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House and Garden.

131 High Street, Doncaster.

This symmetrical, double-fronted, red brick house is Conservative Classical in style. There is a convex curved, hip-roofed verandah which returns on the right-hand side. It has cast-iron lace valence and brackets, with timber posts. The roof is slate and there are four symmetrical chimneys, rendered with Classical mouldings. The windows are detached pairs and the front four-panelled door has side- and fan-lights with brass bell-pull.

The formal symmetrical front garden has a complex geometric pattern of flowerbeds, bordered by clipped box-hedging. This was once a familiar garden type in Victoria, but is now quite rare. It has recently been brick paved and planted sympathetically. The front picket fence has been replaced with a high paling fence.

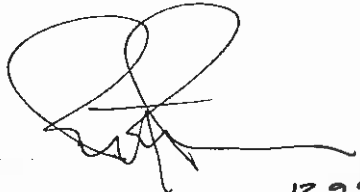
The house was built as an orchard homestead and the garden laid out and planted in the 1890s by an early settler, Mr Winter. After his death, his daughter, Mrs Soderlund maintained the house until 1973, when the present owners purchased. Both early owners are commemorated in local street names. Part of the garden was subdivided years ago, but its main form survives. *

The front garden is of state significance as an intact and rare symmetrical geometric layout, with clipped box hedge-edged flower gardens. It is one of the best and largest of the few examples that survive of this once common garden type. **

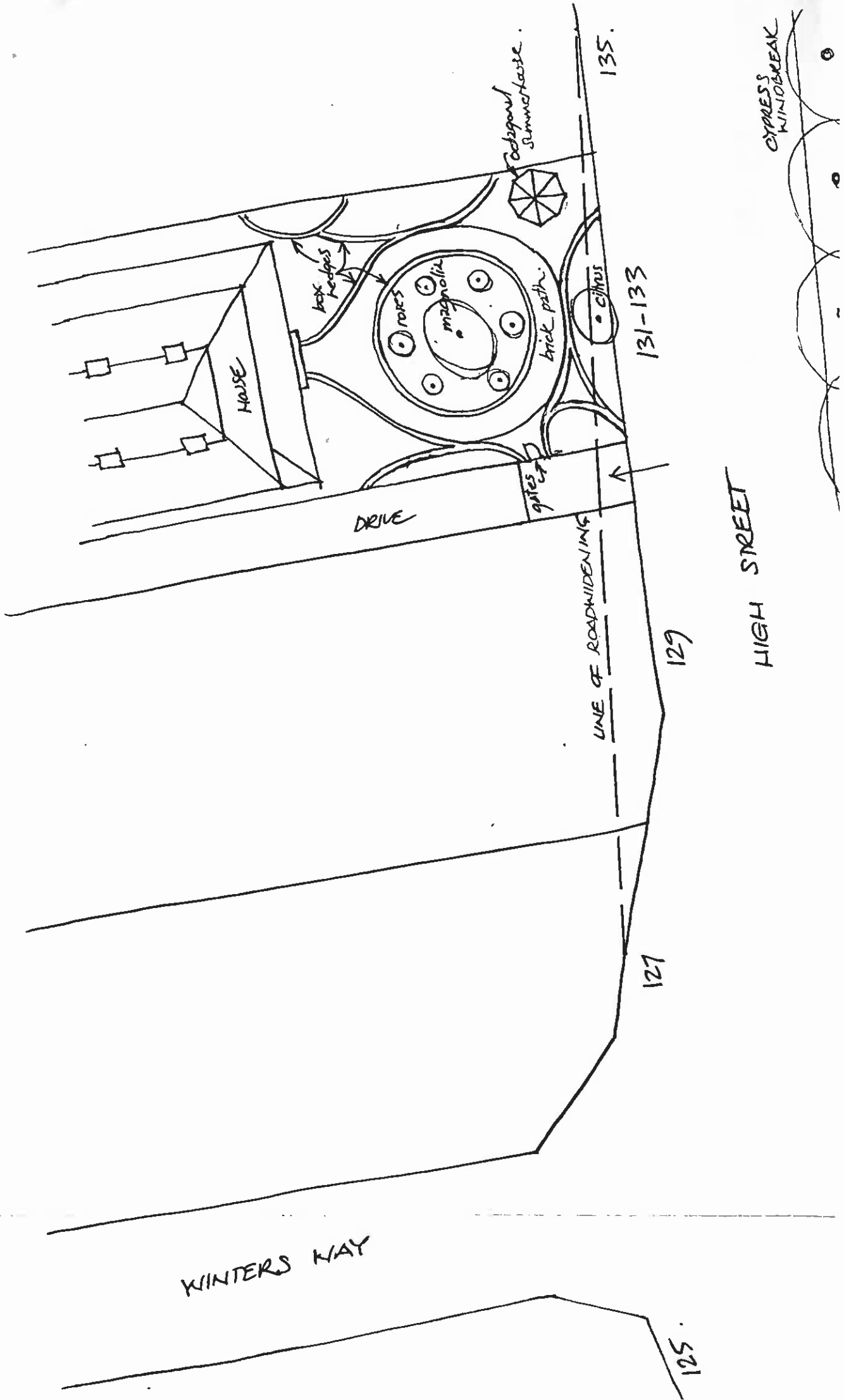
The house is of local historical and architectural significance for its intact conservative classical style and for its association with local settler orchardist, Mr Winter.

* Letter. J. G. Eberbach to City of Doncaster and Templestowe, 2nd January, 1990.

** Watts, Peter. ^{Victoria's} "Historic Gardens Study", 1980.



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WINTERS WAY

HIGH STREET

CYPRESS WINDBREAK

Cedars of Lebanon summer house.

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HOUSE

DRIVE

gates

box hedges

rocks

magnolia

brick path.

cypress

LINE OF ROADWIDENING