

**HOUSE**  
**3 NELSON STREET, CALIFORNIA GULLY**

**SURVEY DATE: 1991-2**

**STUDY GRADING: A**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1871-2c**

**FIRST OWNER : FROGGATT, GEORGE (MINE MANAGER)**



**CITATION:**

**History**

Parish plans give G W Froggatt as the grantee of this site in 1864<sup>1</sup>. George Wilson Froggatt, a mine manager, owned a wood house on this site in the 1860s, the valuation increasing by over 50% in 1871-2 suggesting that part of

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the present brick and stone house was built then<sup>1</sup>. The house faced the rich Johnson's gold mine area (North Johnson's, Johnson's No.1) sited on the Garden Gully line of reef.

By the late 1880s, Froggatt was gone and in his place was a Mr. Paulthorpe, as the owner, and George Travena as the lessee<sup>2</sup>. Charles Darvall, an artist and teacher was another tenant, as was the teacher, Edward Hays: both early this century<sup>3</sup>. Frances Murdoch was the next long term owner who also leased the house: John Veale, engine driver, was one of her longest renting tenants<sup>4</sup>. Mrs. Grace Thompson, of Denniliquin, was the owner in the 1930-40s<sup>5</sup>.

### **Description**

Set back from the street behind a mature exotic evergreen garden, the house appears to be of two development stages, the front wing being double-fronted and of sandstone ashlar construction. (Further inspection required)

The garden consists of a large (modified?) Moreton Bay Fig and semi-mature Monterey pines, a Cedar and Rowan trees.

### **External Integrity**

The front fence has been replaced in an unrelated manner (2 metre closed pickets on a concrete block base) and the front wing roofline appears altered.

### **Context**

Unrelated to the present built context, but close to mine workings on the Derby Line of reef, (i.e., Johnsons No. 3).

### **Significance**

(Inspection required)

With its stone construction, the house represents the aesthetic choice and relatively elevated status of a mine manager (Froggatt) in what was one of the State's richest gold fields. It is surrounded by exotic mature landscape which relates to the house construction date and faces a notable remnant mine field (Johnson's).

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1 RB1864,773-4; RB1871,989; RB1872,1111  
2 RB1889,1332  
3 RB1906,1585; RB1909-10,1631  
4 RB1926- 7,637  
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