

SPRINGFIELD

38 DARLING POINT ROAD, DARLING POINT

Springfield, on the western slopes of Darling Point, was built on land originally granted to Thomas Oakes in 1833.

Built in the late 1840s, or early 1850s, and named after a natural spring on the land, *Springfield* was originally a single storied stone cottage surrounded by a broad verandah. It featured long front windows with cedar shutters and a particularly fine example of an eight panelled front door under a diamond patterned fanlight.

The first recorded resident of *Springfield* was Samuel Smyth, who lived there in the late 1850s. Smyth was a businessman who had connections with the *Sydney Maritime Assurance Company*.

After Smyth left *Springfield* in 1861 there were a series of short term residents including Richard Rogers, 1863/4, and Captain and Mrs Throgmorton, c1870.

In the early 1870s *Springfield* was sold to the auctioneer R.P. Richardson who greatly enlarged the house by adding a second story to it. After living there for some years he then sold *Springfield* to Thomas Alcock in 1879. *Springfield* remained in the Alcock family until 1899 when it again went through a series of occupants.

In 1907 the house and grounds, approximately two acres, were subdivided into 8 blocks, and in 1918 *Springfield* was purchased by David Cohen. Cohen put much effort into restoring *Springfield* and the house remained in the Cohen family until well into the 1950s.

Photographs of *Springfield* taken in the late 1950s show that despite the many extensions and alterations to the house the ground floor was still recognisable as the cottage it had once been.

The house was finally demolished in 1971 to make way for a home unit development.

DARLING POINT

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Springfield Estate 1907

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