



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES
PERMANENT ENTRY**

1. **DATA BASE No.** 25841
2. **NAME** *Camel Station, Sandstone* (1908, c.1920-1927)
FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES) Dromedary Hills Station
3. **LOCATION** Dromedary Hills, Sandstone
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Portion of Reserve 29839
 2. Portion of Lot 4260 on Deposited Plan 220701, being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 3085 Folio 445; Portion of unnamed Road Reserve together as shown on HC Curtilage Map P25841-0
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Sandstone
6. **OWNER AT PERMANENT REGISTRATION**
 1. State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
Management Order Holder: Murchison Regional Vermin Council)
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7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 06/03/2018
Permanent Entry 31/08/2018
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION 38 OR 59 OF THE ACT**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Camel Station, Sandstone, comprising a collection of buildings in a ruinous state, including a vernacular stone residence, associated timber structures, a timber lined well and a concrete tank, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place demonstrates the expansion of Non-Indigenous settlement into the arid interior of the state, and is a rare example of the government's establishment of camel farms to breed pack and draft animals servicing station outposts;

the place is associated with an infamous crime; the 'Murchison Murders' of Louis Carron, James Ryan and George Lloyd by 'Snowy' Rowles between 1929 and 1931; the concealment of which was based on the concept of the 'perfect murder' developed by author Arthur Upfield in his book *The Sands of Windee*; and,

the place demonstrates the nature of remote living, in particular the simple construction methods employed to create the station living quarters.