

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 49 Raynors Road Midway Point 7171		UPI: 2903616	PID: 5904412
Name: HARBACH'S SAWMILL			
Feature Type: Mill, saw	Structure Type	Dating: 1945 - 1959	
	Site Feature Type	Access Restrictions: Restricted	
		Inspection Date: October 96 P Davies	
		Style: Industrial	
		Grid ref: 5426 543450 5261300	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Timbergetting	
Material:	Corrugated iron	Corrugated iron	Listings:
Condition:	Fair		
Integrity:	Altered, extended sympathetically		
National Estate Criteria:		Photograph Index: 4:14-25	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A rare surviving mill using early technology and equipment and laid out in the traditional manner.

The site comprises various log storage areas, the mill building which contains the major saw benches and carriage for logs, docking saws, milling saws and various associated equipment including tool sharpening equipment. There is a separate structure for sawdust storage of typical design with a sloped floor external timber framing and elevated pipeline. There is a separate shed for small timber milling of more recent date. A number of miscellaneous buildings are on the site for staff and storage, some containers, some purpose built. Of interest is the early petrol pump, a rare surviving example from the 1950 period.

The whole site is of considerable interest, but the equipment is of high potential significance.

HISTORY:

The mill was located on the site of the present main road between the causeways and was relocated in 1959 with road widening. The mill was owned by Muscats who sold the equipment with the road widening. Harbachs purchased the equipment and moved to the present site where they erected the present shed on the slope to take advantage of the land to move the cut timber through the mill.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

The mill indicates traditional handling and sawing of timber with a minimal use of recent technology. The equipment and layout is the most significant aspect of the place with the buildings, of more recent date following the mill relocation, being typical of shelter provided widely for similar industrial uses.

It should be included in Schedule 3 of the Sorell Planning Scheme and further research may support its inclusion in the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

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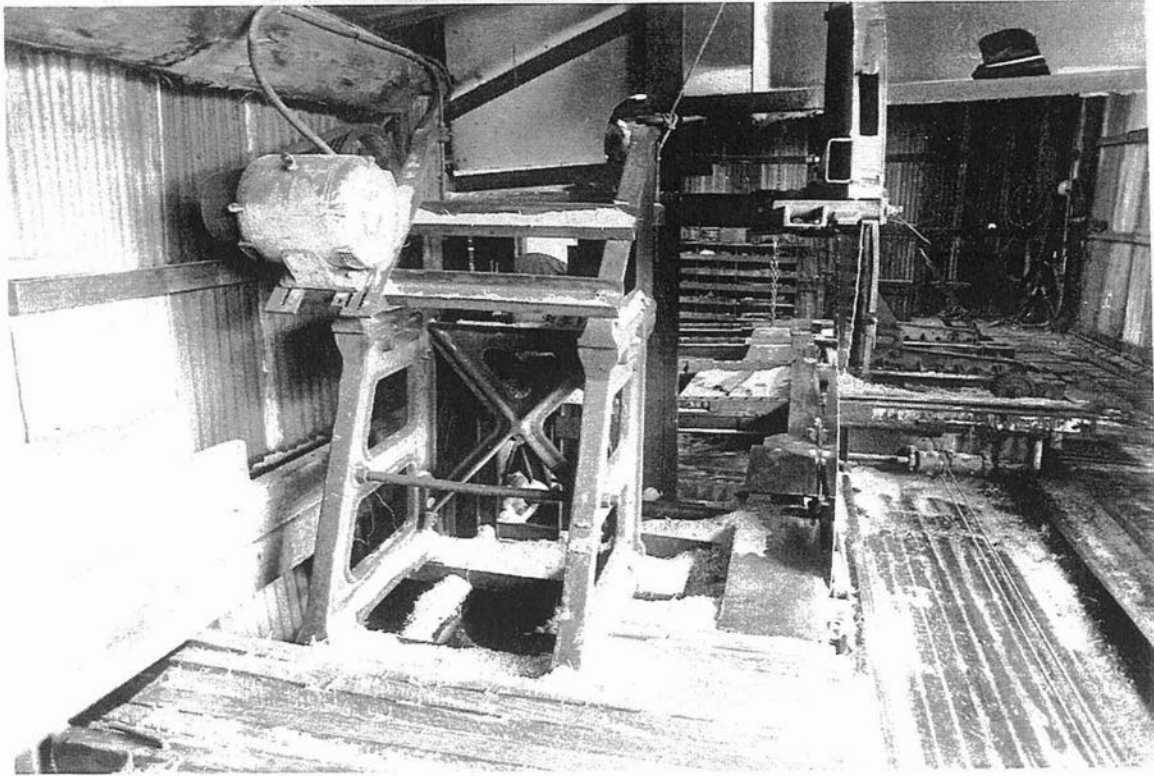
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