

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 50 Woodside Rd Forcett 7173		UPI: 2905555	PID: 7674155
Name: WOODSIDE			
Feature Type: House	Structure Type	Site Feature Type	Dating: 1830 - 1890 c1870
	Hedge	Hedge	Access Restrictions: Restricted
			Inspection Date: November Ian Terry
			Style: Victorian Georgian
		Grid ref: 5425 551700 5259560	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production	
Material:	Timber siding	Corrugated iron	Listings:
Condition:	Excellent		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index:	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A typical late nineteenth century weatherboard cottage with a corrugated iron roof and c1950 extensions to the rear. The cottage features top and side lights at the front door, hand planed weather boards, pit sawn roof timbers which are fixed with mortice and tenon joints. Windows are double hung sash with six pane windows remaining on the western side. There is also a very early hawthorn hedge, believed to date from at least 1837 with a similar aged picket fence below it.

HISTORY:

The house is built adjacent to Isabella and Thomas Riley's earlier brick nogged cottage dating from c1820. It is located on Isabella Riley's 1814 location. This location plus the adjacent locations and grants of Thomas Riley senior and junior, William Bowden, John Topley, Thomas Kidner and Samuel Westlake had come under the same title by 1848 when Frederick Vigar had owned the property for ten years. The current house is thought to have built in the 1870s or 1880s by one of Vigar's tenants, whether George Hayton or Andrew Denholm. The hedgerow appears on 1837 survey plans of the property and is said to have enclosed Isabella Riley's house garden.

The Stokes family have been associated with the property since the 1890s, initially as tenants and then as owners since 1938.

The property was cleared very early on by convict labour and was utilised to grow wheat and barley. The landscape remains much as it would have been after the initial clearing.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

The property has very high heritage value as a very early colonial landscape cleared when the district was regarded as the granary of the colony. This landscape includes the adjacent grants and locations and is characterised by open paddocks and a long 'L' shaped hawthorn hedge. The house is a very good example of a late nineteenth century farmhouse.

The property should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

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