

**HOUSE
257 EAGLEHAWK ROAD, LONG GULLY**

SURVEY DATE: 1991-2

STUDY GRADING: B

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1872c

FIRST OWNER : CALVERLEY, JAMES (MINER)

CITATION:



History

Built: c1872

Stable, long-term owner-occupancy has been the heritage of this property. For 50 years the Calverley family owned and occupied it. First listed in the 1872 rate book, this house and adjoining cottages, were owned and occupied by James Calverley, a miner, engineer and speculator, until 1883.

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After this it became the home of William Calverley, a batteryman and miner.¹ He remained here until 1922.² William had married Annie Peterson in 1883 which probably prompted his search for a new home³. The Peterson family owned a lot to the north of this from 1886⁴.

Arthur Collins was a short-term owner-occupier, purchasing the property from Calverley in 1922 and selling it to John Mitchell in the late 1920s.⁵ Mitchell, a grazier, lived here until after 1950.⁶

Early plans show this house opposite the engine house and shaft of the Needle mine this century while parish plans show J.Elliott's tenure of the site of the adjoining timber house (255) having originated in 1857⁷.

Description

Of double-fronted, rubble stone construction, this house has dressed corner stones, a simple hipped corrugated iron-clad roof, two symmetrically-placed corniced chimneys and a concave-roof verandah. The verandah (ruinous) structure is timber, with corniced stop-chamfered posts, a simple bressumer-fascia and remnant timber balustrading. The front door is four-panel. There is a rear service wing (with side verandah) and what may be an altered original front fence, both of stone.

External Integrity

Both front and side verandahs have been almost dismantled or fallen down; the stone has been painted; the chimney cornices are incomplete; intrusive service boxes have been added to the front; the stone fencing has been altered and part demolished; a rear attached timber service room has been partly dismantled and the ogee-pattern roof gutters partly removed or displaced.

Context

Old mainly timber housing (255, 256, 258, 245, 247) of a similar form and period are interspersed with other more recent and visually unrelated development. The site backs on to a large former gold mining area.

Significance

Architecturally the house, with its high hipped roof and concave profile verandah, is recognisable as from the mid Victorian era although altered in detail. It forms a major part of an early housing group scattered around important former mining sites and in this case was occupied over a long period by a family strongly associated with mining (Calverley).

1 RB1872, 1224; RB1883, 1290; RB1884, 1323
2 RB1922, 562
3 BDM M2676
4 pt. CA 465
5 RB1923, 540; RB1930, 1107
6 D1950
7 1903 parish plan as CA26 (465B); mines dept. plan 1923

