

BUILDING TITLE: Archaeological site **BUILDING ADDRESS:** Digby Road
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B |X| C || D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** vacant land
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: outside **LEVEL OF STREETSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 ||
STYLE: not applicable

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1842 (first buildings)
2. 1843 (Grange or Blastock's Inn)
3. 1849 (Beath's Store)
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- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

Garden, D, *Hamilton*, pp 30-35

MATERIALS:

Roof:
Walls:
Dressings:
Plinth:
Windows:
Paving:
Other:

INTEGRITY: E |X| G || F || P || **SURVEY DATE:** / / **NEG FILE:** / **REPORTER:** tfh
NOTABLE FEATURES: archaeological site

CONDITION: E || G || F || P ||

SIGNIFICANCE: Site of first permanent settlement in the district.

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate:	Rec	Inappropriate:	Rec
full survey and dig before any development		none apparent	

O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:
James Blastock, occupier 1846.
land to J Blastock, 26/5/54.

ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:

TITLE:
Sec CA
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COUNCIL COMPUTER #

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Archaeological Site
Digby Road

This area has local significance as an important archaeological site because of its historical associations with the Grange Inn and a number of other 1840s buildings which preceded the establishment of the Hamilton township. The earliest buildings on the site in 1842 were a couple of slab huts, a kitchen, a police office and a store. ⁽ⁱ⁾ In 1843 the Grange Inn (later Blackstock's Inn) was opened about 75 metres south-west of where Digby Road now crosses the Grange Burn. In 1844 a blacksmith's business was built near the inn by Robert H Heazlewood, and in late 1849 or early 1850 a store was opened nearby by David Beath, a failed pastoralist. ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ This group of early buildings is shown on the 1850 *Town of Hamilton* map and they still existed in 1948. James Blastock (c1812-58) bought the site of one acre from the Crown at auction in 1854. Today, all the buildings have been demolished, but the area remains a significant archaeological site. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution of the Town:	1840s
Early settlement:	first site
Tertiary Industry:	Early inns and stores

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

REFERENCES

Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984.
Plan of the Town of Hamilton 1850, Central Plans Office, Melbourne.

FOOTNOTES

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- ⁱ Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, pp 30-35.
ⁱⁱ Ibid., p 33.
ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid., p 32; *Plan of the Town of Hamilton 1850*, Featr. 5U, Central Plans Office, Melbourne.