

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 5 Pelham Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2902766	PID: 5934443
Name: PELHAM HOUSE			
Feature Type: House	Structure Type	Site Feature Type	Dating: 1830 - 1890 1864
		Garden	Access Restrictions: Not available
		Hedgerow	Inspection Date: October 96 P Davies
		Drive	Style: Colonial Georgian
		Grid ref: 5426 562950 5246050	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Building Settlement and Towns	
Material:	Brick	Corrugated iron	Listings: SMC Schedule 3
Condition:	Good		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B4 C2 D2 E1		Photograph Index: 1:34-35
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A very fine two storey Colonial home with a bell-cast corrugated iron roof and a two storey verandah to the front. The main roof is a pair of parallel hipped roofs and the verandah roof is curved and is infilled on each end with fine quality joinery and windows. French doors open onto the front verandah at each level and the front door has a fine fanlight and sidelights. There are several rear wings in brick and timber that may have been built with the house or added early in its life. The interior was not inspected. The house is set in a fine garden with an impressive hedge along the street front and a curved driveway sweeps across the front of the house.

HISTORY:

Built by Jonas Gatehouse in about 1864 on the site of an earlier four room cottage, with bricks made at the rear of 30 Cole St. The house was previously known as the 'Verandahs' for its verandahs on two sides. It is said to have been a hospital at the turn of the century and has been occupied by a number of doctors since, including a Doctor Allport in the 1920s.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property.

COMMENTS:

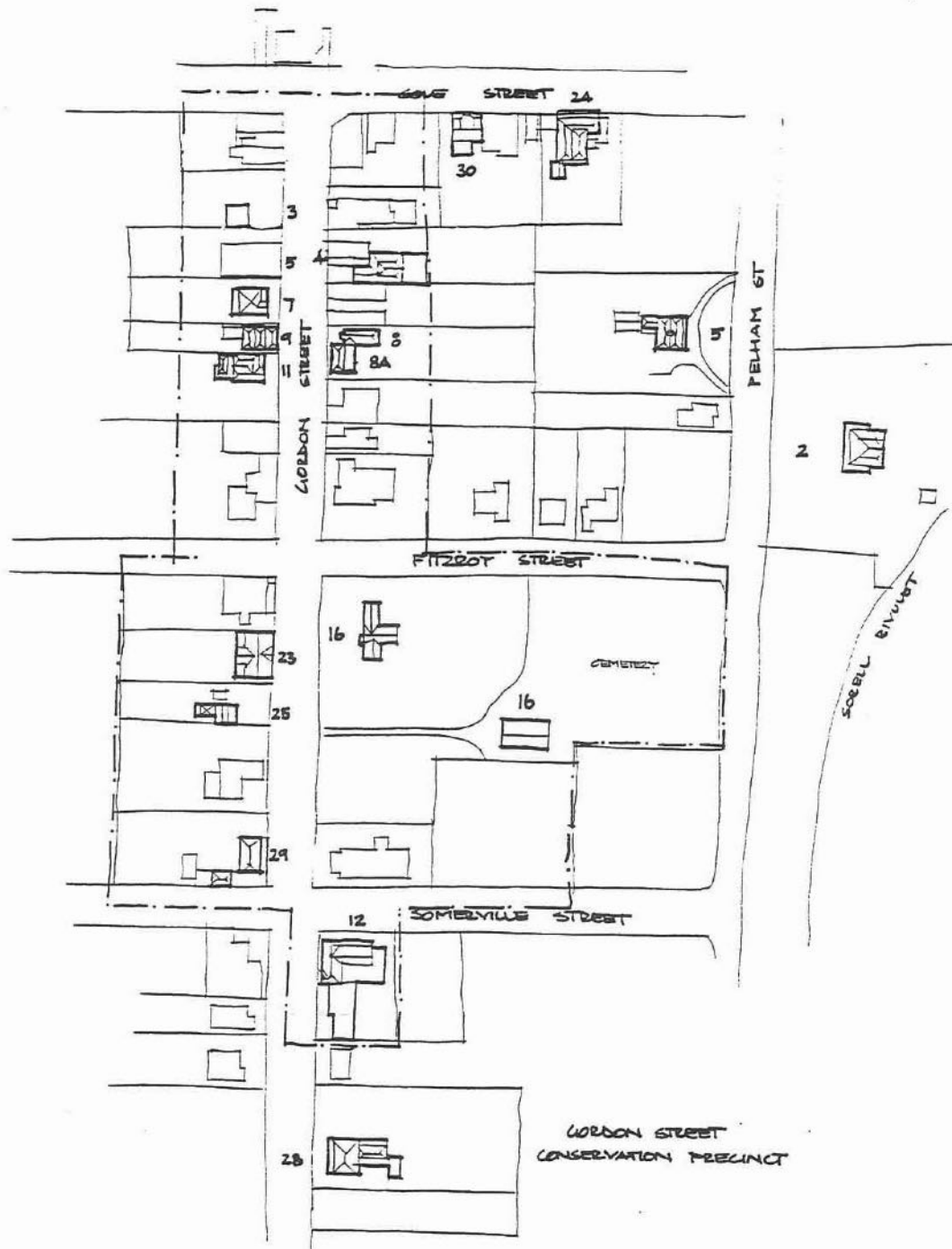
Significant as possibly the finest Victorian residence in Sorell with excellent detailing and overall intact form in a fine garden setting. The house is associated with the Gatehouse family (a prominent early family) and has continued to be occupied by prominent people in the local community. With the rectory opposite it forms part of an important historic precinct.

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:

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