

Address:	134 Marion Bay Road Copping 7174		
Name:	FARM GROUP		
SORELL HERITAGE STUDY			
Address:	18 Jetty Road Dodges Ferry 7173	UPI: 2921894	PID: 7522282
Name:	DODGES FERRY FARM		
Feature Type:	Structure Type:	Site Feature Type:	Dating: 1830-1890 1830
	House	Hedgerow	Access Restrictions: Restricted
			Inspection date: October 1996 P Davies
			Style: Colonial Georgian
			Grid ref: 5425 550300 5255250
Indication of Significance:	High probable significance		Theme: Land selection and closer settlement Transport
Material:	Brick	Corrugated iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3
Condition:	Good	Fair	
Integrity:	Altered, extended unsympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B4 C2 D2 E1 F1 H1		Photograph Index: 4:7-10; 9:26
Risk:	Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐		
SITE DESCRIPTION: One of the earliest houses in the area and the house of Ralph Dodge, the ferry operator on the edge of Ferry Rd. The ferry crossed from here to the end of Five Mile Beach, the shortest passage across the water. The site is surrounded by a large hedgerow of Macrocarpas, some of which have been removed, and is set in the remnant of orchards and the farm. There are remnants of the early post and rail fence on the water side and the early gate posts survive on Ferry Rd (visible in an early photograph). The house retains its original overall form from the front with a Georgian symmetrical design, central door and flanking French doors under a simple awning supported on timber posts with scalloped fascia board. The building is face brick with a corrugated iron roof. Dormers have been added to the roof line on the sides and there is a substantial 1950's addition on the rear of the house and to the south. A number of other buildings are on the land of later date. An early photograph (c1915) shows the house facing the open field, freestanding without additions including skillions but with several detached buildings around it that appear now to have been replaced with other ancillary buildings. One of these was the kitchen which was removed in 1993. The roof cladding was changed from shingle to corrugated iron in 1915 and the two small dormers were removed at that time. New dormers were added in the late 1940's when the property changed ownership and was upgraded. The interior of the main rooms are largely intact with very fine colonial fluted fireplace surrounds and well detailed cedar joinery to doors and windows. The staircase and railings survive intact. A number of other changes have taken place over the last few years as part of a major upgrade of the house.			
HISTORY: The house was built by Ralph Dodge on land previously granted to George Wise. Dodge had acquired the lot by 1830 and was planning improvements on it in 1831. The bricks were said to have been made in pit on one of Dodge's blocks further up the Carlton River. Dodge operated a ferry across the channel to Five Mile Beach from this site for many years, until his death in 1871. A jetty was built off the rocks in c1870 to serve boats and steam ferries from Hobart. It was demolished after World War II.			

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

Significant as the first major house in the area and a key property in the transport system of ferrying people and goods across the water, the only reliable transport route to the area in the 1830's. The house is a fine example of colonial architecture in a remote location and is the last remnant colonial structure in the locality. The house, despite the surrounding development, retains its setting on the point adjacent to the former jetty site.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2, E1, F1 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 should be nominated for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate and the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

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