

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: Hillcrest Road Pawleena 7172		UPI: FDM44	PID: 1738656
Name: THE FERNS			
Feature Type:	Structure Type: House	Site Feature Type: Hedgerow	Dating: c1830 - 1890
		Dry stone walls	Access Restrictions: Restricted
		Dam	Inspection Date: DParham November 96
			Style: Unidentified
		Grid ref: 5426 550190 5268250	
Indication of Significance: Landscape significance Potential archaeological significance		Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production	
Material:	Brick	Unid	Listings:
Condition:	Ruins	Ruins	
Integrity:	Disturbed or damaged		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index: 20: 28	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

House remains consisting of brick foundations and remnant chimney butts located in the valley east of Hillcrest Road. The site is situated near a small waterhole amidst cleared pasture in a landscape characterised by dry stone walls, mature Hawthorn plantings (Crataegus monogyna) and magnificent vistas across the valley to the south-east.

HISTORY:

Once a substantial complex including a c1830-40 brick cottage with Flemish bond as well as huts and outbuildings. At the turn of the century the property was acquired by Solomon Turner and later by the Madsen family. The house included a cellar which contained a nineteenth century still. Sheds and outbuildings included a barn, stables and a small packing shed for the orchard which once surrounded the house. The complex was destroyed by fire during the 1967 bushfires.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary for land parcel 1205 eastward to the foot of Dunbabin's Hills.

COMMENTS:

The site and associated landscape demonstrate the intensive labour demands of early rural activities. Mature Hawthorns, drystone walls and stone clearances in lush pasture set amidst a stunning backdrop are evocative of life in the country.

