

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: BLACKSMITH'S SHOP (FORMER) AND RESIDENCE

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Hamilton Highway TARRINGTON

STUDY NUMBER: 397

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Tarrington

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF HAMILTON SOUTH

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 474 J- ; VicRoads 73 C6; located on the north side of the Hamilton Highway

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



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Image Date: 15/05/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the buildings but excluding the interiors and all the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The complex comprises two buildings, the older cottage and smithy [?] and the newer residence. Both buildings are timber framed weatherboard. The older is a small, symmetrical cottage with a central ledge and brace door and two 12 pane double hung sash windows. The gable roof is contiguous with the simple post supported verandah. It is clad in corrugated iron (with the recent insertion of 'Laserlight' sheets above the windows). There is a substantial painted brick chimney at the eastern end of the building and a rear verandah. The later building is a typical house of the turn of the century. The windows are double hung sashes. The corrugated iron roof is hipped. It has a timber post supported verandah, recently modified.

HISTORY:

Pastor Clamor W Schurmann purchased allotment 2 of section 16 of the Parish of South Hamilton from the Crown in 1857. It comprised just over 112 acres. The north-eastern corner of the allotment was used for the development of the St Michael's Lutheran church and school from 1858. The remainder of the land was subdivided and became known firstly as German Town, then Hochkirk and, because of anti-German sentiment during the First world War, as Tarrington (Garden, 47-8). It was the beginning of the township. By 1865 it was described officially as "a German settlement, and postal village" and that "there are no hotels in the village, and the population of the district is about 1000 persons, who are engaged in cultivating the fine country on which they are settled" (Bailliere's, 184). The next important large building was, in fact, the Crosskeys Hotel which was built in the 1860s along with the post office, a general store and a new church (Garden, 82 & 110). The smithy, as an essential service to travellers and small farmers, is most likely to date from the sale of land north of the highway in 1865.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.8 Moving goods and people

3.8.5 Moving goods and people on land

3.13 Developing an Australian manufacturing capacity

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

CONDITION:

The buildings are in good condition.

INTEGRITY:

Cottage retains a fair degree of integrity externally, the interiors have not been inspected

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The former Blacksmith and residence was one of three located in Tarrington prior to the turn of the century. The blacksmith's shop and residence are located on the Hamilton Highway in the centre of Tarrington. Two timber framed weatherboard structures are located on the site, the older of the two is the cottage and former smithy; a symmetrical cottage with a central ledge and brace door and two 12 pane double hung sash windows. The gable roof is contiguous with the simple post supported verandah. It is clad in corrugated iron (with the recent insertion of 'Laserlight' sheets above the windows). There is a substantial painted brick chimney at the eastern end of the building and a rear verandah. The later building is a typical house of the turn of the century. The windows are double hung sashes. The corrugated iron roof is hipped. It has a timber post supported verandah, recently modified. The history of the ownership of the smithy is not known, nor is the history of ownership of the land. Both buildings survive in good condition and retain a fair degree of external integrity.

How is it significant?

The former blacksmith's shop and residence is of historical significance to the township of Tarrington and the

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The site is of historical significance as it provides an example of a previous way of life, illustrating the importance of the horse for transport, pastoralism and industry in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. It represents a trade that is no longer practiced, but has been associated with the development of the town since earliest settlement.

COMPARISON:

011 Matthew Cooke's Blacksmiths Shop, 91 Whyte Street, Coleraine

ASSESSED BY: AEN

ASSESSMENT DATE:

20-Jan-04

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
Garden, Don	Hamilton A Western District History	1984	47-8, 54-5, 82, 110