



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Interim Entry

1. **NUMBER** 2468
2. **NAME** *Welbourne House*
3. **LOCATION** 43 Market Street, Guildford
4. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

The house stands on allotment No 14 which was first assigned to Spencer Trimmer in March 1830 and then acquired by John Welbourne in 1842. John Welbourne arrived in Western Australia on August 23, 1829 in the 'Marquis of Anglesea'. He arrived in Guildford in 1833 where he held a variety of jobs - Constable of Police, postmaster, builder and undertaker. During that time he built and owned the Stirling Arms Hotel.

The house was built in the 1840s. In 1853 it was rented by the Rev William Dacres Williams as a schoolhouse. John Welbourne conducted his building and undertaking businesses in buildings now demolished, which stood at the rear of the house. About 1890 the house was sold to Stephen Gardiner, Master of the Government Boys' School in Guildford from 1866.

At present the house has a front verandah which leads straight through the front door into the sitting room which has a central fireplace framed by a simple and elegant mantel. The curious thing is that the interior wall opposite the entrance has a window with a typical outer frame opening into another room behind.

On the left hand side of the sitting room there are two more rooms with another two at the rear of them. Another unusual thing is that one of the back rooms has a gable roof facing the front which may be the evidence of stages of the house's development such as later additions built onto one side and at the rear.

There is a cellar under one of the side rooms which is entered from outside and the entrance is shaded by a small canopy. On the left side of the cellar entrance is a large and deep alcove of, as yet, unexplained function.

A two storey house 'Almond Grove' was situated to the south of Welbourne House and was demolished in the early 1960s.

The present, and later, stone front fence is not included in this assessment.

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Swan
6. **OWNER**
7. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE (ASSESSMENT IN DETAIL)**

The place has been assessed by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and has been entered in the Register held by that body as a classified building with the following statement of significance:

Welbourne is one of the oldest houses in the area and contributes greatly to the harmonious streetscape and the historic significance of the Market Street Precinct.

It represents the simple colonial cottage with handmade bricks, original joinery, remaining parts of shingled roof and the overall solid construction which is still very much intact.

The house is better known as the home of John Welbourne who was an active man in Guildford in 1833-1890.

**8. REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES
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9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition