



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01173
2. **NAME** *Old Halls Creek Post Office Ruins* (1889)
FORMER NAMES Halls Creek Post Office
3. **LOCATION** Connor Street, Old Halls Creek Townsite
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Halls Creek Lots 38 and 39, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1199 Folio 750.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Halls Creek
6. **OWNER** Mary Elizabeth Taylor.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 09/01/1998
Permanent Entry 07/04/1998
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 03/09/1984
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 30/06/1996
 - Register of the National Estate: Nominated 19/04/1985
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Old Halls Creek Post Office Ruins, the ruins of a single-storey building of mud brick construction, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is the only substantial remnant of the original Halls Creek townsite, which is associated with the first discovery of payable gold in Western Australia;

the method of construction of the building, utilising a vernacular material - antbed mixed with spinifex - is most unusual in a civic building; the place is evidence of the establishment of communications infrastructure to remote areas of the State;

the site has considerable potential to contribute to the future study of the archaeology of a remote early township and of knowledge regarding the qualities of the construction material; and,

The ruin is of considerable sentimental importance to the community and contributes to the community's sense of place.