

Victorian Heritage Database Report

Cottage & Entrance Gates of former Mount Noorat Homestead

**Location:**

Glenormiston Road,, NOORAT VIC 3265 - Property No B2208

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Regional

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Statement of Significance:

The Mount Noorat homestead was established in 1868 by pioneer Scottish-born settler Niel Black, following division of the historic Glenormiston run between original pastoral company partners Black, A S Finlay and T S Gladstone. Between 1873-76 Niel Black erected a Classic Revival mansion and entrance gates with a Gothic Revival gate and lodge and utilitarian stables/offices on the new estate, all to the design of fashionable Melbourne architect Charles Webb. The mansion was demolished c. 1941.

The gate lodge, entrance gates and stables/offices at Mount Noorat homestead are important surviving structures of the once prestigious estate of Western district patriarch and Scots pioneer personified, Niel Black. The picturesque Gothic Revival lodge, inventively enhanced with distinctive iron verandah, elaborate gable barge and gothic ornament is the finest gate lodge in the Western District and, together with the Classic Revival entry gates of finely axed bluestone and wrought iron, are notable works of architect Charles Webb.

The Mount Noorat estate gate lodge is carefully maintained by the Black family and occupied as the principal

homestead building. The entrance gates terminate a once impressive avenue approach and front the mansion house gardens and greenery, now abandoned.

Classified 28/11/1968

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	CORANGAMITE SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	69359
Property number	B2208

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