

**BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.**

Ref: 102

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**NAME:** Baronscourt.**ADDRESS:** 5 Pilmer Street (SW cnr Standfield Street).**TITLE DETAILS:****USE:** House.**CONSTRUCTION DATE:** Before 1915.**SOURCE:** 2**DESIGNER:** D.A. Little**BUILDER:** J.F. Taylor**SOURCE:** 1**CRITERIA:** A3.**HISTORIC THEME:** Townships**DESCRIPTION:** STYLE: Edwardian STORIES: 1 DETACHED.**MATERIALS:** WALLS Brick ROOF Iron STRUCTURE Lb**CONDITION:** Good**INTACTNESS:** Good**THREATS:** -**SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:**

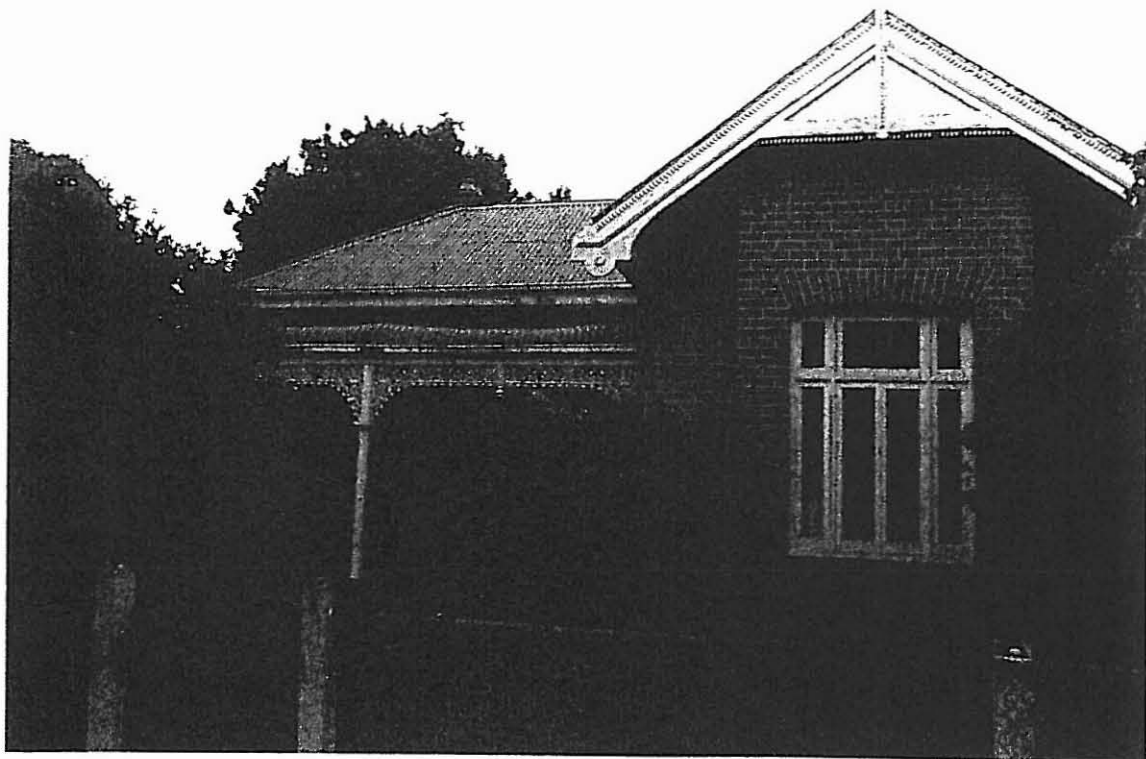
FORM. VERANDAH. PLAN.

VERANDAH DECORATION.

CHIMNEYS. WALL DECORATION. DOORS. WINDOWS.

UNPAINTED FINISH.

FENCES/GATES.

