District Council of RIDLEY

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE RIVER MURRAY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE MURRAY RIVER

(REGION 5 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

PART TWO

11. D.C. RIDLEY

ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEETS

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MF: Murray Fromm
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EN : Ed Noack
NFP : Ngaiawang Folk Province
**Item Name:** Stone Retaining Wall

**Heritage Significance:**
In the riverlands region there are few relics of early roads or retaining walls; this is, therefore, of significance because of its scarcity and its undoubted links with the earliest European use of the river.

The location was known as "stone wall" on early riverboat charts, which is now known as Rocky Point. The roadway, for which the retaining wall was built, leads to the old landing at Rocky Point.

**References:**
Baker-Reschke Murray River Pilot, Goolwa to Renmark, p.20

Verbal Pat Dollard, 1983
Archival photographs

**Photograph:** Film No. 813 Negative No. 15 Direction of view to SW

**Location:**
Address Rocky Point
Town
Postcode
Section
Hundred Ridley
County L.C.A. Ridley
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 6728-II
54 35750 614190

**Subject:**
4.7

**Period:**
State Study Area 1853-1880

**Type of item:**
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

**Status:**
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File Other

**Recommendation:**
(A) State [X] (B) Local

Prepared by Heritage Investigations
Date: 1983
ITEM NAME: Gum Tree and Windmill Relics

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE
This item at Fromm's Landing represents an unusual use of the native river red gum. Footholds have been cut into the tree and scaffolding at the top supported a windmill, which was used by the local landowner, J. McCullam, in the 1890s. This attempt to draw water from the river to his farm on the clifftop above was unsuccessful due to the lack of sufficient wind and the windmill pump was soon replaced by a motor.

REFERENCES
Verbal Murray Fromm, 1983
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 813 Negative No. 3
Direction of view to NW

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 11

LOCATION
Address Fromms Landing
Town
Postcode
Section
Hundred
Bundaberg
County
L.C.A.
Ridley
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 6828-III
54 36670 614920

SUBJECT
1.5
4.9
4.10

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1881-1905

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
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RECOMMENDATION
(A) State X (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This impressive cutting was hand cut through the limestone cliff at Fromm's Landing to allow stock access to the river. It was made by a local farmer, J. McCullam, in about 1890 and continued in use by the Fromm family after their purchase of the property in 1902.

Water erosion of the pathway and retaining walls has prohibited its use recently.

REFERENCES

Verbal Murray Fromm, 1983
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Direction of view to N

Film No. 813 Negative No. 4
**ITEM NAME:** Swan Reach Public Hall

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This is an unusually finely detailed example of the architecture and building construction of the 1930s, using a mellow, rough-dressed local freestone. It appears to be in an entirely original condition, with a concrete porch and mullioned windows consistent with the style of the times.

It is one of the best examples of a small twentieth century hall standing in the riverlands region.

The hall was built in 1932, its foundation stone being laid also in that year by F.A. Nagel.

**REFERENCES**

Verbal Ed Noack, 1983
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 840 Negative No. 11
Direction of view to SW