

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 8 Gordon Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902751	PID: 5933889
Name: DAVID HILDYARD'S HOUSE			
Feature Type: House	Structure Type	Dating:	1830 - 1890 c1840
	Site Feature Type	Access Restrictions:	Not available
		Inspection Date:	October 96 P Davies
		Style:	Colonial Georgian
	Grid ref:	5462 545900 5263000	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Building Settlement and Towns	
Material:	Brick Corrugated iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3	
Condition:	Deteriorated		
Integrity:	Intact		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 C2 D2 E1	Photograph Index:	2:25-26
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A largely intact Georgian 2 storey house retaining its setting and form but in very poor condition. The exterior is now painted over face brick, the layout is symmetrical with a central door and pairs of 6 pane windows on either side. The lower walls have been rendered to cover damp which is now in bad condition and there is substantial cracking in the building. The building has typical Georgian detailing with shaped brick lintels to openings and brick chimneys. There is a small skillion to the rear in brick.

HISTORY:

Said to be an 1827 public house for which Daniel Long gained a licence in the mid 1820s. However an 1832 town plan shows that Long had premises on the corner of Gordon and Cole Sts and that there was no building on the site at 8 Gordon St. An 1839 plan notes that the allotment was being used as a brickfield while an 1842 plan shows a building on the site which had been granted to David Hildyard. In the same year Hildyard is recorded as living in a brick house in Gordon St so it can be assumed that the building was erected between 1839 and 1842. It is said that the building was later used as a hotel, possibly the Royal. This was unable to be confirmed, although David Hildyard is recorded as having held a publican's licence.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property and forms part of the wider, Gordon St, conservation precinct.

COMMENTS:

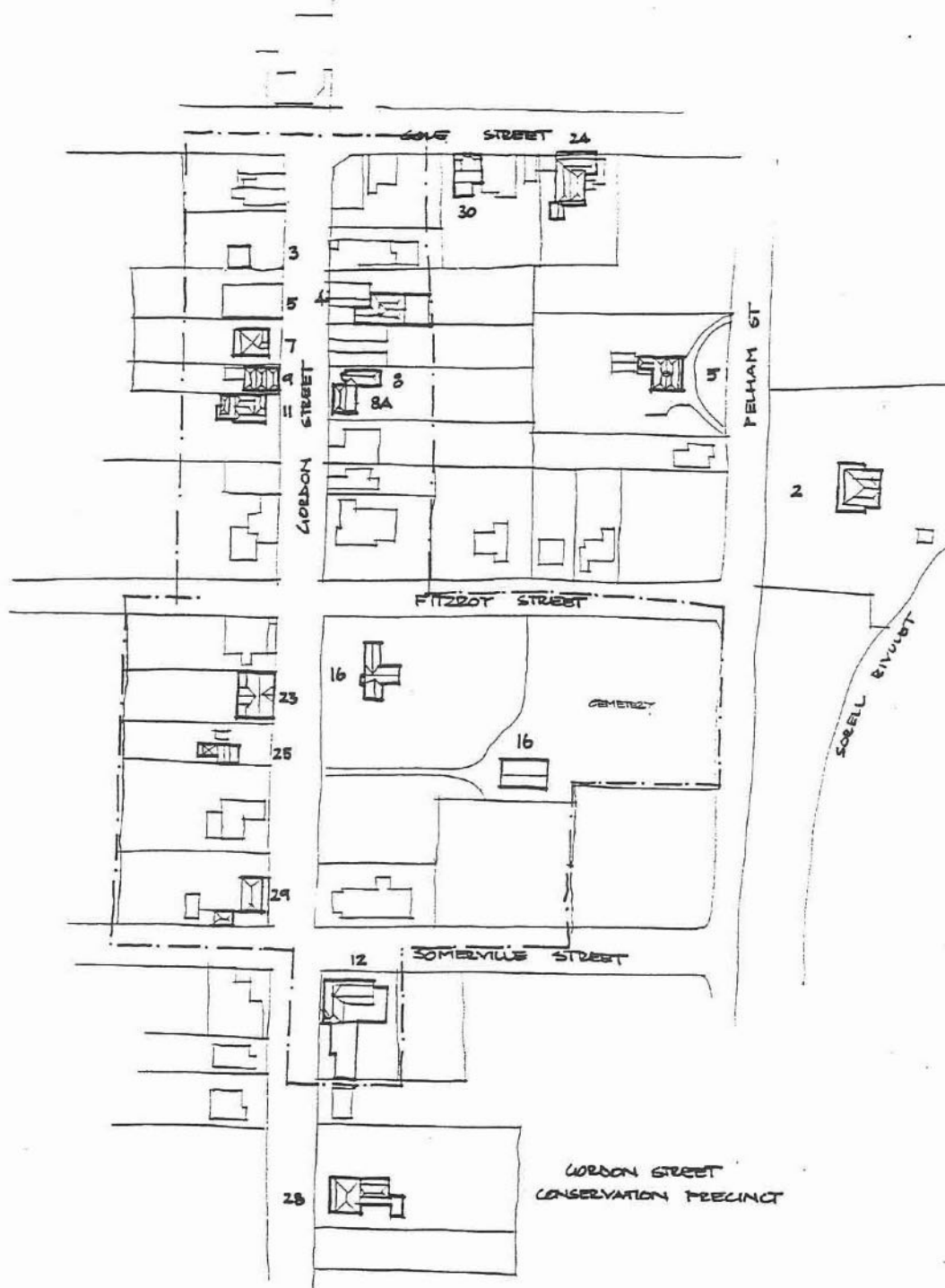
A very important and significant building in the town and a rare surviving very early building in the main street that indicates the scale of development of the early town. It is a well detailed and finely scaled building of modest proportion and provides a good contrast to the more substantial buildings that have tended to survive from the early town settlement.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2 and E1 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should continue to be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme and should be nominated for inclusion in the Tasmanian Heritage Register and the Register of the National Estate.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

LSD 1/23/358
S/31 (Old Town Plan - 1842)
S/35 (Old Town Plan - 1832)

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