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10003. Map of Lanyon

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY HERITAGE OBJECTS REGISTER

For the purpose of S16 of the Heritage Objects Act 1991, a citation for:

Map of Lanyon c 1834

has been approved by the Minister for the Arts and Heritage for entry in the Heritage Objects Register.

The date of the Instrument of Approval : 18 April 1995

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HERITAGE OBJECTS REGISTER

CITATION

Map of Lanyon c 1834

NOMINATED BY Ms Elaine Lawson, Curator, Lanyon, Department of the Environment, Land and Planning

LOCATION OF OBJECT Filing cabinet, Room 11B, First Floor, Homeworld Building, Anketell Street, Tuggeranong, ACT 2901.

DESCRIPTION

Map of Lanyon drawn in black ink and watercolour on linen depicting an area of land east of the Murrumbidgee River, and bounded by the Rob Roy Ranges and Urambi Hills. It locates land purchased by John Lanyon and James Wright and was drawn by John Lanyon c 1834.

The map describes the appearance of the land, trees and grass cover and the grazing potential beyond the limits of the "19 Counties" ie on the western banks of the Murrumbidgee River. The location of the hut, which stands today at the area now known as Point Hut, is also shown.

The map has several annotations including :

Centre left : "Road to Limestone Plains. Mouatt's Farm 10 miles"

Centre : " Government land of first rate quality no water except passing through the land purchased by Wright and myself".

Bottom centre : "Fine unoccupied country. Fine food for thousands of sheep".

Dimensions : 17.1 x 29.9 cm

CONDITION

The map has extensive discolouration but is in stable condition following conservation.

HISTORY

The map was drawn by John Lanyon, who with James Wright, was the first owner of the property "Lanyon". The property still bears John Lanyon's name.

The map is one of the earliest drawn by a landholder in this area.

It was found, with two others, by Mr Bruce Moore, a local historian now deceased, in a safe at Orroral Station in 1982. He later gave the maps to the ACT Government which arranged for the map to be treated by a professional conservator. The property, Orroral Station, had been owned by Andrew T Cunningham, who had previously owned Lanyon.

ANALYSIS AGAINST THE CRITERIA

3 An object which is evidence of a distinctive way of life, taste, tradition, religion, land use, custom, process, design or function which is no longer practised, is in danger of being lost, or is of exceptional interest.

The map is of particular significance for the information it contains relating to the land use of the area in the 1830s.

5 An object which is the only known or only comparatively intact example of its type.

The map is the only known document indicating the use of this land at the time of earliest settlement of the area. It delineates sizes of parcels of land, topographical features, roads, a hut, and describes the quality and possible use of the land.

7 An object which has strong or special associations with a person, group, event, development or cultural phase in local or national history.

The map is associated with one of the earliest land sales in the area, and is directly associated with both John Lanyon and James Wright.

9 An object which demonstrates a likelihood of providing information which will contribute significantly to a wider understanding of natural or cultural history, by virtue of its strong or special association with research or teaching or by providing evidence of a past type locality or benchmark site.

As a detailed, intact, well provenanced, accurate illustration, and the only known example of its type, the map continues to be consulted, referred to, and reproduced in all studies and publications which deal with the development of land use in this area.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The map is significant because it is a unique document of the 1830s which records details of land ownership, vegetation, natural features and land use potential of part of the ACT. It was drawn by the purchaser of part of the land, and suggests the grazing potential of the areas beyond the legal limits of settlement. It is an extremely important source for any research into history of the area, and for research in relation to the cultural landscape.

SPECIFIC CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Section 6 (d) of the *Heritage Objects Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to the retention of the heritage significance of the object :

1. The map is to be kept in a mylar envelope.
2. The map is to be held in secure storage. The storage should be locked and a nominated person made responsible for controlling and monitoring access to the map.
3. Any copies required are to be made from the existing black and white photographic negative, which should be securely conserved.

RESTRICTED INFORMATION

Not applicable

PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS

Not known

REFERENCES

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Moore, Bruce 1981 *Lanyon Saga* Canberra

Ray, P 1982 *Lanyon* prepared for the Lanyon Restoration and Acquisition Committee, Canberra.

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