

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 529 Bay Road Marion Bay 7175		UPI: 2900024	PID: 7723797
Name: BEN FRIEZE			
Feature Type: Structure Type House	Site Feature Type Mature trees	Dating:	1830 - 1890 c1850
		Access Restrictions:	Restricted
		Inspection Date:	October 96 Ian Terry
		Style:	Victorian Georgian
		Grid ref:	5625 569500 5256700
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Early Settlement	
Material:	Timber siding Corrugated iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3	
Condition:	Good		
Integrity:	Intact		
National Estate Criteria: A4 D2 E1		Photograph Index:	15: 35; 16: 1-2
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A fine single storey weatherboard house with a steep pitched gabled corrugated iron roof, two external stone and brick chimneys on the northern side and attic windows in the gables. There is a c1900 addition to the front of the house although it does not obscure the original front door with its square headed top light. There is also a small c1900 gable roofed timber cottage abutting the southwestern corner of the house. The house is surrounded by very large cypresses at least 145 years old.

There are several recent garages and sheds at the rear of the property.

HISTORY:

Built on one of John Nicholson's 320 acre grants, in 1866 the house was located on 170 acres and was occupied by David Hildyard. The Hildyard family lived on the property for many years in the nineteenth century.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by Bay Rd to the east, the driveway to the north, the fence behind the sheds west of the house and the fence south of the house.

COMMENTS:

The house has very high historic significance as the oldest structure on Marion Bay and one of the oldest in the district. It demonstrates the early settlement pattern of the district with the coastal areas being the first settled. It has local architectural significance.

Ben Frieze meets Criteria A4, D2 and E1 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.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

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