

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 4 Hurst Street Lewisham 7173		UPI: 2904700	PID: 5917520
Name: SAMUEL THORNE'S HOUSE			
Feature Type: House	Structure Type	Dating:	1830 - 1890 c1850
	Site Feature Type	Access Restrictions:	Not available
		Inspection Date:	October 96 P Davies
		Style:	Colonial Georgian
		Grid ref:	5425 549450 5258200
Indication of Significance: Probable Significance		Theme: Transport Settlement	
Material:	Rendered brick Tile - metal	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3	
Condition:	Good		
Integrity:	Altered, extended unsympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 D2	Photograph Index:	4:5
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A rendered brick house set on a stone base (now also rendered) with stone quoins and sills and shaped brick colonial window heads. The roof form is mansard and is now clad in metal tiles. The house has been altered significantly with the overall appearance now being Swiss chalet but the Georgian form is still discernible. The changes include shutters being added, two dormers to the front being added, the rendered finish being applied, new windows in the end walls being added, some windows are changed and the front entry appears to be changed. The overall form of the house and its location above the wharf still however survive and it is one of the early remnant buildings from the early waterfront activity of the area. Early photographs show the house sitting prominently on the hillside with traditional Georgian cottage form including the present roof line. It was the only house of any substance at Lewisham until the turn of the century, the only other building of note being the Victoria Hotel.

HISTORY:

In 1842 Robert Thorne lived in a wooden house with his family of 12. The existing house appears to have been built between 1874 and 1877 when the rateable value of the property increased by 27%. Thorne had a store on the Lewisham jetty which was situated on the waterfront below the house.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

Thorne's house, although now altered, appears to be the earliest surviving house in the area and is of significance for its relation to water transport and the early development of Lewisham

It meets criteria A4, B2 and D2 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:

Assessment Rolls; 1842 Census

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