

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** GROVES' COTTAGE (FORMER)

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Watton Street extension PENSHURST

**STUDY NUMBER:** 287

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:**

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**PRECINCT:** Penshurst

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Southern Grampians Shire

**ALLOTMENT:** 3      **SECTION:** 23      **PARISH:** PARISH OF BORAMBORAM

**ACCESS DESCRIPTION:**

CFA 475J B11; VicRoads 233 N11; located on the north side of Watton Street beyond the intersection with Hutton Street on the western side of the township of Penshurst.

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Groves' Cottage, Watton Street extension Penshurst

**Image Date:** 29/04/02

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

To the extent of: 1. All the cottage and all the land.

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## **PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

A small four roomed symmetrical bluestone house. The windows are 12 pane double hung sashes. The hipped roof is covered with corrugated iron, but partially removed to reveal timber shingles. There may have been extensions in timber to the rear but these are now collapsed or missing. There seems never to have been a verandah.

The cottage is sited close to the Watton Street boundary and faces south towards the stoney rises associated with the Cheviot Hills estate.

## **HISTORY:**

The land on which Groves' Cottage stands was purchased from the Crown by James Groves on 13th November 1868 as allotment 3 of section 23 of the township of Peshurst. Groves also purchased allotments 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of section 23 on the same day. One year later, he purchased allotments 1, 2, 3 and 4 of section 22 (Department of Lands and Survey, 1957).

It is not known exactly when the cottage was built but in 1870 James Groves is rated as the owner and occupier of a "house, etc. Peshurst" at valuation of 16 pounds. (SMR RB 1870 #149.) He is described as a labourer. By 1872, he is described as a quarryman and the valuation has fallen to 14 pounds. He possibly worked in the quarry on the north-east face of Mount Rouse which was active at this time for material for the construction of not just buildings but also roads and railways. The small scale, the vernacular style and the materials used (specifically the timber shingle roof) indicate an early date of construction.

Little is known of the intermediate history of the place.

## **THEMATIC CONTEXT:**

Theme 3 Developing Local Regional and National Economies  
3.4 Utilising natural resources  
3.4.3 Mining

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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 building is in very poor condition.

## **INTEGRITY:**

excellent degree of integrity notwithstanding its ruinous condition.

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

What is significant?

Groves' Cottage (former) is located on the north side of Watton Street beyond the intersection with Hutton Street on the western side of the township of Peshurst. The cottage is a small, symmetrical four roomed residence, with two large chimneys suggesting the presence of timber extensions which have since been lost. The roof is covered in corrugated iron sheets, which cover wooden shingles. The exact date of construction is not known, but it appears to date from about the 1870s. The cottage is in poor condition but retains an excellent degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The former Groves' Cottage, Watton Street extension, is of historical and architectural significance to the Southern Grampians shire and to the township of Peshurst.

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The former Groves' Cottage, Watton Street extension, is of historical and architectural significance as an example of the early residences of the township with particular links to the local quarrying industry. It is of further historical significance for its association with the Groves family, long term members of the local community.

## COMPARISON:

284 Murdam Lodge (Ruined Cottage), Hamilton Highway, Penshurst

286 Bluestone Cottage, Macarthur-Penshurst Road, Penshurst

**ASSESSED BY:** tfh

**ASSESSMENT DATE:**

15-May-02

## EXISTING LISTINGS:

## HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

**Include in VHR**  **Include in RNE**  **Include in Local Planning Scheme**

**No Recommendations for Inclusions**

## REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Department of Lands and Survey	Township of Penshurst, County of Villiers	1957	
Shire of Mount Rouse	Shire of Mount Rouse Rate Books 1870	1870	#149

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