

SORELL HERITAGE STUDY

Address: 313 Marchwiel Road, Bream Creek 7175		UPI: 2901777	PID: 5961433
Name: MARCHWIEL		Owner: J M DUNBABIN	
Feature Type:	Structure Type:	Site Feature Type:	Dating: 1830-1890 c 1880
	House	Drain	Access Restrictions: Restricted
	Barn	Fence	
	Hut	Machinery	
	Blacksmith's Shop	Mature Trees	Inspection date: October 96 Ian Terry
		Field	Style: Victorian Georgian
			Grid ref: 5626 57085 526157
Indication of Significance:	High Probable Significance		Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production
Material:	Stone	Corrugated Iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3 Register of National Estate
Condition:	Excellent	Deteriorated	
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 C2 D2 E1 H1		Photograph Index: 13:34-36 14:1-10 13-15
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐			

SITE DESCRIPTION:

An outstanding complex of mid to late nineteenth century farm buildings located on the floodplain of Bream Creek. The site should be viewed as a complex with dwellings, outbuildings, fences, stockyards, drained paddocks and trees.

Farmhouse 1870

The stone farmhouse has a corrugated iron gabled roof concealing an earlier shingled roof. The house features an external stone and brick chimney on the southern facade, three very small dormer windows and a ground floor verandah on the eastern facade. There are also c1900 weatherboard extensions, linked by skillion roofed structures to the earlier farmhouse. These consist of a one and two storey weatherboard building with a gable roof, attic windows in the top of the gables and new wide glass doors on the eastern facade; and a hip roofed kitchen with an enclosed verandah to the gabled wing and an external brick chimney. A picket fence to the rear (western) side of the house encloses a house garden and the stone remains of an early outbuilding.

Slab Hut c1870

This hut has a corrugated iron hipped roof and a rubble chimney at one end. The roof is laid over split rafters and the slabs are nailed to top and bottom plates.

Barns

There are three slab barns and farm buildings with a small yard between them. These structures are c1880 and are set on rubble bases, with some later concrete rendering and pointing. The main barn is a large gable roofed structure with a new corrugated iron gabled roof and vertical timber skillion extensions on two sides. It features large slabs up to 3 metres long and nailed to top and bottom plates, pit sawn roofing timbers, a timber floor and wooden shutters. The middle sized barn, to the west, also features both pit sawn and circular sawn roofing timbers, and a loft with wooden doors. The smallest of the slab sheds has a corrugated iron hip roof, pit and circular sawn timbers and later wooden doors taking up the eastern wall. The building is currently used as a garage and machinery shed.

Blacksmith's Shop

There is a deteriorating blacksmiths shop of weatherboards with a badly decayed shingle gabled roof and rotted bottom plates. The workshop features bellows, forge, anvil and other blacksmith's tools in situ.

Pressing Tower 1886

The weatherboard pressing tower (of the shearing shed) has been restored in recent years with the hipped roof being re-shingled. The building has pit sawn timbers and hardwood floorboards. The rest of the original

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shearing shed has been replaced with a large modern corrugated iron shed abutting the pressing tower. There is also a timber skillion on the northern facade.

Other Buildings and Trees

There are several other timber buildings of c1950 vintage. Apart from representing part of the continuum of vernacular farm buildings on the property they have little heritage significance.

The precinct has a number of mature oak, plane and pine trees, remnants of post and rail fences and a picket fence with a mid twentieth century windmill at one end. The landscape beyond the immediate farmstead is dominated by drained paddocks to the foot of a range of hills to the west.

HISTORY:

Located on Henry Bilton's 1826 grant of 1000 acres, Marchwiell was acquired by the Dunbabin family after 1842 when Bilton deeded it to his manager, John Dunbabin, in lieu of wages. Marchwiell is located on the Pydairrerm track linking the Forestier Peninsula with Spring Bay. An early colonial cart track followed the same route along the east coast from the 1840s. The present buildings were first built in the 1870s with the stone house constructed over eleven months in about 1875. The stones were from an earlier dwelling elsewhere on the property. The slab hut and farm buildings were built by Tom Bryan in the 1870s and 1880s.

Sheep have been run successfully on the property for most of the historic period, making the remains of the pressing tower of the 1880s wool shed an important early remnant. The property continues to be owned and farmed by the Dunbabin family after more than 150 years.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is the foot of the line of hills to the west of the homestead complex, Bream Creek to the east, the fence line north of the shearing shed complex to the north and a line between Bream Creek and the hills to the west, south of the mature exotic trees south of the homestead complex.

