

SORELL HERITAGE STUDY

Address: 194 Bream Creek Road, Bream Creek 7175		UPI: 2904544	PID: 7608887
Name: BUTTER FACTORY MANAGER'S HOUSE		Owner: G S TURNBULL	
Feature Type: House	Structure Type:	Site Feature Type:	
	Dating:		1830-1890 c1890
	Access Restrictions:		Not Available
	Inspection date:		October 96 Ian Terry
		Style:	Victorian Georgian
		Grid ref:	5625 56795 525998
Indication of Significance: Possible Significance		Theme: Building settlements and Towns Processing Foods	
Material:	Timber siding	Corrugated Iron	
Condition:	Excellent		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index:	15: 30-31
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐			

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A c1890 weatherboard cottage with a steep pitched hipped corrugated iron roof. It has a central front door with a square top light and two front double hung sash windows underneath a verandah roof. There are skillion timber extensions on three sides.

HISTORY:

The house was formerly occupied by the manager of the Bream Creek Butter Factory, which was opened in 1896 and became an economic and symbolic focus of the district's dairy industry for many years. The manager's house is the only remaining structure of the butter factory. The manager of the butter factory was an important local identity with one, Walter Ford, assisting with the construction of the Marion Bay Causeway during the 1930s.

At the first Bream Creek Show in 1896, 'Messrs Dehle and Murdoch put up on view a copy of plans and drawings of a butter factory that it is intended to erect at Bream Creek without delay, the general opinion being that this will ere long prove one of the best dairying districts in the colony.' This was in response to the 1890s movement to organise and improve the dairy industry in the colony resulting in the butter factory movement which saw a number of factories and separating stations established in dairy areas. Dairying had its cost as child labour was heavily used thus restricting children's school hours.

Dairy farmers from as far afield as Nugent, Wattle Hill, Sorell and the Tasman Peninsula sold their milk to the Bream Creek factory. There were separators at factories located at Bream Creek, Kelleve and Nugent enabling farmers to take their milk to these stations. The factory was never very successful and in 1912 it became a co-operative, marketing under the name of Pembroke Dairy Factory. It closed in about 1948 after improved refrigeration and transport enabled Cadbury's to buy milk direct from farmers. While the factory itself burnt down many years ago the factory manager's house still stands adjacent to the factory site.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

The cottage has possible significance as the residence of the Bream Creek Butter Factory's manager from c1898 to its closure in c1948. It is the only surviving element of a major part of the district's life and economy for over fifty years. It has symbolic importance for the local community as the only remnant of a defining and central part of the community for over 50 years.

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It should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme. It should form part of the Bream Creek conservation precinct in the Sorell Planning Scheme.

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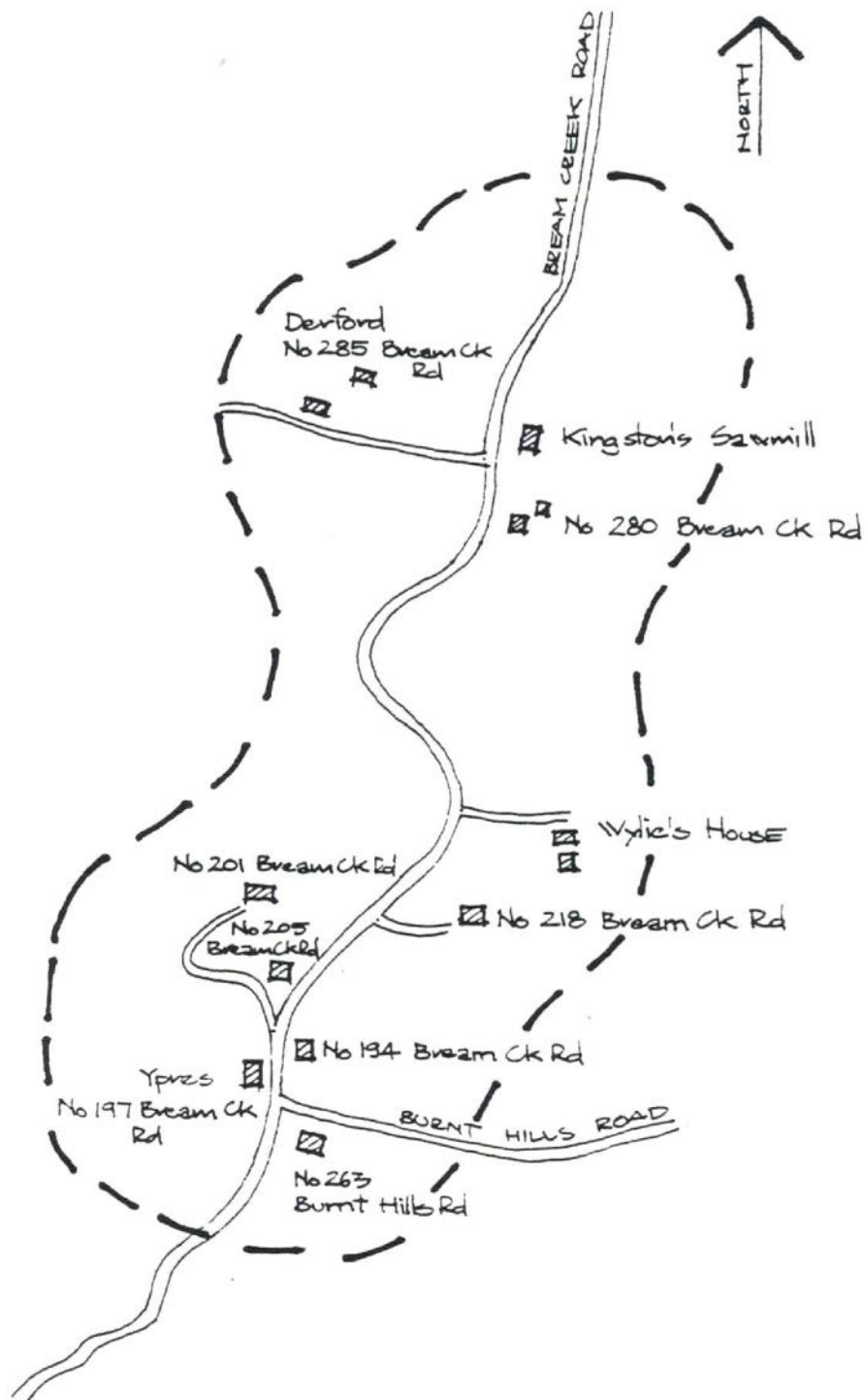
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