

SORELL HERITAGE STUDY

Address: 258 Fulham Road Dunalley 7177		UPI: 2901450	PID: 5961695
Name: FULHAM			
Feature Type:	Structure Type:	Site Feature Type:	Dating: 1830-1890 C1838
	House	Mature trees	Access Restrictions: Restricted
	Barn	Hedge	Inspection date: November 96 P Davies
	Shearing	Hedgerow	
	Shed		
Style: Colonial Georgian			
Grid ref: 5625 563150 5250500			
Indication of Significance: High probable significance	Theme: Early Settlement Primary Production		
Material: Brick/stucco Corrugated iron	Listings: National Trust SMC Schedule 3		
Condition: Good			
Integrity: Altered, extended sympathetically			
National Estate Criteria: A4 B2 C2 D2 F1	Photograph Index: 9:36 10:0-6		
Risk: Excavation: ☐ Development: ☐ Maintenance: ☐ Vandalism: ☐			

SITE DESCRIPTION:

One of the first settled properties of the district with the second house on the site built around 1838 and a series of outbuildings dating from that time to the present day. The property still retains its early size and includes two islands.

The house, built in 1838, is two storey originally without a verandah and with a small addition to the side for kitchen. It contains rooms in the roof space, originally with three small bay windows to the front and now three larger bay windows. The building was face brick with finely detailed windows and joinery. Externally the building was altered by the addition of a front verandah probably of late Victorian origin, applying rough cast, probably in the 1920's and the house was substantially reconstructed in 1955 when the rear roof was raised, the dormers were rebuilt, an addition was constructed on the rear and the kitchen block was extended. The house was further altered in the 1980s with fitouts for kitchen and service areas. The garden wall around the house was built in 1980 from bricks recovered from the demolition of the first house and its attached outbuildings. Internally the front rooms survive intact with joinery, fireplaces and finishes are well detailed. The stair survives and is well detailed and the basement extending under two rooms with arched connection and the former external stair (now under the rear extension) is impressive in its size. The cellar is brick floored and built of stone with a stone winding staircase. It was used for storage with bars on the small external windows, a lath and plaster ceiling and hooks for storage of goods.

The stables are also of early construction, but the date is not known. It is a sandstock brick building, now rendered, with hay loft of gabled form and is connected to the shearing shed with a long L-shaped sandstock brick wall enclosing the main yard.

The shearing shed is a gabled building of timber construction on a stone base with a skillion addition on each side supported on concrete footings. It is of early date, possibly the first half of the 19th century.

The connecting buildings, built off the boundary wall to the yard are a workshop building and open vehicle and equipment storage area built around 1930. They are of round post construction and all have corrugated iron roofs.

The grounds comprise the garden around the house which is surrounded by a large and well established hedge with entry drive through it; the hedge appears to date from about 1930. The entry drive is lined with hawthorn and the property contains a number of hedgerows of pine which are a distinguishing feature of the property.

HISTORY:

Built on 1,103 acres of land granted to Francis Desailly in 1835. The property was offered for sale in 1839, soon after the erection of a new homestead comprising of '15 apartments, suitable for a family of the first respectability'.

The property also comprised a number of attached outbuildings including blacksmiths shop, stables and barn with a loft. Three years later fourteen people inhabited the property which included a brick-nog dwelling. These included nine convicts and ticket-of-leave holders.

The property was advertised for sale in 1839 with the present house complete but did not sell. Again advertised in *The Hobart Town Advertiser* on 26 March 1859 (p4) and described as follows:

The magnificent Estate of FULHAM, at East Bay, comprising about 2,500 acres of rich Arable and Pasture Land The Farm Buildings are most complete, consisting of a substantial and well-finished Brick Dwelling House, containing eleven large and well-arranged rooms, hall, and cellars underground, exclusive of storerooms, kitchen, &c. There is a seven stall brick stable, coach house, two large barns, men's houses, blacksmith 's and carpenter's shops, meat house, granary, fowl houses, cart and cow sheds, piggeries, and the outbuildings usually found upon an Estate where the outlay has hardly been considered, and extraordinary facilities of cheap labour have enabled the proprietor to carry out plans worthy of such a property.

The property changed hands a number of times, 1860, 1861, 1878, 1906, 1919 and finally in 1929 to Barclay Gray, whose family still own the property.

Photographs taken in 1898 show that the dormers at the front were still their original small size and that the front verandah had still not been added.

The early road alignment ran through the property between the old and present house and can be seen winding across the paddocks.

BOUNDARY:

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

COMMENTS:

Of significance as one of the first settled and granted properties in the district retaining an early house, although altered, and a fine group of outbuildings. The grounds, mature trees and remnants of the early road are also of significance as is the retention of the original holding including the islands as part of the present property.

It meets Criteria A4, B2, C2, D2 and F1 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 the National Estate.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + PREVIOUS STUDIES:

Hobart Town Advertiser 26 August 1859, p4
Colonial Times 24 September 1839, p1
Tasmanian Mail 15 January 1898, p17

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