

Hambleton Cottage -63 Hassall Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150

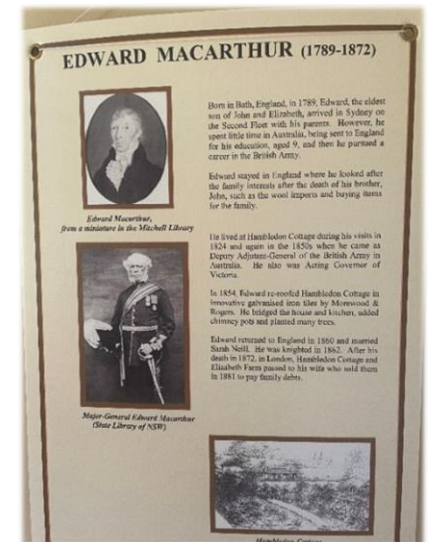
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Hambleton Cottage (inspired by Hambleton in Surrey, England) was built in 1824 as part of the extensive Elizabeth Farm Estate owned by pastoralist and entrepreneur John Macarthur. The building was designed in the elegant Colonial Georgian style. It was constructed largely by convict labour using locally made bricks and Australian cedar. It was built to provide additional accommodation for the growing Macarthur family and their frequent visitors to Elizabeth Farm.

Over nearly two centuries the cottage survived changing ownership, urban development, and periods when many similar colonial buildings disappeared. The Cottage is now a heritage-listed house museum located at Hassall Street, Parramatta (Harris Park). It is operated by the Parramatta and District Historical Society, Australia's oldest local historical society, and contains period furnishings that recreate life in the nineteenth century.

Hambleton Cottage is a reminder of Parramatta's transformation from a rural colonial settlement to a major modern city. When the cottage was built in 1824, residents relied on wells, tanks, and local water sources. Today it sits within a fully serviced urban environment, making it an excellent example of how domestic life, water supply, and municipal services have evolved over two centuries.

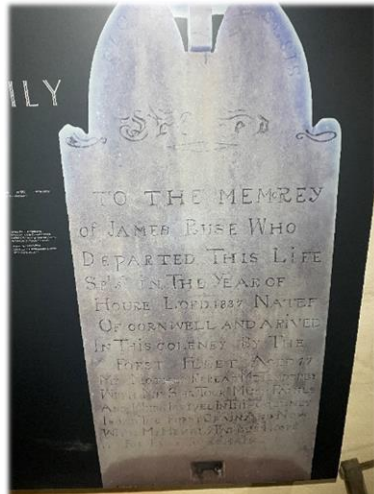
Alex & Erica from the HWMM visited the site in December 2025 and after an extensive search located the Water Meter near the property boundary.



Inside the locked cage is a **25mm Elster PSM/V100 Rotary piston PD Water Meter**



Like most early properties, Experiment Farm relied on its own water supply, with a well fed by rainwater collected from rooftop catchments.



James Ruse Tombstone,



Cork Oak Tree was planted by the MacArthur's in 1870.

