

## Longbeach Estate Item I

### Butchery



#### Location

<b>Address:</b>	1034 Lower Beach Road, Ashburton
<b>Co-ordinates:</b>	Northing 5678578 , Easting 2404659
<b>Legal Description:</b>	Lot 2 DP 39648 (CT CB18K/390), Canterbury Land District
<b>Owner:</b>	Longbeach Estate Ltd.

#### Purpose

<b>Current Use:</b>	Vacant
<b>Original/Past Uses:</b>	Butchery/meat shop

#### Heritage Significance and Category

<b>Heritage Significance:</b>	Physical; Historic
<b>Heritage NZ:</b>	Not registered
<b>Ashburton DC:</b>	Category B

#### Site Assessment

<b>Assessed by:</b>	Arlene Baird, Davie Lovell-Smith Ltd.
<b>Date Assessed:</b>	9 December 2014

Detail	
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The old Longbeach Estate butchery/meat shop is a small building constructed of brick walls and a corrugated iron roof. The bricks for this and other Estate buildings were made on the Estate when John Grigg established a brickworks to provide field bricks for the drainage system he was creating.</p> <p>The building is formed of three sections, the largest being to the east nearest the cookshop and is orientated with gables to the west and east. It appears this may have started as a smaller building and been added to. This section has older bricks and a deep segmental brick arch lintel over the door. All other doors and windows have straight concrete lintels. This wing has one vent style window on the eastern elevation and three on the northern elevation.</p> <p>To the west is a lower brick wing which is oriented with gables to the north and south – this is joined to the other wing by a central brick connection, resulting in three entrance doors all opening to a porch area to the southern side of the building. This section has four vent windows to the west, one to the north and a glazed small pane sash-opening window to the south (front).</p> <p>This building is no longer used and has evident structural deterioration.</p>
<b>History:</b>	<p>John Grigg was born in Cornwall in 1828 and moved to New Zealand in 1854. At first Grigg lived in Auckland but by his mid-30s he moved south with his wife Martha, their children (of which there were eventually 6) and his siblings. The land was described as Valueless Bog on the Lands Office Map in 1864. This was to become Longbeach and total 32,000 acres stretching from the Ashburton River in the North to the Hinds River in the South, and from the Pacific Ocean on the East to the present North/South Railway in the West.</p> <p>The Grigg family, including John's sisters, step-sisters and brother, lived in Christchurch for several years while work began on draining the swamp and establishing dwellings. He purchased the Chertsey Accommodation House and transported it by bullock wagon through the Ashburton River to the farm. The family arrived in a convoy of horses and wagons across the swamp in 1872.</p> <p>The Station was a self-supporting Community with its own Post Office, School, General Store, Flourmill, Brickworks, Church, Smithy, Bakery, Cookhouse as well as Stables, Cowsheds, Pig Sties, Woolshed, most of these buildings still remain today.</p> <p>In 1882 Longbeach was put up for sale, due to the amicable end of the agreement between Thomas and John. John purchased back 16,000 hectares and 13,000 sheep. With the frozen export trade firmly in his sights, he grew that number to 37,000 in 12 years and concentrated on lamb fattening. John was also interested in dairying and his son JCN Grigg, was sent to source the best dairy cattle he could find. He settled on Dutch Friesian cattle, descendants of which are still important in local dairy herds today.</p> <p>Longbeach has remained in the same family, passing from John Grigg, to J.C.N. Grigg, to his son J. H. Grigg, who in turn passed it on to his daughter and son in law Virginia and David Thomas, and today it is farmed by their son Bill Thomas, his wife Penny and their four children. Bill was just 23 when he took over running Longbeach from his mother Virginia and her husband David Thomas in 1985.</p> <p>Today the Longbeach Cookshop is set up as a function venue for wedding receptions, special family events and corporate functions.</p>



Detail	
<b>Notable features:</b>	Brick construction; deep segmental arched lintel over one door.
<b>Condition:</b>	The former butchery is in a moderate condition with structural issues evident. The roof appears in good condition, a little rusted but watertight. The brickwork is good in some areas and showing cracking, movement and weathering in other areas. The section of brickwork beside the door with the segmental arch lintel is weathered and has lost much of its mortar. As has a section on the bottom of the eastern gable of this wing. The western elevation of the building has large cracks running at an angle to and from one of the windows and there is some movement in the window sill. There are also large cracks evident in the southern gable. The paintwork has been kept tidy and well maintained.
<b>Setting</b>	The building is located in the heart of the Estate buildings, between the cookshop to the north east (heritage item J) and the draught stables to the south west (item H). It sits right on the roadside. The setting is of high importance due to the building's relationship with the homestead and other Estate buildings.





