

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 3620 Tasman Highway Orielton 7172		UPI: 2900636	PID: 5939586
Name: BURNSIDE			
Feature Type:	Structure Type: House	Site Feature Type: Mature trees	Dating: 1830 - 1890 c1852
	Stable		Access Restrictions: Restricted
	Shed		Inspection Date: November Ian Terry
			Style: Victorian Georgian
		Grid ref: 5427 543130 5272250	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production	
Material:	Brick	Corrugated iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3 AHC
Condition:	Excellent	Deteriorated	
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 C2 D2 E1 H1		Photograph Index: 17: 27-35
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A very fine two storey brick farm house with a corrugated iron hipped roof. Victorian Georgian in style and built on stone foundations, it features six pane double hung sash windows, stone lintels and a circular fanlight over the front door. A kitchen annex at the rear was rebuilt after fire damage in the 1920s and has recently been demolished to make way for a large single storey extension to the house. The front garden is dominated by mature pine trees and a very old oak to the side. The house garden features mulberry and other fruit trees.

Immediately behind the house there is a very small brick worker's cottage, apparently built at the same time as the house. It features a plastered interior, an external window, a fireplace and timber flooring. Two timber and slab sheds run in a line behind this cottage. They date from the nineteenth century and are all in a state of disrepair.

Away from the house precinct there is a large weatherboard shearing shed and a timber barn dating from the mid to late nineteenth century. A blacksmith's shop recently collapsed.

The original east coast road ran past the house and there is a sandstone milepost still in situ 100m from the house. The barely legible carved lettering reads 'XXIV'. Part of the original road alignment to the south of the house is still in use as a farm track.

There is a c1900 weatherboard cottage with a hipped corrugated iron roof and rear extensions several hundred metres to the north of the main house. This was probably used by a worker or a tenant farmer.

HISTORY:

The house is built on William Hodgson's 1852 grant, although the date of construction has not been discovered. Hodgson was a lawyer and served as MHA for Sorell from 1861 to 1871, MHA for Richmond from 1872 to 1881 and then MLC for Pembroke until his accidental death near Burnside in 1891. The property remained in the family until it was acquired by the Dunbabin family in 1905. A lean to kitchen at the rear was destroyed by fire in the 1920s. Although rebuilt it has been demolished recently to make way for a new single storey wing being built at the time of inspection. The new wing also replaces a small timber addition at the rear.

The original alignment of the east coast road passed close by the side of the house, its location indicated by an extant sandstone milestone. Later the highway was rerouted onto the opposite side of the valley although during the 1980s it has again been rerouted to an alignment between the two earlier lines.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the Tasman Highway, the fence east of the house orchard, the fence south of the driveway and the fence north of the stable.

COMMENTS:

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Burnside and its immediate precinct including the various outbuildings, the orchard, the front garden and the early road alignment as far as the paddock to the south of the house are of very high significance as an early and substantial farming property. It is also associated with an early Parliamentarian who served some 30 years in the State's Parliament.

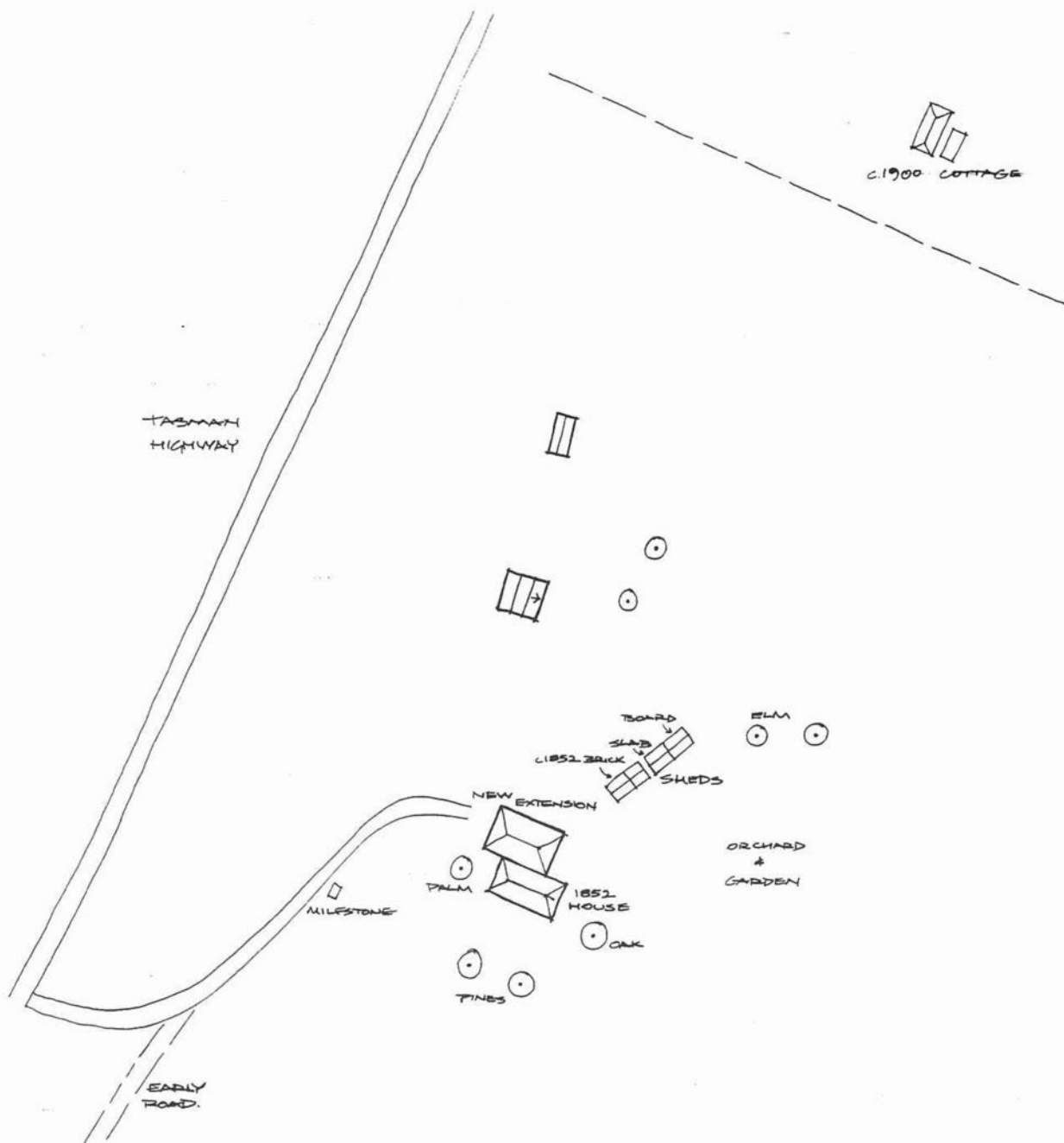
Burnside meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2, E1 and H1 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should continue to be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme and the Register of the National Estate, and should be nominated for inclusion in the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

BENNETT, Scott and BENNETT, Barbara, 1980. *Biographical Register of the Tasmanian Parliament 1851-1960*. Australian National University Press, Canberra.

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