COMMENTS:

Marchwiell is an outstanding complex of mid to late nineteenth century farm buildings in a landscape little staged since the mid nineteenth century. The stone house is the only stone dwelling in the Bream Creek district. The slab buildings are fine examples of mid to late nineteenth century vernacular architecture still in excellent and functional condition.

The pressing tower of the shearing shed is a rare nineteenth century structure demonstrating the wool pressing technology of its time and still in use as part of the shearing shed complex.

The blacksmith's shop is an outstanding example of an early blacksmith's workshop with the tools of trade largely intact.

The property meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2, E1 and H1 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should continue to be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme and the Register of the National Estate, and should be nominated for inclusion in the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

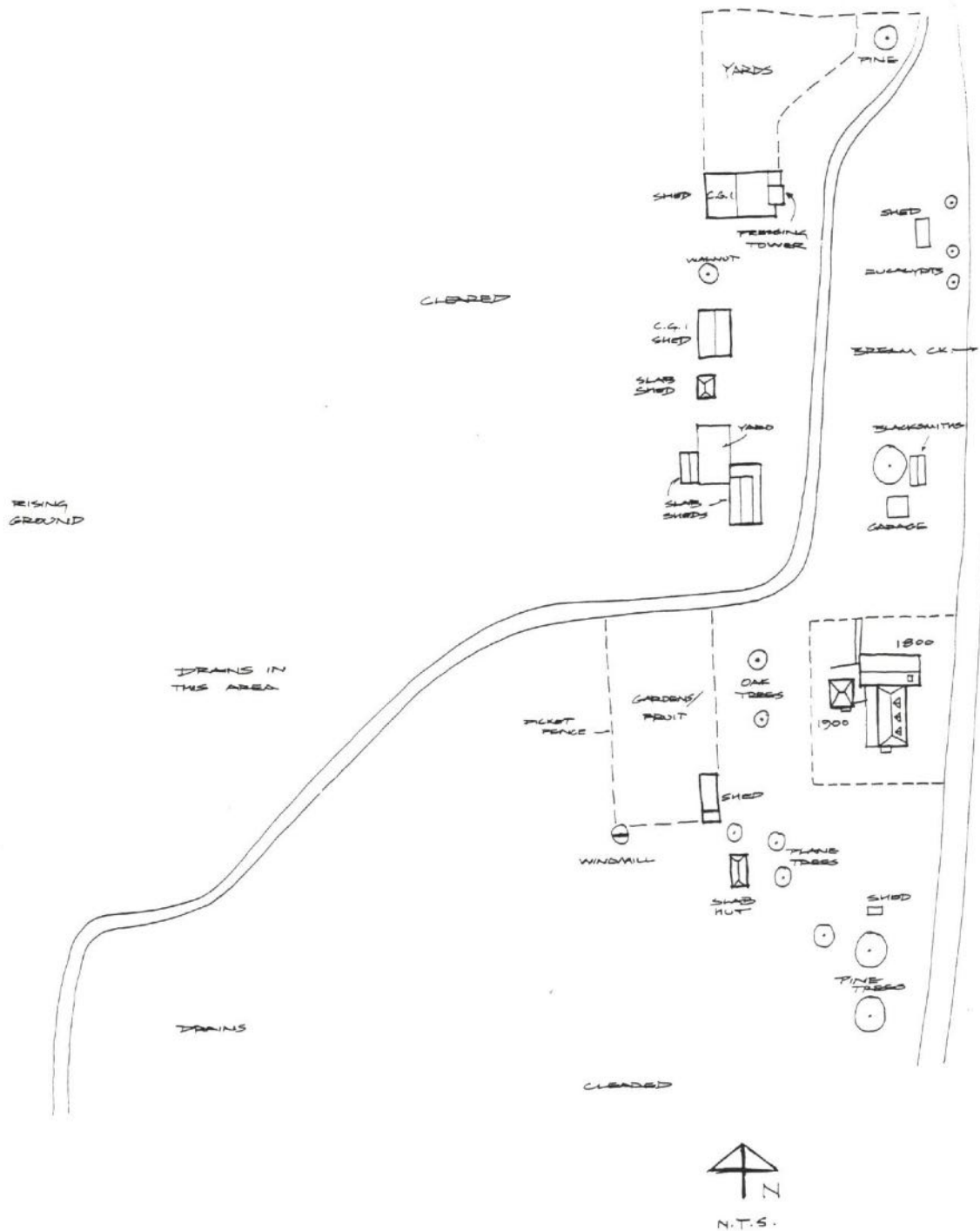
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