



## Historical Houses in Singleton

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**HISTORICAL HOUSES  
IN THE SINGLETON AREA**

### **ABBEY GREEN HOMESTEAD** Putty Road, Singleton

Built in 1861 of sand stock brick with a slate roof, this magnificent house is a distinctively Victorian building. This architectural delight features along with the homestead a woolshed, stables, an unusual octagonal building and beautiful gardens and outlook. *Abbey Green* is historically significant for its associations with George Thomas Loder III, a prominent Hunter Valley grazier and founder of an early meat preserving and canning enterprise.

### **ARDERSIER HOUSE & GARDEN** Maitland Rd, Singleton

Built in 1877 by a notable figure in Singleton's history, Singleton's first Mayor, Alexander Munro. The house was named after his birthplace in Scotland. This is a one storey brick building with iron gabled roof and attic. It is a typical High Victorian building in its planning and external form and decoration. It is well maintained and in spite of internal changes, has been kept in its original state.

### **CRAIL HOUSE** Howe Street, Singleton

*Crail House* is a single storey Georgian style cottage built in the 1870's. It has a traditional hipped iron roof and sandstock brick walls. The building foundations, lintels and verandah flagging are of sandstone. Internally there are unique marble and cedar chimney pieces. Much of the original plaster detail remains today.

### **WADE COTTAGE** 25-27 Bishopsgate Street, Singleton

This Colonial style timber cottage was built for the railway engineer William Burton Wade in 1860. His son Charles Wade was born in this cottage and later became Chief Justice and Premier of NSW. The house was purchased by John Browne in 1870 and then named *Roseville*.

### **GLENAYR** Corner of Kent & High Streets, Singleton

On the corner of Kent & High Streets stands a two storey 1870s weatherboard house with gabled iron roof and bullnosed verandah, adding to the diversity and richness of the historic townscape.

### **BAROONA HOMESTEAD** Range Road, Whittingham

Originally named *Rosemount* in 1829 by its builders and first occupiers John and Emily Larnach, *Baroona* sitting high on a rise with sensational views, was originally part of the *Castle Forbes Estate* owned by James Mudie. The significance of *Baroona* is that it is an example of a remarkably intact pastoral estate, inclusive of features dating to the 1870s. With its formal and expansive layout, *Baroona* provides evidence of the ways in which a major pastoral property functioned as a working stud farm, grazing estate and homestead of the late 19th century, as well as the social tastes and customs of a prominent pastoral family of the 19th century.

### **GLENDON HOMESTEAD** Glendon Road, Glendon

The old Colonial Georgian style homestead is noted for its associations with the early settlement and cultural life of the Hunter Valley and also its close affiliation with the pioneer settlers Helenus and Robert Scott. *Glendon Homestead* was built in two stages, in 1825 (in timber) and 1837 (in rendered masonry). Both stages are connected by a covered verandah. Outbuildings included barns, blacksmith shops, men's huts of 1833, stables and an overseer's house.

### **MINIMBAH HOUSE** Minimbah Drive, Whittingham

*Minimbah House*, built in 1877 is a large impressive country mansion of the late Victorian era. Built on a grand scale with a tranquil rural setting, *Minimbah* has an elaborate Italianate inspired design. The centre part of the house is a three storey tower with segmental domed roof which is the dominant element from the exterior. *Minimbah* has forty five rooms with original fittings, magnificent entry hall, staircase and stained glass windows.

### **BON ACCORD** 7-9 George Street, Singleton

Built in the 1870s, this two storey building is architecturally and historically significant, with stucco facade, iron roof and beautifully preserved cast iron verandah and posts, and beautiful cedar joinery inside. Romanesque arches are above the windows and doors. The building is magnificently preserved.

### **MERAH HOUSE** 259 John Street, Singleton

*Merah House* is a fine example of a large colonial residence, early Victorian in style. It is built of double sandstock brick. The house was formerly the Australian Joint Stock Bank.

### **LONSDALE RESIDENCE** 10 Dangar Road, Singleton

This high Victorian residence, with ornamental verandah and landscaped setting was built in 1902.

### **GERALDINE COTTAGE** 68 High Street, Singleton

This renovated cottage was built in 1847 and was once the Anglican School and Parsonage. Sold and extended in 1977 and then named *Geraldine*.

### **WHITE HEATHER** 11 Macquarie Street, Singleton

*White Heather* is a two storey timber residence with ornate lace verandah and magnificent structural work.

### **TERRACE TIMBER PAIR** 3 & 5 Macquarie St, Singleton

These timber and stone residences were built around the turn of the century and are good examples of the type of basic functional houses built in this era.

### **PELERIN** 11 Edinburgh Ave, Singleton

Built in the late 1830's, *Pelerin* was a two-storey stone faced building containing four bedrooms, a drawing room, lobby attached kitchen and verandah. In 1899 a storm devastated Singleton, especially Pelerin. Tenders were then called to remove the rubble from the site of the former house. The home was rebuilt for the owner C H Dight who retained the original name *Pelerin*. It is truly a rare survivor in Singleton of a grand Victorian villa that dominates its surroundings.

### **GREENWOOD** Greenwood Ave, Singleton

*Greenwood* was designed by a local architect in 1888 and is a two storey Boom style country mansion. *Greenwood* contains cast iron decorated verandahs, magnificent front door with etched panels and sidelights, a beautiful staircase, decorative plaster details, marble and tiled fireplaces. Remains of the original beautiful Victorian garden still exist.

### **HAMBLEDON HILL HOUSE**

Hambledon Hill Road, Maison Dieu

Completed in 1865, *Hambledon Hill House* holds considerable local significance as records show the property as a free grant made to Edward, Henry and William Nowland (brothers) in 1824. Surrounding gardens are also of historical significance as several of the trees are believed to be over 130 years old. *Hambledon Hill House* is a two storey residence built of sandstock brick on stone foundations, with a hipped slate roof, a deep stone paved verandah, small paned windows, louver shutters and French doors opening on to the cast iron balustraded balcony which is typical of the transition period from late Georgian to the Victorian era. The house was once described as "very large to all appearance on entering, yet most conveniently and well arranged despite its twenty nine rooms".

### **NEOTSFIELD HOMESTEAD**

Racecourse Road, Whittingham

Built for Henry Dangar, an assistant government surveyor in the 1830's named after his birth place, St Neot in Cornwall. *Neotsfield* is one of the oldest established homesteads within the Singleton area. The main residential building is two stories high and consists of 29 rooms with adjoining stables and servants' quarters. *Neotsfield* has been described as being Regency in architectural design with complementing Victorian trimmings, wide paved verandahs and balcony. When Henry Dangar passed away his son William inherited the property. William was interested in improving the homestead by making additions such as a larger billiard room, a balcony across the front of the house overlooking the garden and new stables.