

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 2029 Nugent Road Nugent 7172		UPI: 2902036	PID: 5937839
Name: FORMER NUGENT STORE AND POST OFFICE			
Feature Type:	Structure Type: House	Dating:	1916 - 1945 c1920
	Post Office	Access Restrictions:	Restricted
	Shop	Inspection Date:	October 96 Ian Terry
	Garage	Style:	Victorian Italianate
		Grid ref:	5627 561500 5270800
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Postal Service Building Settlements and Towns	
Material:	Timber siding	Corrugated iron	Listings:
Condition:	Fair	Deteriorated	
Integrity:	Disturbed or damaged		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index:	16: 15, 18-20
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A small complex of buildings including a fine single storey late Victorian weatherboard house with two front facing gables. The roof is of corrugated iron and the gables form the former main entrance to the house with a door in the centre surmounted by a square headed top light. The rear of the house is hipped roofed wing running perpendicular to the gables.

A plain gabled building behind the house and adjacent to the road is the former post office and shop. Behind the former post office is a slab garage with bush posts that currently houses an old tractor. The garage is on a precarious lean and is propped up by a length of timber. A mature willow separates the garage from a now derelict separating shed.

Across the road is an overgrown slab dairy with the milling stalls still evident and the cooler in a small adjoining room.

HISTORY:

Located on J Townsend's 1859 selection of 99 acres made under the 1858 Waste Lands Act the house was built by Charles Butterworth after his return from World War I. He operated the shop and former post office and shop until the 1930s when Mrs Wiggins took over the role of postmistress. The shop was the main shop in the district. At its peak the shop featured a verandah at the front while the house had verandahs at the front and side with decorative brackets to the posts. The dairy was built in the 1930s by the present owner's father but fell into disuse after World War Two when the dairy industry in the district collapsed.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by Nugent Rd and the immediate house and garage environs.

COMMENTS:

The house is of architectural significance as a fine post World War I house in a rural district. The post office is of historic significance and possibly of some social significance. It reflects the former spread of government services and the hints at the larger population once centred around Nugent. The garage has some technical significance as a good example of a now lost building technology while the dairy and separating shed have historic interest as remnants of a once flourishing primary industry in the district.

The house and post office should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Pem 3a/57, plan 44 (survey plans)

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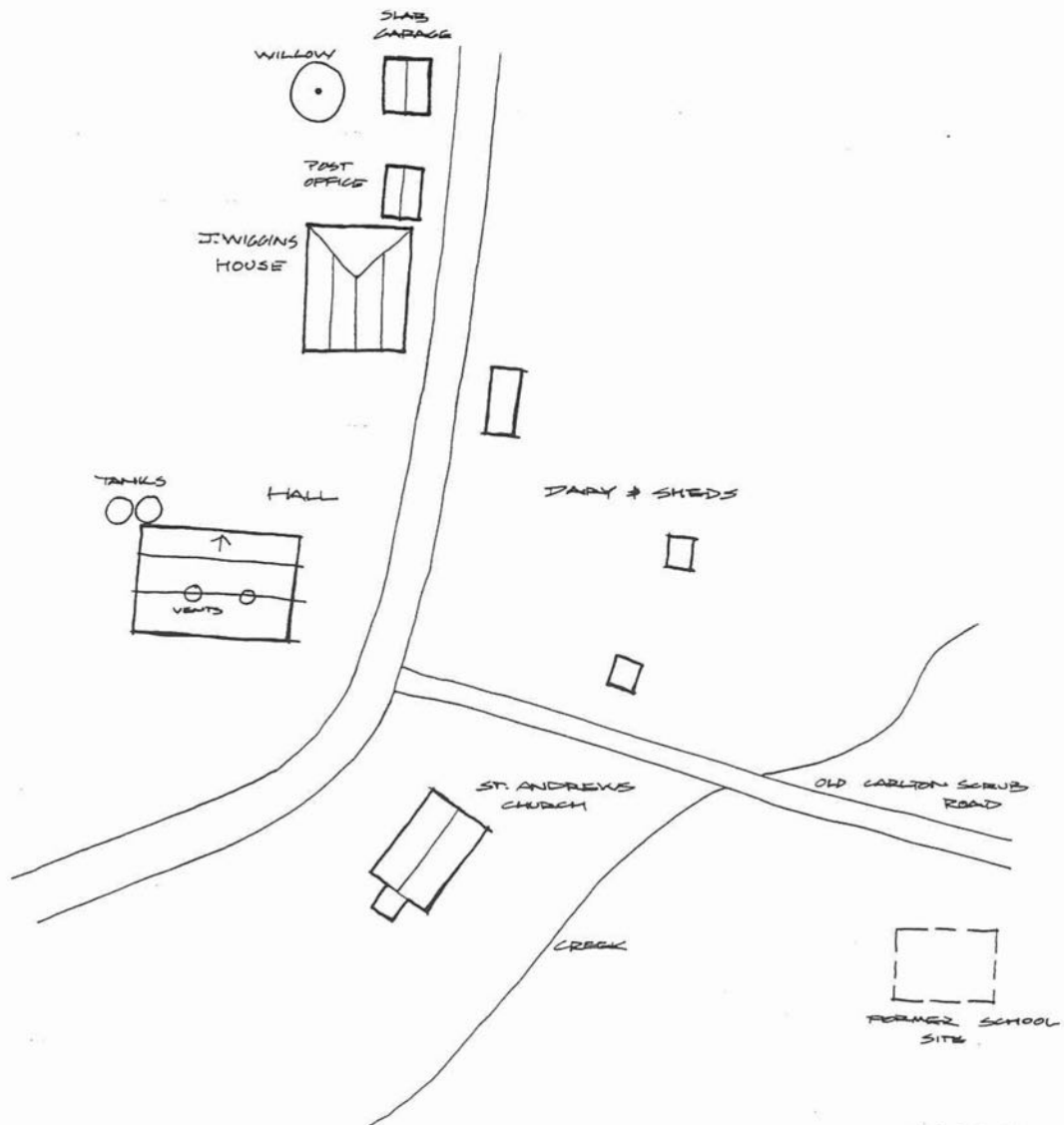
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