

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 674 Nugent Road Wattle Hill ?		UPI: 2904341	PID: 0
Name: JOHN WALKER'S HUT (RELOCATED)			
Feature Type:	Structure Type: Hut	Site Feature Type:	Dating:
		Access Restrictions:	Restricted
		Inspection Date:	November 96 D Parham
		Style:	Victorian Georgian
		Grid ref:	5426 552100 5264800
Indication of Significance: Possible significance		Theme: Primary Production	
Material:	Timber siding	Corrugated iron	Listings:
Condition:	Excellent	Good	
Integrity:	Intact		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index:	21:7
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A building of weatherboard and corrugated iron construction moved in three sections from an adjacent property (Saddle Rock).

HISTORY:

The hut is sited on the original grant to John Walker, dated 1828.

The first structure was of pit sawn timber with framing studs tenoned into the top and bottom plates. It was brick nogged, clad with hand sawn weatherboards (hand planed with moulded bottom edge) and possibly split linings with scrim & paper. It had a single large fireplace and high vaulted ceiling with shingle roof. It was of one or two rooms and may date from the 1830s.

An addition was made within 5-10 years using the same construction technique but with a lower vaulted ceiling lined with wide lap jointed hand planed and moulded pine boards. The walls of this addition were also brick nogged and the end room featured an internal brick fireplace. Studs were removed from the end wall of kitchen. The side wall of the addition formed a partition with a doorway and step down into the bedroom. It formed two separate structures.

The hut was dismantled and moved at some stage to a site nearer Iron Creek on the same property. This site is known as Saddle Rock. It was re-erected without brick nogging and with two fireplaces replacing the original single fire place in the end of the kitchen. Verandahs were either reinstated or added at this time.

Two bedrooms were added by D(?) Quinn, a local builder, in c1900. It was in typical Edwardian style with lath and plaster lining, high dado ceilings and back to back centre fireplaces. The old verandah became the hallway and the kitchen windows swapped sides (this may have already occurred).

The hut remained in the Walker family till 1980 when Johnnie Walker died and the estate was sold. It remained vacant and at risk from that time until it was purchased and moved in three sections to the current site in the 1990s.

BOUNDARY:

COMMENTS:

The site is possibly significant as an example of Colonial architecture (albeit extensively modified over time). It is typical of many structures in the district in that it was not only modified over time to suit changing needs but moved to several different locations.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Pembroke 2/10 Survey Plan

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Doug & Marg Walker (tel; 6265 2263), also Ken Gatehouse lived there until he was 8 years old (tel; 'Mayfield' 6265 2366).