

SORELL HERITAGE STUDY

Address: 631 Bay Road, Bream Creek 7175		UPI: 2904566	PID: 7544481
Name: ASHLEY		Owner: SILVAGRA TASMANIA PTY LTD	
Structure Type:	Site Feature Type:	Dating:	1830-1890 c 1880
Feature Type: House	Mature Trees	Access Restrictions:	Restricted
		Inspection date:	October 96 Ian Terry
		Style:	Victorian Georgian
		Grid ref:	5625 56994 525761
Indication of Significance:	Probable Significance Potential Archaeological significance		Theme: Land Selection and Closer Settlements Primary Production
Material:	Timber Siding Corrugated Iron		Listings:
Condition:	Excellent		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:			Photograph Index: 14: 24
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐			
SITE DESCRIPTION: A plain c1880 weather board cottage with two chimneys and a steep pitched corrugated iron hipped roof. It has an open front verandah with new pine posts and stone flagging and a low concrete brick addition to the rear, sympathetic in scale to the rest of the house. The house has double hung sash windows and a centrally placed four panelled front door with the top panels being leadlights. The entrance features a square headed top light. There are mature pine trees on the road frontage and along the southern boundary of the property. There are said to be the ruined foundations of a whalers' hotel in a paddock behind the cottage. This site was not seen and lies on an adjacent property.			
HISTORY: Located on John Lamph's 200 acre grant, Ashley is one of the earliest properties in the district to be settled and was probably the location of Captain Bayley's house in the district in the mid 1820s. It is said to have been used as a whaling station with the hill behind a lookout. In the mid 1830s it is said to have been inhabited by one of only three families in the district. In 1852 the property was acquired by David Hildyard. The current house was built in c1880. It was bought by the current owners in c1992, in a derelict state having being used for many years as a barn. It has been restored by its current owners.			
BOUNDARY: The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property.			
COMMENTS: The property has high historic significance as one of the earliest properties settled in the district and possible significance as the site of a whaling station. It also has significance as one of a group of c1880-1890 dwellings in the district reflecting its growth following the Waste Lands Acts after 1858. The property should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme.			
BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES: DUNBABIN, Thomas. 1954. <i>A Farm at the World's End: Some account of the Dunbabins of Marchwiell in Tasmania</i> . T Dunbabin, Hobart. Pembroke 1/166 (map) Informants: John and Gillian Davis, 631 Bay Road, Bream Creek			

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