

# SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

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| Address: 540 Cnr Shrub End & Pawleena 7172                                                      |                                      | UPI: 2901189                                  | PID: 5938372                                                                                    |
| Name: HONEYSUCKLE FARM                                                                          |                                      |                                               |                                                                                                 |
| Feature Type:                                                                                   | Structure Type: House                | Dating:                                       | 1800 - 1829                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                 | House                                | Access Restrictions:                          | Restricted                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                 | Granary                              | Inspection Date:                              | D Parham November 96                                                                            |
|                                                                                                 | Kitchen                              | Style:                                        | Colonial Georgian                                                                               |
|                                                                                                 | Outbuildings                         | Grid ref:                                     | 5426 548260 5268400                                                                             |
| Indication of Significance: High probable significance<br>Potential archaeological significance |                                      | Theme: Early Settlement<br>Primary Production |                                                                                                 |
| Material:                                                                                       | Stone Paling                         | Listings:                                     |                                                                                                 |
| Condition:                                                                                      | Deteriorated Ruins                   |                                               |                                                                                                 |
| Integrity:                                                                                      | Intact                               |                                               |                                                                                                 |
| National Estate Criteria: A4 B2 D2                                                              |                                      | Photograph Index: 20: 12 -18                  |                                                                                                 |
| Risk:                                                                                           | Excavation: <input type="checkbox"/> | Development: <input type="checkbox"/>         | Maintenance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vandalism: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

## SITE DESCRIPTION:

Honeysuckle Farm is a complex of rural buildings including two and possibly three dwellings. The earliest structure comprises a gable roofed three roomed rectangular building constructed of locally sourced random rubble in a lime mortar now extensively rendered over with cement. The long axis of the structure is aligned north-south. The southern room appears to have functioned as a kitchen indicated by a chimney and fireplace with mantle intact, set into the south wall and smoked timbers; evidence of many fires. This room has a paling roof (collapsed). The south and west walls have been rebuilt using sandstone and bricks from abandoned or redundant sites in the locality. The tie beams consist of massive squared timbers spaced at regular intervals to give the building strength. The doors are low set and a variety of window forms are noted. The roof to the south room has collapsed. The centre room was not inspected. It is understood to contain an underfloor cellar. The north room is constructed on two levels with openings above and below. Oral testimony suggests this was a granary which is consistent with the original focus on cropping.

The portico appears to be the only surviving element of the second dwelling on the site (c1860s). Large flagstones are visible outside the structure and appear to continue under a four roomed weatherboard house with external kitchen occupied until recently (constructed 1891 - 1915). A small timber fence enclosure to the north of the front door may have once supported a small garden. The interior of this building was not inspected. A series of outbuildings comprising a spilt paling hay shed, machinery shed and stock loading ramp all contribute to an understanding of the operation of the property.

## HISTORY:

Honeysuckle Farm (not its historical name) originally comprised 49 acres granted to William Dove. The property was initially devoted to cropping but found to be too small and converted to an apple orchard. This coincided with the first exports to England when apple prices were high. The apples were grubbed out in the 1960s.

## BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by Pawleena Road to the east, the southern fenceline of land parcel 1187 and the watercourse (tributary of Sorell Rivulet) to the north and west.

## COMMENTS:

Honeysuckle Farm appears to have been continuously occupied for over 150 years. The original dwelling still stands and has extremely high significance as a rare surviving example of early 19th century rural vernacular architecture. It demonstrates construction techniques and the use of locally available materials in what would have been an isolated rural area. The spaces reflect the utilitarian requirements of early rural structures incorporating living quarters, kitchen, storage and granary in one structure. The remainder of the complex also

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contributes to an understanding of changing expectations regarding living conditions.

