



HERITAGE
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Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2884
2. **NAME** *Marwick's Shed* (c.1876)
3. **LOCATION** 19-21 Newcastle Street, York
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
York Town Lot 130 on Plan 5606 (sheet 1), being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1419 Folio 590.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of York
6. **OWNER** Gordon William Marwick
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 13/07/2001
Permanent Entry 23/11/2001
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 05/03/1985
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 31/12/1995
 - Register of the National Estate: Permanent 21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Marwick's Shed, a large timber framed vernacular building with relatively low masonry external walls and a dominant pitched roof clad in galvanised corrugated iron, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a rare example of local 19th century vernacular construction techniques, particularly the employment of a timber structure to create a large volume without internal load-bearing walls;

the place exemplifies the strategic location of York as a route for transporting supplies to the goldfields prior to the completion of the Perth-Coolgardie railway line;

the place has aesthetic value. Its form is unusual but evidently vernacular and, having acquired patina through many years of exposure to the elements, the building has a rustic appearance that relates harmoniously with the surrounding landscape;

the place functioned as an early form of depot for William Marwick's York-based road haulage business and as such is a memorial to the lives of William Marwick (snr) and his descendants who have played a leading role in the civic and business affairs of York for over 125 years;

within the context of Newcastle Street, York, *Marwick's Shed* is one of the more prominent and memorable visual elements, serving as a local landmark; and,

the place is a rare building type. Few vernacular structures of similar form and age are known to exist in Western Australia.