

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: HOPE PARK (HOUSE)

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Chatsworth Road TARRINGTON

STUDY NUMBER: 463

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: outside

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 8 **SECTION:** VII **PARISH:** PARISH OF HAMILTON SOUTH

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 432 E90; VicRoads73 C6; located on the north side of Chatsworth Road in the north-west corner of the intersection with the Tarrington-Strathkellar Road

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Hope Park Tarrington façade

Image Date: 14/05/03

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the house, and all of the land, including the garden, vegetable gardens and orchard.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Hope Park is a single storey timber house with a later terracotta tile roof and a terracotta tile verandah which extends over a concrete floor. The house is symmetrical, with a central door and two double hung sash windows on either side of the front door. The floorplan of this section is arranged in the conventional form, with rooms opening from a central passageway. The oldest section of the house, is of pug construction, and forms the nucleus of the house. The pug has been covered with timber and is not visible. At the rear of the house is a timber laundry with a gabled roof clad in corrugated iron. The laundry has a simple shallow verandah.

The remains of a large vegetable garden and orchard remain to the east of the house, and contain the remnants of several early fruit trees, including a walnut tree planted said to have been planted in 1855. Surrounding the house, vegetable garden and orchard are typical nineteenth century plantings such as Italian cypress (*Cupressus seprevirens*).

HISTORY:

Johann and Dorothea Mibus arrived in Australia from Prussia in 1847 with a number of other German Lutheran families. They arrived in South Australia, and established a settlement in the Barossa Valley named Hoffnungsthal immediately after (Nagorka, 15). The settlement at Hoffnungsthal was not successful, and in 1855, the Mibus (or Miebus) family, along with Johann and Christine Huf decided to migrate to Victoria, where they landed at Portland (*ibid.*, 20). They went inland, and arrived at Hochkirch with their family of seven children.

They took up land which they had selected, which is now known as Hope Park, on the Chatsworth Road, east of Hamilton. When they arrived "the bushland was covered with gums, Blackwood and wattle trees. Priority was given to the erection of a few rooms in which the family could live" (Nagorka, 32). It is believed that three of the very earliest structures, complete with pug lining on the walls are incorporated into the current house as three individual rooms. Johann Mibus was a keen gardener, and Hope Park was self sufficient. A large vegetable garden, orchard and dairy, along with various stock for meat and other purposes were kept. The remains of the orchard, dating from 1855 survive.

Dorothea and Johann Mibus' third son, Johann married Maria Kosch from Nuekirch (Byaduk) when he was 23, and she 17 (*ibid.*). On their marriage, they moved to the main house at Hope Park, and Johann and Dorothea moved to a new home nearby. Between 1868 and 1891, Johann and Maria had thirteen children, and subsequently as their family grew, additions were made to Hope Park.

Johann later purchased various allotments of the Warrayure estate when it was subdivided and offered for sale in the 1880s. The intention was that the youngest sons, Theodor and Emil would share the home property, Hope Park, while the elder sons, Alfred, Carl, Adolph, Otto, Ernst, Heinrich and Gottlieb would take up the land at Warrayure independently.

A two roomed building was constructed adjacent to Hope Park in the later nineteenth century, where Maria's parents came to live in their old age. After the death of Maria's parents, the rooms were used for sleeping quarters for some of the Mibus children. Later alterations and extensions were made to this structure, where Johann and Maria moved to in their retirement.

The home been in continual ownership of the Mibus family for over 130 years.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 2 Peopling Australia

2.4 Migrating

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- 2.4.1 Migrating to save or preserve a way of life
- 2.4.2 Migrating to seek opportunity
- 2.4.3 Migrating to escape oppression
- 2.4.4 Migrating through organised colonisation
- 2.4.5 Changing the face of rural and urban Australia through migration
- 2.5 Promoting settlement

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:

Very good.

INTEGRITY:

Fair degree of integrity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

Hope Park is a single storey symmetrical timber house with a terracotta tile roof and terracotta tile verandah located on Chatsworth Road in the township of Tarrington. The house is located in the remains of a suburban garden, and to the east of the house are the remains of a substantial vegetable garden and orchard. Hope Park was established by Johann Mibus and his family in the mid 1850s, and continues to remain in the same family. No architect or builder has been associated with the design of the building. The building is in very good condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

Hope Park is of historical significance to the township of Tarrington and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Hope Park is of historical significance as an excellent representative example of a self sufficient house and small parcel of land which was typical of the German Lutherans who arrived in the area in the 1850s. The complex also indicates a social history significance as it demonstrates the relationship between generations and the notion of extended family, evident in the small timber structure which became the parent's home when children took over the main home. Of further historical significance is the long continuous association which Hope Park has had with the Mibus family, and the German Lutheran community for over 130 years continuously.

COMPARISON:

260 Burger's Cottages, Acacia, Macarthur-Penshurst Road, Penshurst (Gnadenthal)
205 Albert Homestead Complex, Springfield Lane, Penshurst (Gnadenthal)
141 Hilston Park, Chatsworth Road,

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

01-May-03

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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Author	Title	Year	Page
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