**

**176 George Street, Doncaster.**

The Italianate brick cottage, Fromhold, built on the south side of George Street, west of Victoria Street, as the home of Heinrich Fromhold, German fruitgrower, and his family, may date from 1888. Family records claim that Emma Elizabeth, the daughter of Heinrich and his wife, Maria Anne (nee Zerbe) was born at Fromhold in that year.<sup>113</sup> District rate records confirm that in 1888 Heinrich Fromhold owned a house on seven and a half acres at Waldau, the German settlement along the present George Street. This is the site of the present house. He also owned two other allotments in the vicinity.<sup>114</sup> Fromhold had been rated for a farm at Waldau from 1863 and an orchard from 1887.<sup>115</sup>

Fromhold's Doncaster property was shown on 1874 and 1892 maps located on the south side of the present George Street, west of Victoria Street, and stretching down to the present Fromhold Drive.<sup>116</sup> An early photograph shows Fromhold Drive with the old house standing within an extensive orchard property.<sup>117</sup> George Street did not extend westwards across Victoria Street to Church Street for some years. Early district records rated the Fromhold property in Bismark ( now Victoria ) Street. In 1893-94, Fromhold was identified as a brick house occupied by six people.<sup>118</sup>

By 1908, Mary Fromhold (Heinrich's wife) was recorded as the owner of the Bismark Street house.<sup>119</sup> In 1912, the house was indicated on an Army map still on a large orchard allotment..<sup>120</sup>

Of *local historical significance* for its associations with Heinrich Fromhold, one of the German settlers who established orchards near the Waldau settlement.

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<sup>113</sup> Eric Uebergang, *Aumann Family History*, p. 407.

<sup>114</sup> Shire of Bulleen RB 1888 Doncaster Riding No.212 (NAV 105 pounds).

<sup>115</sup> Templestowe District Board RB 1863 No.62 (NAV 10 pounds); Shire of Bulleen RB 1887 Doncaster Riding No.194.

<sup>116</sup> *Plan of Bulleen*. Parish of Bulleen Map 526 B, 1874; *Parish of Bulleen*, 1892. ( The seven acre house block was indicated on both maps).

<sup>117</sup> Uebergang, p.408.

<sup>118</sup> Shire of Doncaster RB 1893 No.103; 1894 No.105 (NAV 105 pounds).

<sup>119</sup> Shire of Doncaster RB 1908-1909 No.106.

<sup>120</sup> *Sketch Map of Heidelberg-Doncaster Manoeuvre Area*, J.Monash, 1912.