

BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.

Ref: 76

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NAME: -	
ADDRESS: Werribee Vale Road.	
TITLE DETAILS:	
USE: Farmhouse.	
CONSTRUCTION DATE: c1870	SOURCE: 1
CRITERIA: H1; Ar1.	HISTORIC THEME: Agriculture
DESCRIPTION: STYLE: Early	STORIES: 1 DETACHED.
MATERIAL WALLS: Render	ROOF: Iron STRUCTURE: Lb.
CONDITION: Good	INTACTNESS: Good. THREATS: -
SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS: FORM. VERANDAH. CHIMNEYS. EQUIPMENT. 2 dethridge wheels opposite.	
SIGNIFICANCE: TYPE: HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL. LEVEL: LOCAL.	
DESIGNATION EXISTING: Nil RECOMMENDED CONTROL: PLANNING SCHEME.	
MAP NO: R2.05	SURVEY: DC & RP DATE: 4.1.94 NEGS: 6.23/1016.2



HISTORY: This farmhouse was erected by Francis Piggott *circa* 1870, possibly to replace an earlier dwelling which may form part of the present outbuilding on the property.¹ A prominent landowner in the district, Piggott purchased this 100 acre (40.5 ha) allotment in March 1864, and an adjoining 450 acres (182.1 ha) comprising Albin Clothier's property "Pentland Hills" in December 1876.²

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: An early cottage with a gable roof across, rendered with roughcast on brick. It is four bays, with the door in the second bay, and a skillion timber verandah continuous with the roof, on timber posts with decorative fretwork timber brackets. There are two chimneys on the ridge-line. The asymmetrical front would appear to indicate that one bay has been sympathetically added to the gable to enlarge the house, to the right. There is a large hip-roofed brick and timber outbuilding behind which also appears to be old. Opposite, over Werribee Vale Road are two Dethridge wheels.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: There are 13 early farmhouses identified in the Shire, of these only three are masonry construction. This is the only example with a gable-roof and verandah. 82 Lerderderg Road has a gable, but no verandah (ref: 249).

SIGNIFICANCE: A characteristic early cottage farmhouse erected in about 1870, possibly incorporating an 1864 house.

It is of local historical significance as a representative embodiment of an early way of life. It is also of local architectural significance as a representative example of an early cottage.

INTACTNESS: Good.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Good.

¹ Personal communication with Gwyn Moore, BMDHS.

² Department of Lands and Survey Parish of Gorrockourghap G111 (5), (CPO); *Bacchus Marsh Express*, 20 December 1876.