

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: Nugent Road Wattle Hill 7172		UPI: FCK65	PID: 5937601
Name: GLEN REA			
Feature Type: Structure Type: House Site Feature Type:	Dating:	1830 - 1890	
	Access Restrictions:	Restricted	
	Inspection Date:	J McCarthy September 96	
	Style:	Victorian Georgian	
	Grid ref:	5426 554350 5265800	
Indication of Significance: Probable Significance		Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production	
Material:	Random rubble	Corrugated iron	Listings:
Condition:	Deteriorated	Deteriorated	
Integrity:	Intact		
National Estate Criteria: A4 B2 D2		Photograph Index:	26: 3 & 4
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☒

SITE DESCRIPTION:

This is a random rubble two roomed building lined with mud mortar and featuring a remnant bread oven on the eastern wall. It has pit sawn ceiling joists and shingle battens. A corrugated iron roof over the battens has been largely removed. The building was rendered but is now in ruins and deteriorating rapidly. There is little roofing left.

The exterior is rendered with a cement mortar. There is a loft in the roof. There are old (1930s /40s) electric light fittings evident.

The building is thought to be the kitchen of the Travellers Rest Hotel.

There are the foundations and chimney of a second structure adjacent.

HISTORY:

Thought to be the original cottage on William Allison's 69 acre grant. A licensed public house, the Traveller's Home (licensee; John Patterson) was operational on the site in 1842. The pub, also known as the Traveller's Rest, remained licensed until it was destroyed by fire in the 1880s. In 1860 it was offered for lease by George Hayton who noted that it contained, 'eight rooms, with detached kitchen, store and dairy; a good stable, together with 60 acres of first rate land, forty of which are in cultivation, and all substantially fenced in'.

The property was acquired by Alec Hean, later MHA for Sorell and government minister, in 1882. The family retained the property until the death of Doug Hean in 1969 at which time the substantial house became uninhabited. During World War II Doug Hean had an Italian internee, Pasquale, one of several Italians assigned to Sorell, living with him in the house. Pasquale is remembered as a small and jovial man. The bulk of the house was later demolished leaving only the earliest stone section standing.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the structures themselves.

COMMENTS:

The poor condition of the building means that it will probably not survive much longer.

It 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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

The Mercury 20 September 1860, p3

Pem 1/63 (survey plan)

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