

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: LONE GRAVES

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Old Tannery Road CAVENDISH

STUDY NUMBER: 439

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

**OTHER NAME/S
OF PLACE:** CASHMORE

PRECINCT: outside

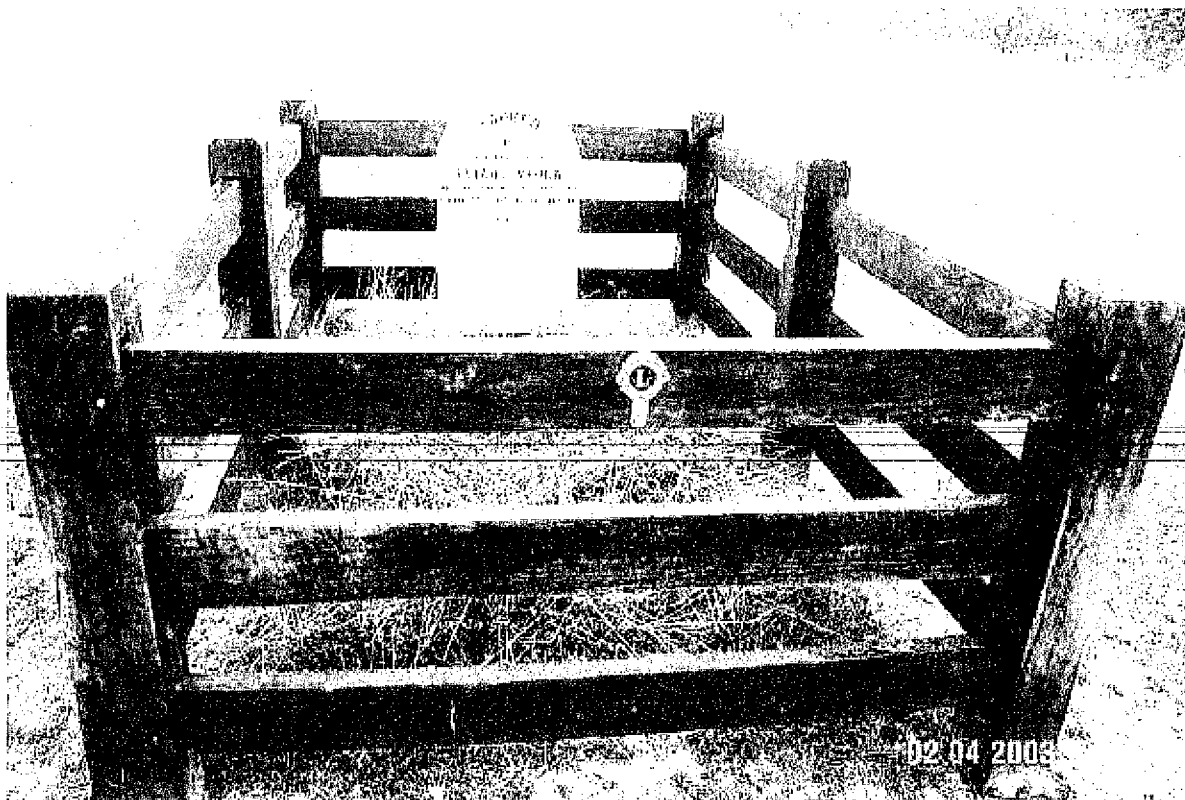
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF CAVENDISH

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 432 near 31; VicRoads 228 J9; located on the east side of Old Tannery Road about 2.5kms south of the centre of Cavendish and about 250m from the road.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Lone Graves, Old Tannery Rd, Cavendish

Image Date: 2/04/03

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the graves, gravestones, fencing and an area of land 50 square metres surrounding the graves.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The two lone graves are located together about 250m from the Old Tannery Road. There is one white marble headstone with lead lettering which mentions both girls. The name for Viola is incorrectly given as "Voila". The grave has been recently fenced. It is in good condition.

