

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 31-33 Walker Street Sorell 7172		UPI: 2905517	PID: 5934910
Name: COLONIAL TERRACE			
Feature Type: Structure Type Barracks	Site Feature Type	Dating:	1800 - 1829 1827c
		Access Restrictions:	Not available
		Inspection Date:	October 96 P Davies
		Style:	Colonial Georgian
		Grid ref:	5426 545700 5262750
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme:	Government Settlement
Material:	Rendered brick Corrugated iron	Listings:	National Trust SMC Schedule 3
Condition:	Good		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B4 C2 D2 E1	Photograph Index:	1: 21-23
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

An early military barracks comprising two buildings, the accommodation along the street of two separate attached dwellings and a small rear building formerly for ablutions. The building is two storey with the upper floor rooms in the roof with dormer windows, 8 on the building. Each of the major rooms has a fireplace connected to three chimneys; the interior has now been fitted out for Colonial accommodation. The exterior finish is roughly rendered brickwork now painted white. It has 6 pane windows, a simple rectangular form with gables and typical Georgian appearance. There is also a small timber building on the site of unknown history.

HISTORY:

Said to be military barracks prior to the police being stationed in Sorell although available documentary evidence indicates that the barracks were in fact located on the site of the current police station. There are buildings marked on the site in an 1826-7 town plan and again in a plan dated 1842. In the 1830s the allotments belonged to 'Walker', presumably John Walker of Wattle Hill while in 1842 they were owned by Hobart businessmen Thomas Lowes and John Collicott. The later history of the site is unknown.

BOUNDARY:

The listing boundary is formed by the title boundary of the property within the wider, Walker Street, conservation precinct boundary.

COMMENTS:

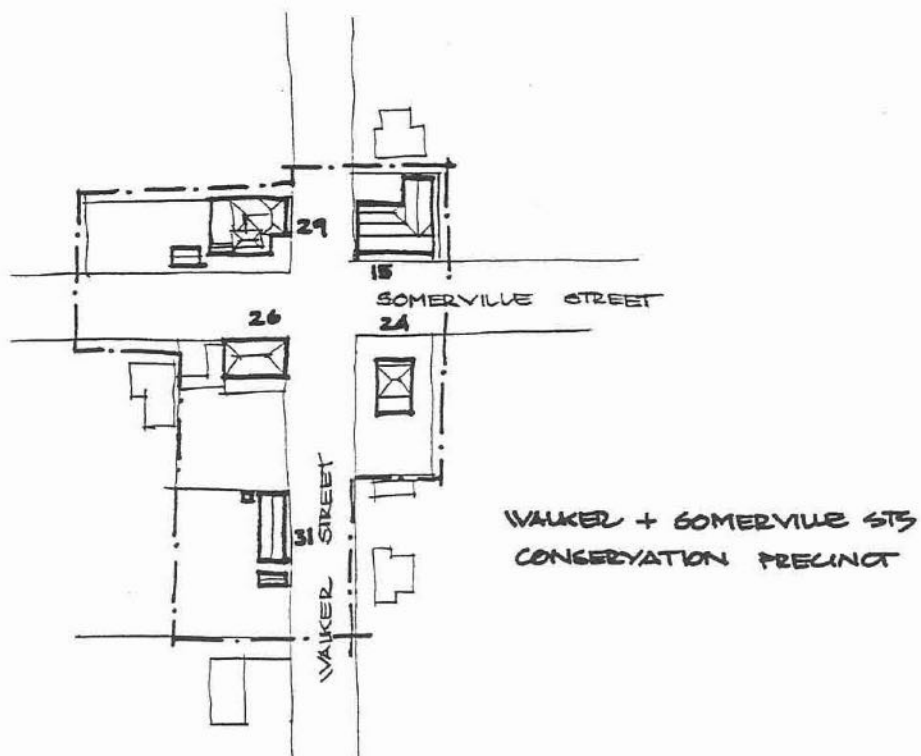
The site is significant as one of the early buildings to survive in Sorell, as part of an important early precinct of colonial buildings and for the quality of the building and its ability to demonstrate early construction forms and design.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, 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 National Estate.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Old Town plans S/31, S/34 and S/35
Terry, Ian. 1996. Sorell Heritage Study Stage 1: Thematic History

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