

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: TIMBER AND BLUESTONE COTTAGE AND GARDEN

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 112 Cobb Street PENSHURST

STUDY NUMBER: 279

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Penshurst

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 9 and **SECTION:** 8 **PARISH:** PARISH OF BORAMBORAM
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ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 475J ; VicRoads 233 ; located at the north-east corner of Cobb and Burchett and continuing through to Watton Street, facing south on the south side of the township.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Timber and Bluestone Cottage, 112 Cobb St, Penshurst

Image Date: 29/04/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the cottage and outbuildings to the extent of their exteriors (excluding their interiors) and the major plantings of the garden and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

A single storey timber cottage with a timber verandah across the façade. The cottage is symmetrical about the front door and has two 12-paned double-hung sash windows. There are two large bluestone chimneys on the east elevation. The cottage has been extended to the rear with skillion roofed additions. There are substantial outbuildings along the Burchett Street, or western boundary, which appear to have been used as a coach house and stables. There is a substantial and mature garden including large palms and trees.

HISTORY:

The land on which the cottage, its outbuildings and the garden stand was purchased from the Crown by E. G. (Edmund Garston) Yorke on 15th December 1857. Yorke was a young solicitor who arrived in the Belfast (Port Fairy) area in the mid 1850s. He was considered to be a respectable solicitor, and worked for some of the largest merchants in the township, including Rutledge & Co (Powling, 136). Yorke was a member of the Port Fairy Borough Council in 1865, and later became Mayor, in 1867. It is unlikely that the cottage was built during his ownership of the site, as he may have purchased the land as an investment, and is not known to have other interests in the area. Yorke died aged 42 at Port Fairy in 1877. By 1870 nobody of the name Yorke is rated for land in the Township of Peshurst, so it is unlikely that the property remained in the families ownership. (SMR RB 1870.)

It is not known when the cottage and outbuildings were constructed but from their form, style, materials and detailing they appear to date from the 1870s.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes
8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

The buildings are in good condition.

INTEGRITY:

excellent degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The timber and bluestone cottage and garden is located at the north-east corner of Cobb and Burchett and continuing through to Watton Street, facing south on the south side of the township. The cottage takes the vernacular form in the Victorian style, being a single storey, symmetrical timber cottage with a timber verandah across the façade. There are two large bluestone chimneys on the east elevation. The cottage has been extended to the rear with skillion roofed additions. There are substantial outbuildings along the Burchett Street, or western boundary, which appear to have been used as a coach house and stables. There is a substantial and mature garden including large palms and trees. The land on which the cottage stands was taken up in the mid 1850s by Edmund Garston Yorke, a solicitor from Port Fairy, who went on to become the Mayor of Port Fairy in 1867. It is unlikely that the cottage was built by him, but is more likely to have been built after his death, in 1877 by new owners. No architect or builder has been associated with the design. The buildings are in good condition and retains an excellent degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Timber and Bluestone Cottage and Garden at 112 Cobb Street is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Peshurst.

Why is it significant?

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The Timber and Bluestone Cottage and Garden at 112 Cobb Street is of historical and architectural significance as a largely complete example of small cottage complex including the residence, outbuildings and garden. Of further significance is the association with E. G Yorke, the first owner, who was an influential and important solicitor in Port Fairy who later became the Mayor of Port Fairy.

COMPARISON:

280 Bluestone Cottage, 11 Burchett Street, Penshurst

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

10-May-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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