It should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

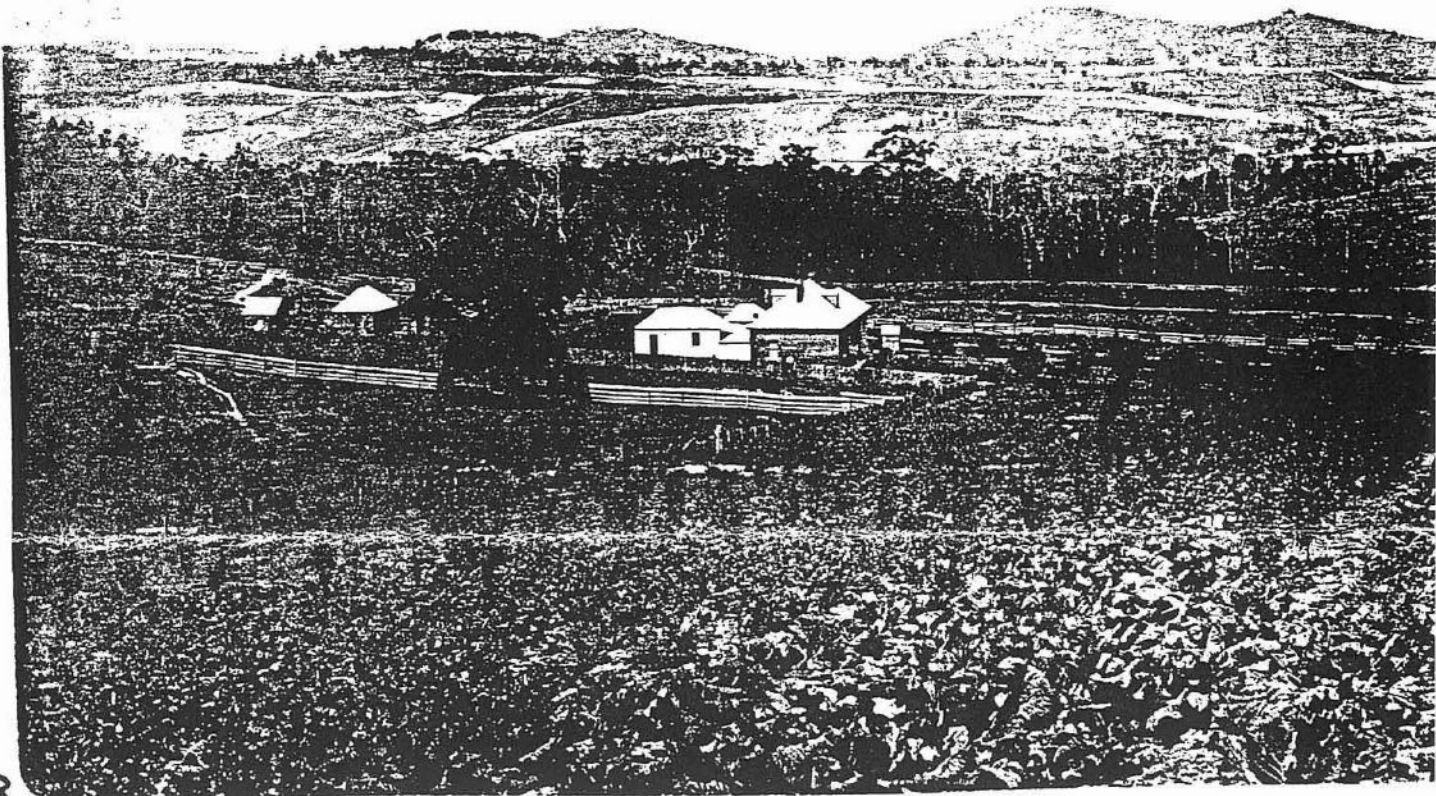
Municipality of Sorell photographic file.
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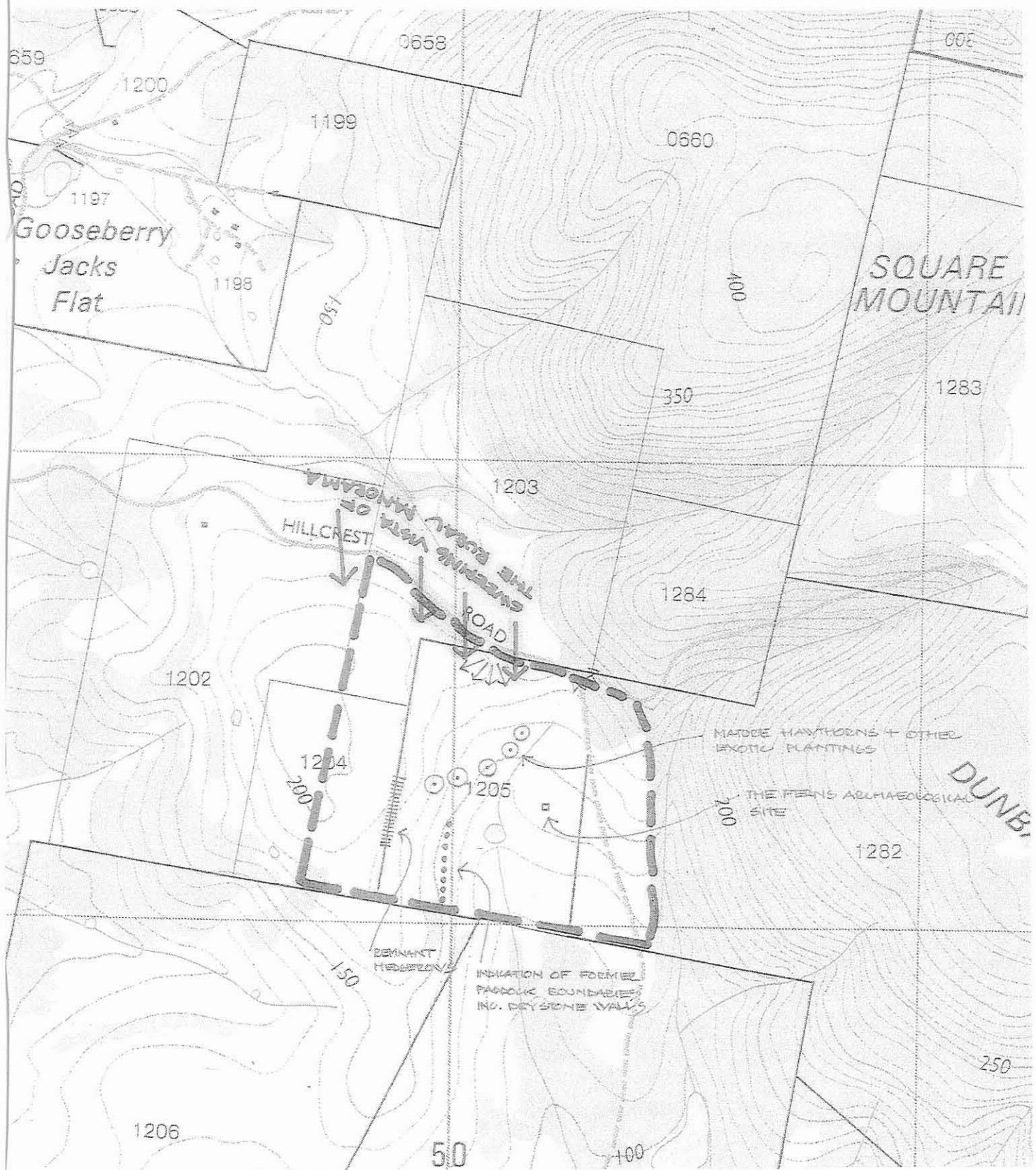
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THE FERNS LANDSCAPE (MAPSHEET 5426)