

Walter's house with its associated orchard, known later as 245 Tindals Road, was completed in 1939.³⁸⁸ This was the year of Walter's marriage to Dorothea Elas Thiele in the Doncaster Lutheran Church. A surviving family photograph shows the young couple on their wedding day.³⁸⁹

Walter was related to two important Doncaster families. He was the eldest child of Gustav Adolph Aumann (1876-1964), who with his three brothers ran successful orchards in Templestowe, and of Anna Maria (nee Blobel). Walter was educated at the Templestowe school and worked on his father's orchard before purchasing his own property in Tindals Road. He lived on this property until his death in July 1974. He is buried in the Templestowe Cemetery.³⁹⁰

Walter and Dorothea had two daughters. After Walter's death, Dorothea sold the Tindals Road property and bought a house in East Doncaster. She lived there until her death in November 1974, and is also buried in the Templestowe Cemetery³⁹¹

Of local historical significance. as an intact building complex, comprising house, garden and outbuildings, associated with the Aumann family of orchardists.

Lutheran Cemetery Victoria Street, Doncaster.

Although only remnants remain of the old Waldau Lutheran Cemetery at Doncaster, it is important as one of a number of Lutheran cemeteries opened in German settlements throughout Victoria during the 1850s. Other more intact 1850s Lutheran cemeteries in Victoria are at Thomastown(associated with the Westgarhtown German settlement) and at Harkaway near Berwick³⁹² Both are still in use as cemeteries.

The Waldau Cemetery is also of interest as one of a small number of private cemeteries in Victoria. Many private cemeteries were associated with pastoral properties³⁹³

The Lutheran Cemetery at Doncaster was opened in 1859 on land donated by Friedrich Straube, owner of a nearby property.³⁹⁴

³⁸⁸ Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe RB 1939-40 Warrantdyte Riding No.36 (NAV 30 pounds).

³⁸⁹ Uebergang p.347.

³⁹⁰ Uebergang pp.345-347.

³⁹¹ Uebergang pp.345-347.

³⁹² *Cemeteries*,ed. Celestina Sagazio, 1992 pp.75-76.

³⁹³ Sagazio pp.112-113.

³⁹⁴ Delma L.Haacke and Glenys L.Postlethwaite, *The Fruitful Years*,1854-1992.Trinity Lutheran Church,Doncaster,p.12.,

German Lane(now GeorgeStreet) , which ran between Victoria Street and Blackburn Road, became the location of the Waldau German settlement.³⁹⁵ Many early German settlers and their families were among the 125 people buried in the Waldau Cemetery before it closed in 1888. Carl Aumann, whose home was used for early Lutheran services at Doncaster, was buried alongside Henry Finger. Henry's barn, later moved to the cemetery site, is now part of the present Schramms Cottage Musuem Complex.³⁹⁶

Other early graves in the Waldau Cemetery included those of Karl Friedrich Hanke and August Lenkerstorff (builder of the first 1858 Waldau Church) and his one year old son buried there in 1883. The daughter of Kate and Max Schramm was buried there; Anna Maria Thiele(sister of Pastor Goethe) and seven of her children; and Andreas and Wilhelmina Zander's children.³⁹⁷

In October 1888 burials ceased at Waldau.³⁹⁸ The church secretary then applied to the Templestowe Cemetery for a Lutheran compartment to be set aside. When Waldau closed, members of the German community held a special ceremony. They climbed the steps of the road embankment and laid flowers on the graves of their relations.

At first, Henry Thiele looked after the old cemetery while in the 1930s John Finger cared for the graves. However, many headstones were damaged during both world wars because of anti-German feeling.

There is still community interest in the old cemetery. Each Easter Day since 1971 (following the transfer of the church land to the Crown and the establishment of the museum complex) the congregation of Doncaster's Trinity Lutheran Church has held a dawn service at Waldau Cemetery.³⁹⁹

Of local historical significance. as part of an important historic site associated with the early Waldau German Lutheran settlement; as one of a few such cemeteries established in Victoria; and as an example of a small number of remaining private cemeteries, and as an important local landmark. It forms part of three historic places(church, manse and cemetery)associated with the Doncaster German community.

³⁹⁵ *Plan of Bulleen*, Parish of Bulleen, Plan 526B, 1874.

³⁹⁶ Haacke and Postlethwaite, pp.18-19.

³⁹⁷ Haacke and Postlethwaite, pp.18-19.

³⁹⁸ Doncaster Lutheran Cemetery, File H CEM 672, Public Health Division, Department of Health and Community Services, Vic.

³⁹⁹ Haacke and Postlethwaite, pp 18-19.