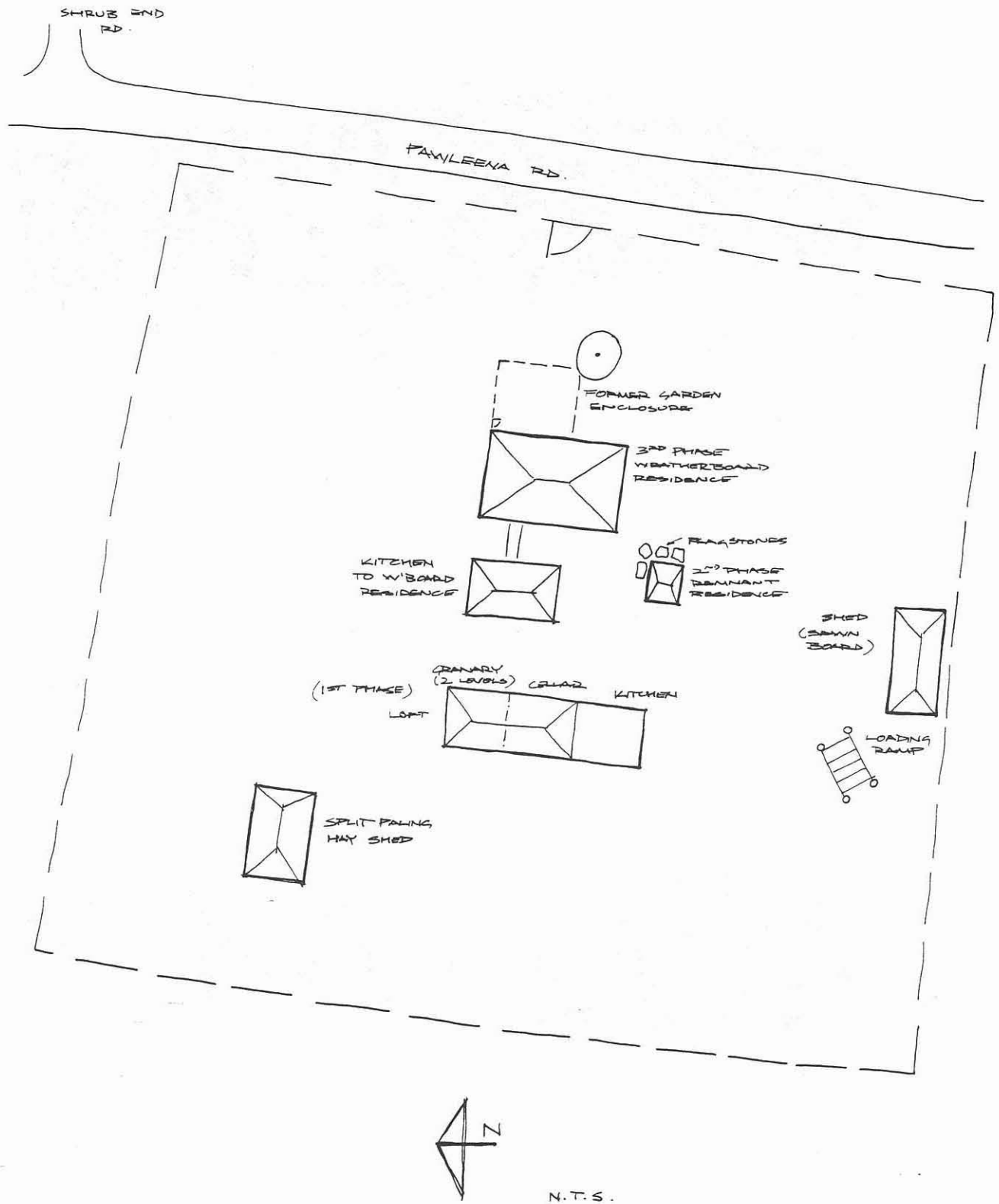
It meets Criteria A4, B2 and D2 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme and should be nominated for inclusion in the Tasmanian Heritage Register and the Register of the National Estate.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:**

Archival Plan 2A/100 Pembroke (1853).

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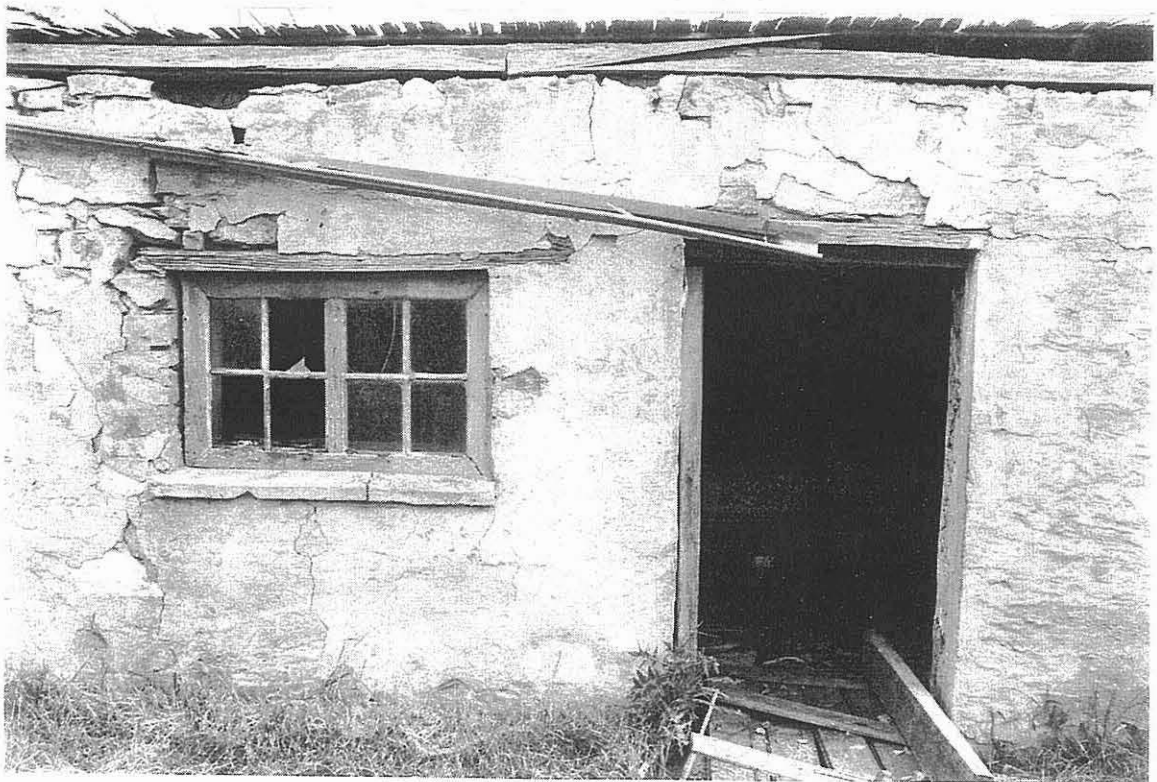
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