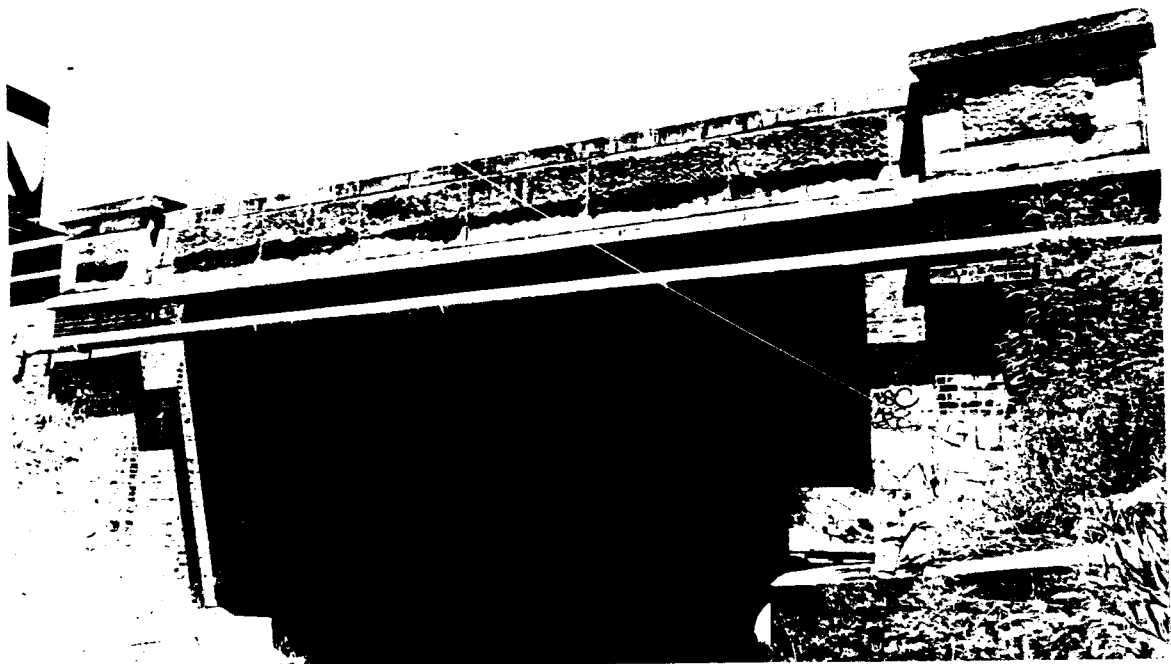


ASHFIELD HERITAGE STUDY

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NAME Battle Bridge	REFERENCE NO. 213
OTHER NAMES	REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
LOCALITY / SUBURB Summer Hill POSTCODE 2130	ZONING N/A
STREET ADDRESS Parramatta Road, at Hawthorne Canal	OWNER S.R.A.
MAP REFERENCE	BOUNDARY / IDENTIFICATION The bridge only
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS/HISTORICAL NOTES - SEE OVER	
CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY
EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE	
Historic: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Aesthetic: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Social: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific: Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
Other: Rare <input type="checkbox"/>	Associative <input type="checkbox"/> Representative <input type="checkbox"/>
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	
* A fine functional structure of sandstone forming one of the most important bridges in the Municipality.	
SITE CONDITION	
Intact <input type="checkbox"/>	
Minor Alteration <input type="checkbox"/>	
Major Alteration <input type="checkbox"/>	
- Sympathetic <input type="checkbox"/>	
- Unsympathetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Removed (site only) <input type="checkbox"/>	



PHOTOGRAPHS	DATE OF SURVEY
BandW ROLL 91-052-4 NEG NO. 16 and 17	11/11/91
COLOUR SLIDES ROLL FRAME NO.	SURVEYOR
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HERITAGE LISTINGS <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Register of the National Estate (AHC) - Interim <input type="checkbox"/> Register of National Trust (NSW) <input type="checkbox"/> Within National Trust Conservation Area <input type="checkbox"/> Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture (RAIA) <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Public Works Heritage and Conservation Register <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Permanent Conservation Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Interim Conservation Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Section 130 Order <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Council Register - Nomination <input type="checkbox"/> NSW Government Department Heritage Register (S170 Heritage Act) <input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Engineers (NSW) Heritage Register <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Local Environmental Plan Heritage Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PERIOD Pre - 1800 <input type="checkbox"/> 1800 - 1825 <input type="checkbox"/> 1825 - 1850 <input type="checkbox"/> 1851 - 1875 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1876 - 1900 <input type="checkbox"/> 1901 - 1925 <input type="checkbox"/> 1926 - 1950 <input type="checkbox"/> 1951 - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Post - 1975 <input type="checkbox"/>	REFERENCE NO. 213 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1873 ARCHITECT/DESIGNER: Not known BUILDER: Not known
	HISTORICAL THEMES: State Themes: Surveyors and land tenures. The transport network. Local Themes: A tale of two roads.	

HISTORICAL NOTES

It is recorded that in 1808 logs of ironbark and blue gum were laid across Long Cove Creek where it was crossed by the road to Parramatta. By 1873, the condition of the the old bridge had become hazardous, resulting in the erection of stone bridge which remains today as the core of a larger structure erected when Parramatta Road was widened in the 1920s. It is reported that the bridge received its name due to the fact that nearby "a patch of bush had been cleared where fist fights... were regularly held".

INFORMATION SOURCES:

Written: Speed The Plough, pps 31, 32; SMH 18/6/1873

Oral:

Graphic: Speed The Plough, p. 31.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Materials: Sandstone vault and retaining walls, stone balustrading, brick and stone abutments.

Exterior:

Interior:

Styles

DESCRIPTION:

The original bridge comprised a very fine segmental vault of large sandstone ashlars supported on stone and brick retaining walls. One end of the original vault is visible beneath the later superstructure added to widen Parramatta Road. It is in the form of a heavily Rusticated Florentine arch with axe faced and margined voussoirs.

MODIFICATION:

Bridge widened by means of a steel girder system above which one of the original balustrade walls was rebuilt after the road level was raised. There is slight deterioration of the vault soffit but the stonework generally is in good condition.