

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 456 White Hills Road Forcett 7173		UPI: 2904354/2904352 PID: 7632676	
Name: WHITE HILLS ROAD RUINS			
Feature Type:	Structure Type: Hut	Site Feature Type: Mature trees	Dating: 1830 - 1890 c1872
			Access Restrictions: Restricted
			Inspection Date: November Ian Terry
			Style: Vernacular
		Grid ref: 5426 557780 5262200	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Land selection and closer settlement	
Material:	Timber siding Shingle	Listings:	
Condition:	Deteriorated Ruins		
Integrity:	Disturbed or damaged		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index: 19: 20-24	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☒

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A very dilapidated double hipped weatherboard with the ruins of a third section behind. The standing structures feature shingled roofs and rubble and brick chimneys. Timbers are pit sawn, there are moulded architraves around the front door of the front hut and a square top light over the door. This hut, the older of the two standing, is lined with a number of papers, including newspapers dated 1877 and 1872. It has a sandstone fireplace, as does the rear section. The collapsed rear section is thought to be the oldest but has c1950 bricks around the fireplace and a c1950s stove.

The huts are located adjacent to a row of very large pine trees. There is a small cobbled square terrace c50 metres below the huts.

HISTORY:

The huts are situated on J Forster's 1853 acquisition of 102 acres. The property has been in the Bresnehan family for many years. Apart from this little is known of the property's history.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the immediate environs of the huts and the pines in front of them.

COMMENTS:

The huts have high potential significance as remains of the land selection process under the Waste Lands Acts following 1858 and have potential to yield information about the lives of small selectors in isolated areas.

The huts should 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.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Pem 2/31 (survey plan)

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