**SIGNIFICANCE:****TYPE:** ARCHITECTURAL.**LEVEL:** LOCAL.**DESIGNATION EXISTING:** Nil**RECOMMENDED CONTROL:** PLANNING SCHEME.**MAP NO:** U.408**SURVEY:** RP & DC**DATE:** 7.1.94**NEGS:** 8.17, 18

**HISTORY:** The house of local landowner William Henry McFarlane, Baronscourt was erected by local builder J.F. Taylor to designs prepared by Shire Secretary and Engineer, D.A. Little: "there are seven rooms of good size and height, with a wide hall; and all the ceilings of Wunderlich embossed steel. Concrete lintels are a noticeable feature."<sup>1</sup> W.H. McFarlane died at Baronscourt in January 1915.<sup>2</sup>

**VISUAL DESCRIPTION:** A tuckpointed red brick hip-roofed Edwardian house with a slightly unusual plan. The right hand bay is set forward as a gable. The upper gable is decorated with sawtooth decoration, finial, roughcast, and pendent barges and jettys over a projecting rectangular bay. This has unusually tall tripartite casement windows with highlights and stone sill. Around the angle is a bull-nosed verandah with timber posts and cast-iron lace valance and brackets. Chimneys have terra-cotta pots. There are three external entry doors: one faces Pilmer Street and the others, Stanfield Street, either side of a projecting room beneath the verandah. There is a sympathetic chain-link and tubular steel fence.

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS:** There are 44 Edwardian town houses identified in the Shire.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** A large Edwardian brick house with an unusual floor plan, built before 1915. It is probably the largest Edwardian house in Bacchus Marsh and the largest significant house in the town.

It has local architectural significance as an extraordinary Edwardian house for Bacchus Marsh.

