

BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.

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<u>NAME:</u> ---			
<u>ADDRESS:</u> Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road.			
<u>TITLE DETAILS:</u>			
<u>USE:</u> House.			
<u>CONSTRUCTION DATE:</u> 1908-12		<u>SOURCE:</u> 1	
<u>ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:</u>		<u>DATE:</u> 1912-14	
		<u>SOURCE:</u> 1	
<u>CRITERIA:</u> H1; Ar 1.		<u>HISTORIC THEME:</u> Agriculture	
<u>DESCRIPTION:</u>		<u>STYLE:</u> Edwardian	
		<u>STORIES:</u> 1	
		<u>DETACHED.</u>	
<u>MATERIALS:</u>		<u>WALLS:</u> Timber & roughcast	
		<u>ROOF:</u> Iron	
		<u>STRUCTURE:</u> Stud	
<u>CONDITION:</u> Good		<u>INTACTNESS:</u> Good	
		<u>THREATS:</u> -	
<u>SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:</u>			
VERANDAH. ROOF FORM.			
VERANDAH DECORATION.			
CHIMNEYS. DOORS. WINDOWS. PAINTWORK SCHEME.			
FENCES.			
GARDEN. TREES. ORCHARD.			
<u>SIGNIFICANCE:</u>			
<u>TYPE:</u> ARCHITECTURAL.			
<u>LEVEL:</u> LOCAL			
<u>DESIGNATION EXISTING:</u> Nil.			
<u>RECOMMENDED CONTROL:</u> PLANNING SCHEME.			
<u>MAP NO:</u> R2.07		<u>SURVEY:</u> RP	
		<u>DATE:</u> 21.12.1993	
		<u>NEGS:</u> 1011.29	



HISTORY: This allotment on the Staughton Vale Estate was leased to George Davis on 1 January, 1908. Davis fared better than most lessees, erecting a three-room dwelling, stables and barn, and sowing 100 acres (40.5ha) with wheat, oats and barley, in the six months after taking possession of the allotment. In 1912 this dwelling was described as a weatherboard farmhouse of four rooms, with a hipped roof of corrugated iron. Two years later, the farmhouse, now five rooms was valued at £ 380 (\$760).

George Davis died on 12 February, 1930. The lease passed to the Ballarat Trustees Executive and Agency Co. Ltd., with Davis' sons farming the 188 acres (76.1ha) property. In 1951, Reginald Henry Davis purchased the allotment from the Fidelity Trustee Co. Ltd.¹

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A characteristic triple-fronted high hip-roofed Edwardian timber house. The left-hand and right side rear bays are set forward as gables, with their timbered upper sections jettied. Their windows are pairs, at left with a hood. The skillion verandah extends around the angle, with a catenary rail timber valance. Chimneys have rendered bands, not pots. There are outbuildings, in front is an orchard, v - profile picket fence and mature cypress at the entrance.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: There are 26 Edwardian farmhouses identified in the Study. (Refer: Typology Schedule).

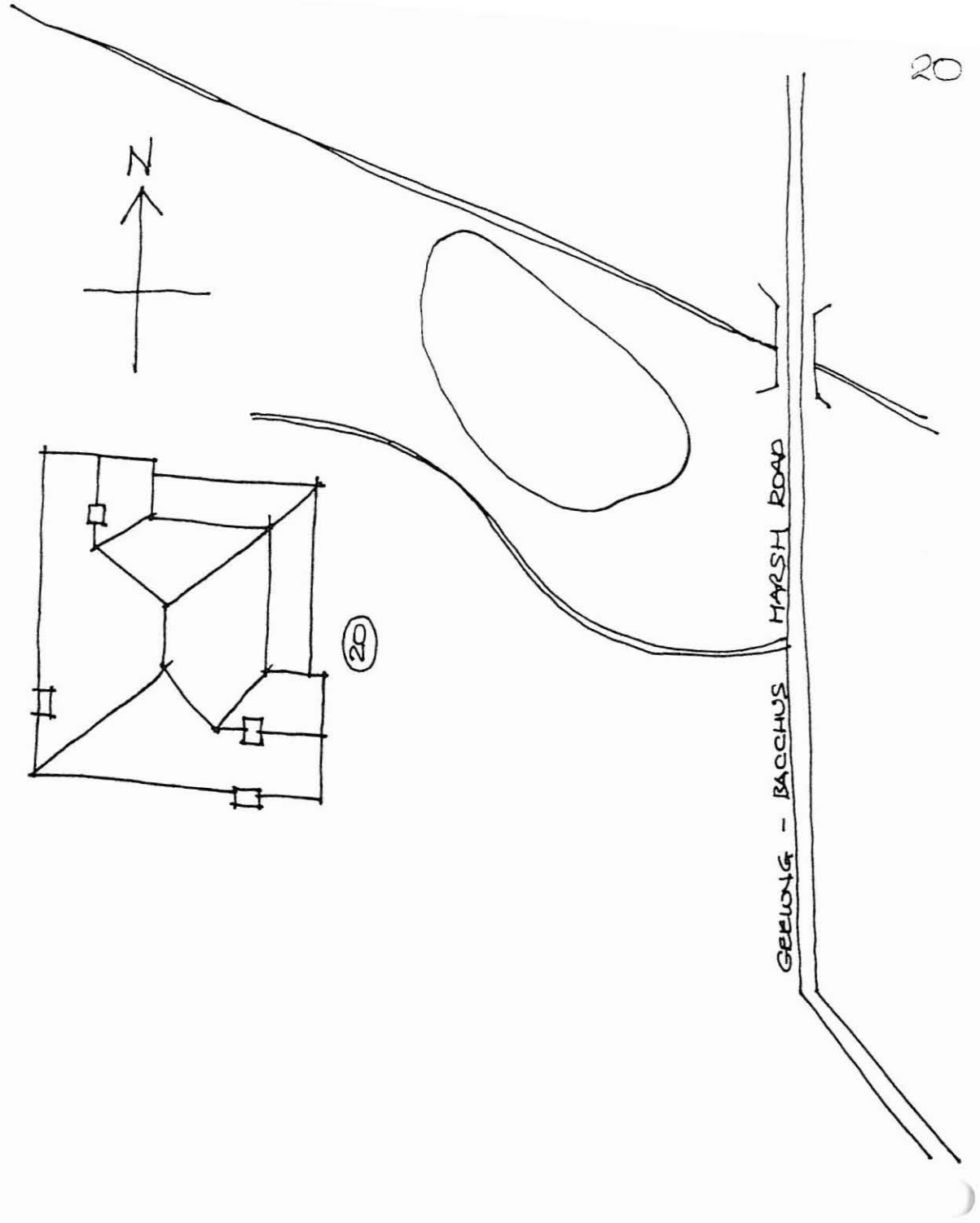
SIGNIFICANCE: An Edwardian timber farmhouse built in 1908 on land formerly leased from the Staughton Vale Estate.

It is of local historical significance as representing the way of life of a leasehold small farmer before the First World War. It is also of architectural significance as a relatively intact Edwardian farmhouse with some contextual elements, such as outbuildings, orchard and fence.

INTACTNESS: Apparently, good.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Apparently, good.

¹ Land Selection File, VPRS 5714, Box 237 (PRO).



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