

Fermanagh
77 Mitcham Road, Doncaster.

Otto Leber (or Lieber), listed as carter, labourer, and then farmer, was rated in 1888 as the owner and occupier of a house with a substantial valuation situated on 27 acres of land on the Ringwood Road.¹⁷⁵ This was later identified as the site of 77 Mitcham Road. Previously listed on Leber's Road, Leber's house may have replaced an earlier more modest dwelling, or have been constructed in stages between 1885 and 1888. The valuation of Leber's house and land gradually increased over those years.¹⁷⁶ By 1890, Leber's house was described as a wood house on 25 acres in Doncaster Road.¹⁷⁷

An 1892 map shows Otto Leber's 77 acre allotment on the north side of what is now Mitcham Road and east of what is now Springvale Road¹⁷⁸ The names of Mitcham and Springvale Roads do not appear on early maps. Springvale Road was listed as York Street and Mitcham Road as a continuation of Doncaster Road on a 1906 Lands Department map.¹⁷⁹

By the 1920s, the Donvale district was shown on an Army map as an orchard area with houses dotted along Mitcham Road. Springvale Road was named but Mitcham Road was still shown as an extension of Doncaster Road.¹⁸⁰ However, Mitcham Road was named on a later 1948 Lands Department map.¹⁸¹

Of *local historical significance* for its associations with orcharding in the Donvale district.

¹⁷⁵ Shire of Bulleen RB 1888 Doncaster Riding No.266 (NAV 52 pounds 10 shillings).

¹⁷⁶ Shire of Bulleen RB 1885 Doncaster Riding No.206 (NAV 17 pounds); 1887 No.228 (NAV 32 pounds).

¹⁷⁷ Shire of Bulleen RB 1890 No.293 (NAV 50 pounds).

¹⁷⁸ *Parish of Bulleen*.Directory Maps of the County of Bourke,1892.

¹⁷⁹ *Bulleen*.Dept. of Lands and Survey, Vic.T.F.McGauron, 1906.

¹⁸⁰ *Ringwood*.Military Survey prep.Australian Section Imperial General Staff, June,1922.

¹⁸¹ *Parish of Bulleen*.Dept. of Lands and Survey, Vic.,March,1948.