

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 120 Masons Road Nugent 7172		UPI: 2900714	PID: 5937118
Name: FERN BANKS			
Feature Type: House Stable	Structure Type	Dating: 1830 - 1890 c1850	
	Site Feature Type	Access Restrictions: Restricted	
		Inspection Date: October 96 Ian Terry	
		Style: vernacular	
		Grid ref: 5627 560200 5270490	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production	
Material:	Timber siding Tile	Listings:	
Condition:	Good Deteriorated		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria: A4 B2 C2		Photograph Index: 16: 29 - 32	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A c1916 weatherboard house clad with pseudo brick sheeting with a similarly clad c1850 cottage at the rear. The roof of the earlier structure is hipped and is clad with shingles, corrugated iron and most recently tin tiles. It features an interior tent ceiling. The later house has tin tiles and is hipped in form worth two gabled sections.

There is also a large slab and paling stable adjacent to the road with a gabled corrugated iron roof. The stable is in deteriorated condition and is in imminent danger of collapse.

HISTORY:

The c1860s building is said to have been erected by Edwin Tasman Reardon, one of the first settlers in the district. The later addition was built by Jack Gregson during the First World War. The stable was erected by Andrew Wiggins in c1924 using recycled materials from other farm buildings. The current owners are descendent of the original owner of the property.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the fences to the north, east and west of the house and Masons Rd.

COMMENTS:

The c1850 section of the house has historic significance as the oldest building in the district, possibly built by its first European settler, Edward 'tasmania' Reardon.

Fernbanks meets Criteria A4, B2 and C2 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should 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:

Pem 59/4 (survey plan)

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