

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 189 Old Forcett Road Forcett 7173		UPI: 2900790	PID: 5936254
Name: GRIERSON'S STORE			
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	550850 5258700
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Land selection and closer settlement	
Material: Stone	Corrugated iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3	
Condition: Good			
Integrity: Altered, extended unsympathetically			
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index: 4:3	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

An early stone house with fine detailing in a commanding location overlooking the valley and water. The stonework is finely picked with dressed reveals around windows. The facade is asymmetrical with a central doorway, with 6 panelled door, and a single window on one side and a double window on the other. There is a return verandah on one side which is infilled with a second front door. This is of early date and is of fine detailing with matching panelling and glazing. The roof is steep pitched and had two dormers in the side faces and now has a large badly proportioned dormer in the main roof slope. Windows are 6 pane sashes, chimneys are tall and rendered, the verandah is on a stone base and the verandah roof is supported on timber posts and a simple beam. There is decorative cast iron detailing to the verandah valence and the end panel of the verandah. The house is set in a fine garden and has a contemporary picket fence. The house has rear additions which were not inspected. Apart from the front dormer the house is a very fine example of early farm building.

HISTORY:

Little is known of the history of this building. It is situated on 54 acres purchased by R W Rollings in the 1860s and has been owned by the Grierson family for over 80 years. The front left hand side of the building was used as shop for many years with the present owner's uncle delivering goods by horse and cart to Carlton taking the old route which went via Heatherbell Rd. The back verandah was added during this century.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

The building and site is of significance for its function as a shop at a key intersection in the early road network of the area, for its high aesthetic value and overall form and detailing, for its siting overlooking the valley to the school, cemetery and former Inn below and its location on the former main road.

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.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Pem 4/8 (survey plan)
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