

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 68 Rosendale Road Sorell 7172		UPI: 2905288	PID: 5935489
Name: FLIMBY PARK			
Feature Type: House	Structure Type	Dating: 1830 - 1890	
	Site Feature Type	Access Restrictions: Restricted	
		Inspection Date: J McCarthy September 96	
		Style: Victorian Georgian	
		Grid ref: 5426 548180 5263820	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production	
Material:	Brick Corrugated iron	Listings: SMC Schedule 3 National Trust	
Condition:	Excellent Excellent		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria: A4 B2 D2		Photograph Index: 25: 2 - 5	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

The house was apparently constructed in the 1840s. It was derelict when the present owners acquired and reconstructed/restored it in 1981. In the reconstruction some major changes were effected.

The house is constructed of sandstock bricks. It has a hipped CGI roof which was originally shingled. Now has Lysaght Orb iron. There are two chimneys serving eight fireplaces. The front door has side lights and a distinctive fanlight.

There are two dormer windows at the front and two at the rear. Prior to reconstruction there were three in the front and one in a long addition on the east side. In the reconstruction the eastern addition was demolished and the dormer was located to the rear along with one from the front. The verandahs were also added in the reconstruction.

There are four very old oak trees planted to the north of the house. This make up a 'quercetum', a nineteenth century landscaping device.

There are no significant surviving outbuildings. There may be significant archaeological deposits on the property.

A whaling trypot in the rear garden was reputedly brought from St Helens by Jesse Luckman. It is marked "Bishop London".

HISTORY:

Located on Thomas Prestage's 1813 grant of forty acres. The property was quickly made productive and Prestage was selling grain to the Commissariat by 1817. John Allanby acquired the property after his arrival in the colony in 1824 and named it Flimby Park. Allanby moved to another of his grant's at Bream Creek and rented Flimby Park to Robert Doctor. In 1842 there was a brick house under construction with the bricks being made in a kiln across Iron Creek. The house, built to a design common in the Flimby district in England, featured oiled cedar timber internally and a shingled roof.

The property remained in the Allanby family throughout the nineteenth century, being sold to Riley around 1930. The outbuildings were destroyed in the 1967 bushfires, by which time the house was being used to store hay. Throughout this period the house was vandalised with many of the original fittings stolen. The current owners acquired the property in 1981 and have reconstructed the house to its present condition.

BOUNDARY:

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

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The house, although modified in design and largely reconstructed, is an unusual example being based on what was a common design in part of England in the 1830s and 1840s. The reconstruction/restoration work has been well executed. The house has the ability to demonstrate the close association between England and early Australia as well as various aspects of a significant period in Tasmania's history.

The house meets Criteria A4, B2 and D2 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 Tasmanian Heritage Register and the Register of the National Estate.

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