



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02495
2. **NAME** *Oakover* (1835-36; c. 1850s; 1860s; 1880s; c.1900; 1921 onwards)
OTHER NAMES *Oakover Homestead, Stable & Barn*
3. **LOCATION** Dale Road, Middle Swan
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That portion of Lot 13 on Diagram 15576, being part of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1135 Folio 135 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 2495 (Revision 3 and dated 19/11/07) prepared by Warren King & Company and Midland Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Swan
6. **OWNER** John Edwin Roe
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Permanent Entry	07/12/2007
• National Trust Classification:		06/02/1978
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	15/06/1997
• Register of the National Estate:		21/10/1980
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Oakover, a farm homestead complex comprising a Victorian Georgian style brick and corrugated iron house (c.1860s, c.1880s; and 1920s), a mud brick barn (c.1850s) and stone, brick and corrugated iron stables (c.1860-70s), and loft/case shed (c.1900), a well (1835-36) and an artefact scatter, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is significant as a traditionally laid out 19th century farm homestead complex in the Swan Valley, in which the various elements provide a demonstration of vernacular farm building construction pertinent to their respective purposes and demonstrate 19th century building techniques which are no longer practiced;

the place continues to function as a homestead for a working vineyard, maintaining its historic association with viticulture and the wine industry in this State from the 1843, when the first vines were planted, to the present day;

the place and the surrounding property have been owned, worked and occupied by the families of some of the earliest European settlers, most notably Samuel Moore and his descendants, and the Ferguson and Roe families, descendants of Surveyor General John Septimus Roe and Dr John Ferguson, whose properties of 'Sandalford' and 'Houghton' are synonymous with the development of the Western Australian wine industry in the 19th and 20th centuries; and,

the well preserved archaeological site at the place contains some of the earliest physical remains of the Swan River Colony's rural development.

The infilling of the verandah to the house, fences, and cladding to the loft/case shed are of little significance.