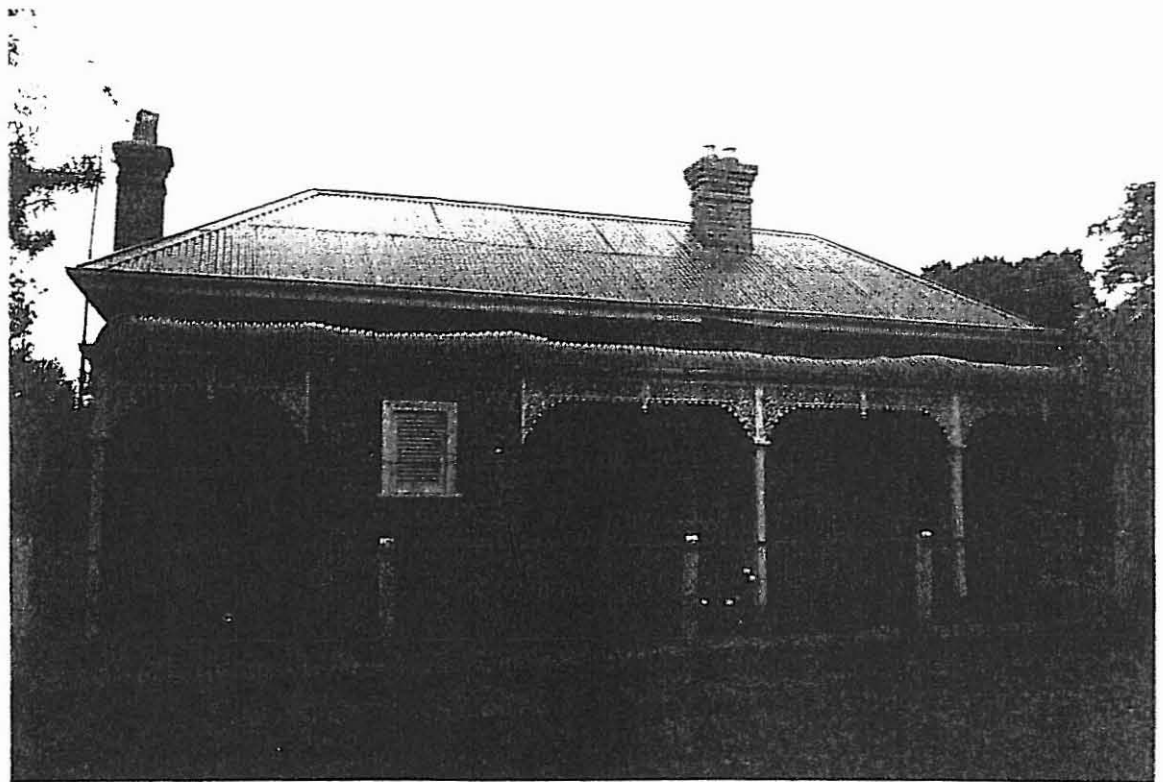
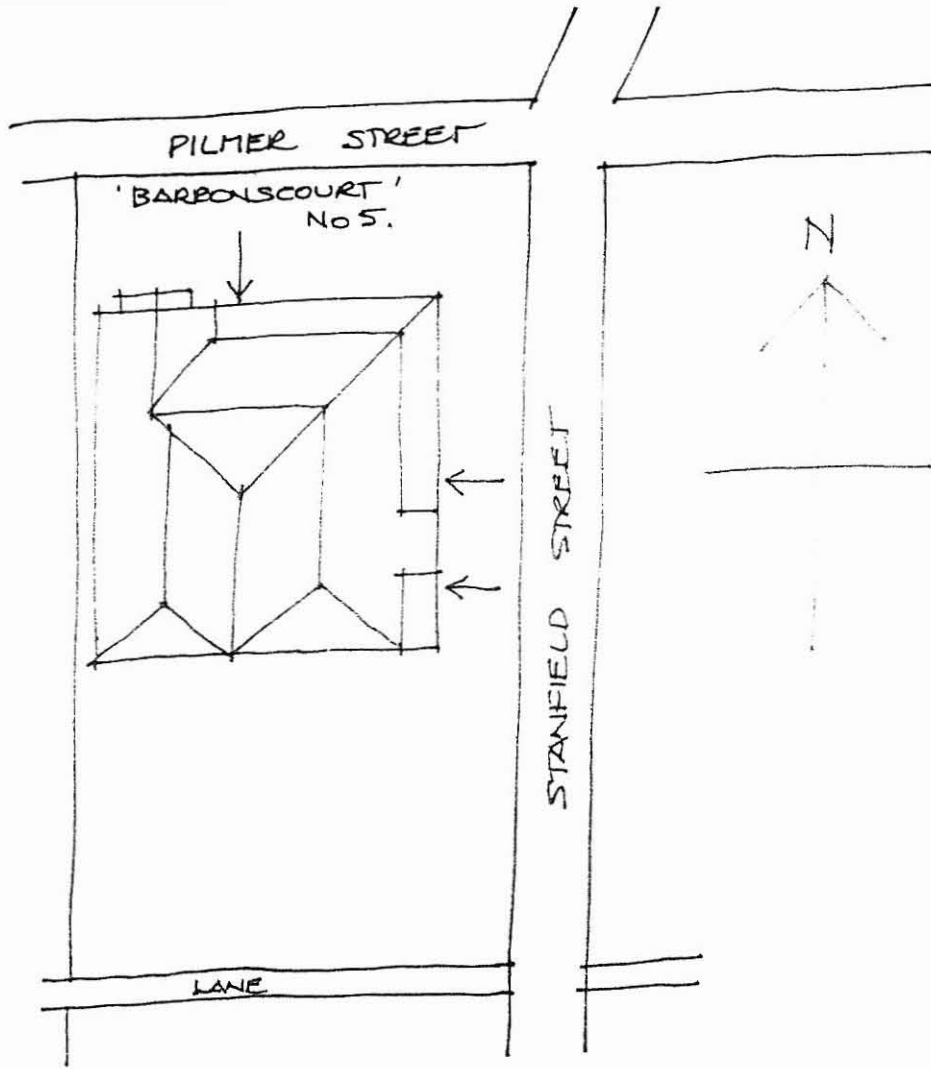
**INTACTNESS:** Good.

**CONDITIONS & THREATS:** Good.

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<sup>1</sup> *Bacchus Marsh Express*, 22 May 1909.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 23 January 1915. See ref. 67. Nothing more is known of McFarlane.



STANFIELD STREET  
ELEVATION.