HISTORY:

The lone graves in Old Tannery Road are those of Eliza Donelan, who was born in Dunkeld and who died 1875 aged one year, and of Viola Donelan, who was born in Hamilton and who died 1886 aged one year. They were the children of Robert Donelan and his wife, Bridget, nee Lally, of Karabeal (PI, Reg. No. 9898 & 25923). The Donelans married in 1863 and had 11 children, 5 boys and 6 girls, one of whom, born in 1878, was called Eliza after her dead sibling (PI, Reg. No. 2148 & 2070). The Donelans, as well as being publicans, appear to have been typical small selectors under the Land Selection Acts of the 1860s.

Karabeal was, for a short time, a thriving small community of some thirty selector families. There was a formal township which included a primary school built in 1870 but which closed in 1896. The Donelans operated the Cherry Wood or Karabeal Inn on the south side of the Dunkeld-Cavendish Road, about 12kms south-east of Cavendish and immediately opposite the township. It was vernacular in its style and form, single storey and built of bluestone. The inn, which was in ruins in 1950, no longer survives, except as footings (Clabburn, 31). There is a sheep dip at the rear and there are extensive footings suggesting several other outbuildings. The whole block is fenced with low dry stone walls. Robert Donelan (also spelled Donelan and Donnelan) was the licensee at least from 1870 to 1874 (Marriott, 191-2).

He bought allotment 3A of section 17 of the Parish of Cavendish comprising about 58 acres in July 1872. This was immediately adjacent to cemetery reserve. It was this proximity, presumably, which led to the infants' interment there, at some distance from Karabeal, rather than in the public cemeteries operating at both Cavendish and Dunkeld. Robert Donelan had also bought a corner block of land, allotment 17, in the centre of the township which grew up around a tannery, now gone, about 1.0km south of the cemetery reserve. Perhaps this block was also intended for a public house. It is not known if and why the children were the only persons buried in the cemetery or if others from the tannery are also buried there. Robert died in 1901 and Bridget died in 1909, both were aged 67 and both were buried in the new Dunkeld Cemetery.

Most of the land in the parishes of Karabeal and Cavendish, when it was thrown open for selection, was purchased by established squatters. Robert Donelan purchased allotments 11, 12, 13 and 18 (no section) of the Parish of Karabeal, comprising 101.5ha in December 1874 and allotment 14 with T Cox, comprising 18.1ha in December 1875. This and the land near Cavendish was grazed and farmed, presumably. The family must have maintained its interest in the district because Valentine Donelan purchased allotment 17A of the Parish of Karabeal comprising 14.4ha on the west side of the township as late as 1909.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 9: Marking the phases of life

9.7 Dying

9.7.1 Dealing with human remains

9.7.3 Remembering the dead

CONDITION:

Good

INTEGRITY:

high degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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What is significant?

The two lone graves, apparently the only Internments in a cemetery reserve 2.5kms south of Cavendish, are of the infant children Eliza and Viola Donelan. The former died in 1875, the latter in 1886. Both were aged one year. Their parents, Robert and Bridget Donelan ran the Cherry Wood or Karabeal Inn, about 12kms south-east of Cavendish on the road to Dunkeld. Robert Donelan had purchased an allotment immediately adjacent to the cemetery reserve south of Cavendish in 1872. Other than this proximity, it is not known why the infants were buried where they are rather than in the public cemeteries at Cavendish or Dunkeld. Their parents are buried at the new Dunkeld cemetery. The graves are fenced, overgrown and in fair condition.

How is it significant?

The two lone graves are of historical significance to the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The two lone graves are of historical significance as a reminder of the difficulty of raising children in isolated communities, as a link to an ordinary selector family and the transient settlement of Karabeal, and as a contrast to the more formal private cemeteries on squatting runs.

COMPARISON:

146 Wannon Inn (Former), Brung Brungle Road, Wannon
319 Victoria Lagoon Homestead Site and Graves
362 Canunda (Former Glenisla) Sheepwash, Sheepdip, Lone Grave & Woolshed Site

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE: 27-Mar-03

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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