

SORELL HERITAGE SURVEY

Address: 681 White Hills Road Forcett 7173		UPI: 2901318	PID: 5940106
Name: LONG'S SELECTION			
Feature Type:	Structure Type	Dating: 1830 - 1890 c1862	
	Hut	Access Restrictions: Restricted	
	House	Inspection Date: November Ian Terry	
	Shed	Style: Vernacular	
	Woolshed	Grid ref: 5426 558200 5262210	
Indication of Significance: High probable significance		Theme: Land selection and closer settlement Primary Production	
Material:	Timber split slabs Shingle	Listings:	
Condition:	Deteriorated Good		
Integrity:	Intact		
National Estate Criteria:	A4 B2 C2 D2	Photograph Index: 19: 15-21	
Risk:	Excavation: ☐	Development: ☐	Maintenance: ☒ Vandalism: ☐

SITE DESCRIPTION:

A superb complex of mid to late nineteenth century dwellings and farm buildings. The earliest building is a small slab hut with a hipped shingled roof. This hut has been extended at one end and has been converted into a shearing shed. It is currently in bad repair and needs urgent conservation work. Adjacent to it is a slab blacksmith's shop, erected subsequent to the dwelling. It has a deteriorating shingled gable roof and a stone forge with nearby anvil. Forming the third side of an open square formed by these buildings is a c1890 weatherboard cottage, rectangular in plan and with a corrugated iron hipped roof. It has a skillion roofed section to the rear and a massive chimney at one end and is set on dressed stone blocks.

To the south of this precinct is a c1902 cottage, square in plan and with a very steep corrugated iron roof in hipped form. Originally weatherboard the cottage has since been clad in cement sheeting. The cottage features a massive external chimney. It appears to have a second similar chimney removed. There are two timber sided and shingle roofed garages nearby as well as a row of large pine trees planted in c1930.

HISTORY:

The huts and cottages are built on Long's c1860 selection under the Waste Lands Act. The first baby born in the slab hut is said to have been in 1862 and subsequently there were 13 children raised in it. The area is very isolated and children had to walk many miles to school at Wattle Hill or Forcett, as did the menfolk to find work. A survey plan of 1904 show the location of the 1902 cottage.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

The site has very high significance as a very good example of vernacular buildings built in isolated districts following the 1858 Waste Lands Act. The complex of three dwellings and blacksmith's shop are highly evocative and have the potential to yield a great deal of information about the lives of early selectors.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2 and D2 for inclusion in the Register of the National Estate. It should 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.

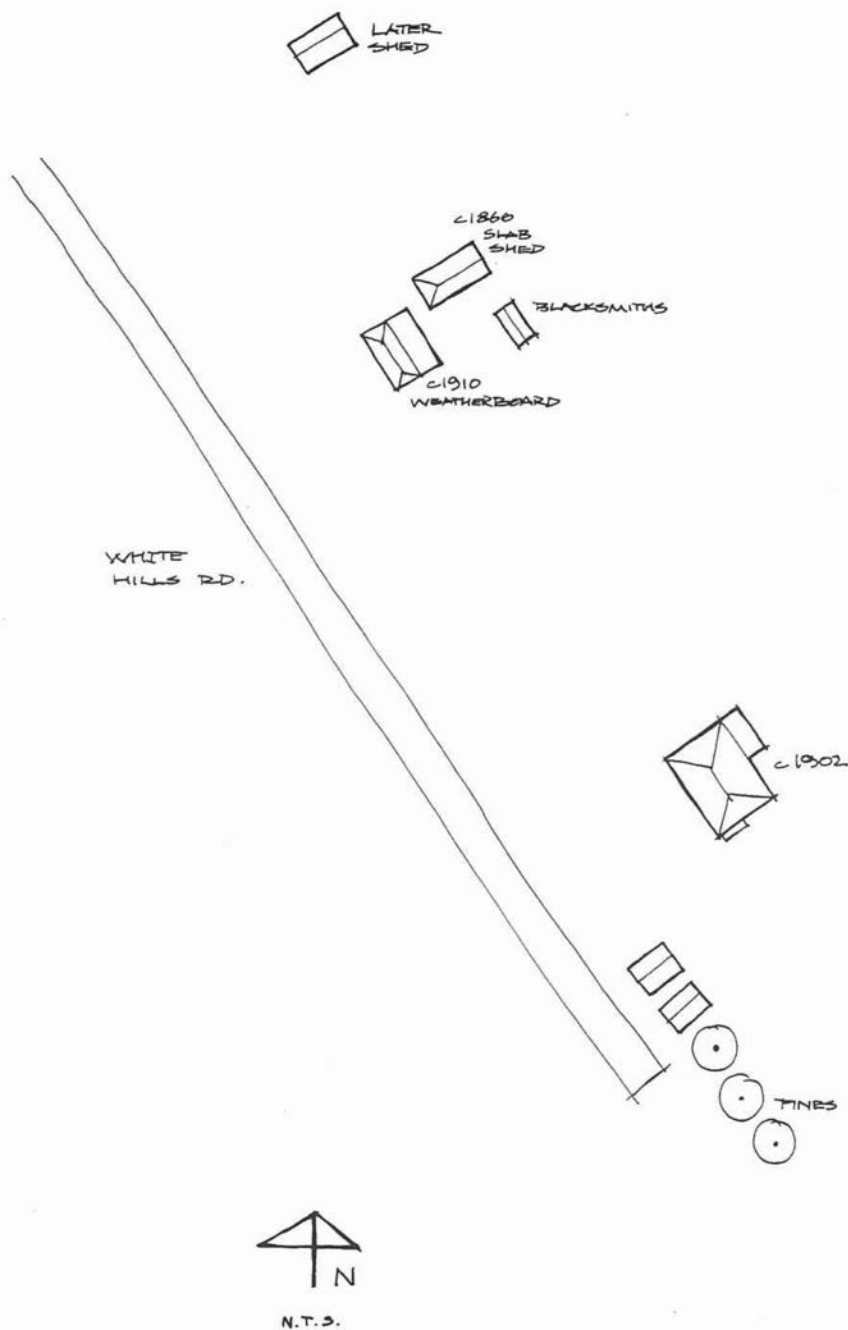
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BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Pem 38/9 (survey plan)

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