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Name:	Drystone wall
Category:	Fence
Location:	Beside Germain Rd, Lanefield and on other paddock boundaries in the vicinity
RPD:	Various, but runs partly along CH31599/540
Listing boundary:	Walls (stone fences) only
Other listings:	-
Significance level:	Identified Item of Interest

History: In Europe, drystone walls were commonly the result of clearing fields; the stones removed from the field were formed into a drystone boundary fence.

This type of wall is uncommon in Australia where the ready availability of timber allowed fences to be constructed quickly compared with the skilled and time-consuming process of fitting stones together.

This wall and others in the area are believed to have been built by the Coulson family in the 1870s.

Description: The wall beside Germain Rd is the most easily seen; it is a typical drystone wall with one intact section and some ruined sections; there are other boundary walls nearby.

Significance:
Identified Item of Interest

Associated items:

References: Information from Mr Jack Downing

Comments: Mr Downing states that Greet Rd was originally named Coulson Rd after the Coulson family whose farm was on this road. The Coulsons were an important local family.

Note: This report has been prepared on the basis of evidence examined by the study team and seeks to identify the most important heritage values of the item. The purpose of this report is to provide an initial evaluation. If any action is planned which might affect the cultural heritage significance of this place, advice should be sought through the Ipswich City Council Heritage Advisory Service.

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