

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 248 Pawleena Road Pawleena 7172		UPI: 2901248	PID: 7187154
Name: CORNHILL			
Feature Type: House	Structure Type	Dating: 1813+	
	Site Feature Type	Access Restrictions: Restricted	
		Inspection Date: J McCarthy September 96	
		Style: Victorian Georgian	
		Grid ref: 5426 547460 5265280	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production	
Material:	Timber siding Corrugated iron	Listings: SMC Schedule 3 National Trust	
Condition:	Good Good		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 C2 D2 E1 F1	Photograph Index: 24: 12 - 15	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

This is a weatherboard house with distinctive curved tops to the upper dormer style windows. There is a verandah along the front which has a new concrete floor and features wrought iron lace work; there are two bay windows astride a centrally placed front door; this has etched glass side and top panels. The house has three distinct parts with a rear courtyard.

The roofs are hipped corrugated galvanized iron. There are two outbuildings immediately to the rear of the house - toilet and laundry? There is a board and batten milking shed with a gabled roof to the north which the owner says is approx 40 years old. There is also a modern carport and garage to the north of the house. There is a barn to the rear (east) which the owner says is made from second hand materials and is not in itself old.

There was reputedly an old house located near the oak tree to the north of the main house. The owner has found paving and other material in this area while planting fruit trees.

The barn to the north on the neighbouring block was once part of Cornhill.

HISTORY:

Probably built before 1858 on land granted to AWH Humphreys in 1813. Humphreys soon relinquished the property after having his haystacks fired by bushrangers wishing to deter him in his role as Police Magistrate. In 1815 Samuel Bates owned some of the property although in 1829 the entire 400 acres were purchased by John Birchall. In 1842 there were 39 people living on the property.

From the late 1840s the property passed through a number of hands until it was advertised for sale in 1861 when it was described as follows:

This fine property adjoins the thriving township of Sorell, and is well watered by the Sorell Rivulet. The improvements consist of a dwelling house, barn, stabling, and usual farm buildings, and 450 acres of strong corn land under cultivation divided into paddocks about 50 acres each, most substantially fenced . . . The remaining portion of the Estate consists of fine land, and may with little cost be brought under cultivation and the whole is pronounced to be the best agricultural estate in this celebrated grain growing district.

The property was acquired at around this time by Edward Marshall, a prominent local farmer who also served as an alderman and warden of the council.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the structure itself.

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COMMENTS:

The house is a distinctive and historic element in the Pawleena Valley. It probably dates to the 1840s and is of extremely high significance as rare surviving example of an unusual form of early 19th century architecture. It has the ability to demonstrate the early settlement and primary production phases of Tasmania's history as well as representing what was a distinctive way of life.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2, E1 and F1 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.

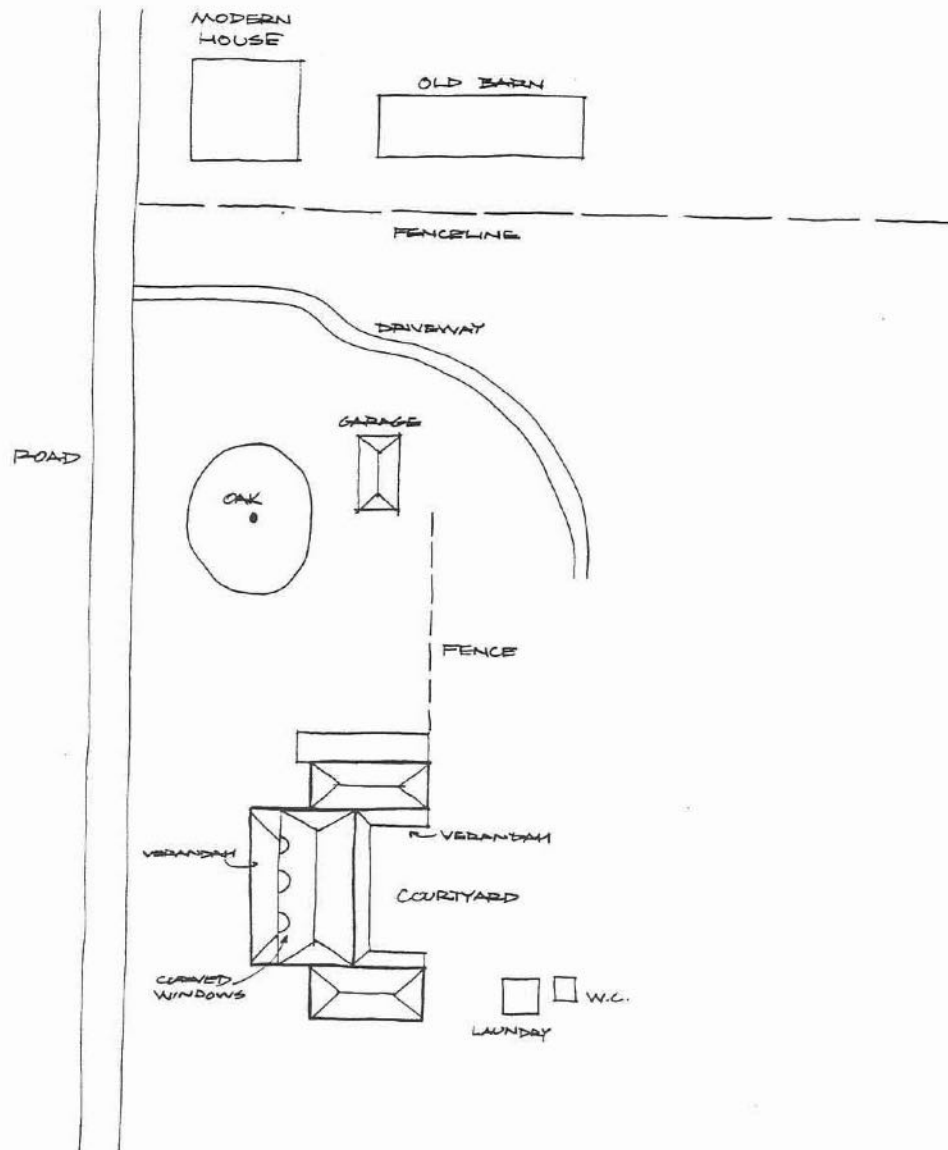
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