

BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.

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NAME: B. & S. Durham, Appleworld.

ADDRESS: 80 Lerderberg Street.

TITLE DETAILS:

USE: Farmhouse, warehouse & orchard.

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1925

SOURCE: 1

CRITERIA: H1; Ar1,3.

HISTORIC THEME: Townships.

DESCRIPTION: **STYLE:** Californian Bungalow **STORIES:** 1 **DETACHED.**

MATERIALS: **WALLS** Brick **ROOF** Iron **STRUCTURE** Lb & frame

CONDITION: Excellent **INTACTNESS:** Excellent **THREATS:** -

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH.

WALL DECORATION. WINDOWS. PAINTWORK SCHEME.

STREET FURNITURE. FENCES/GATES/HEDGES.

AGRICULTURAL PLANTING/BUILDING.

SIGNIFICANCE:

TYPE: HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL.

LEVEL: LOCAL.

DESIGNATION EXISTING: Nil

RECOMMENDED CONTROL: PLANNING SCHEME.

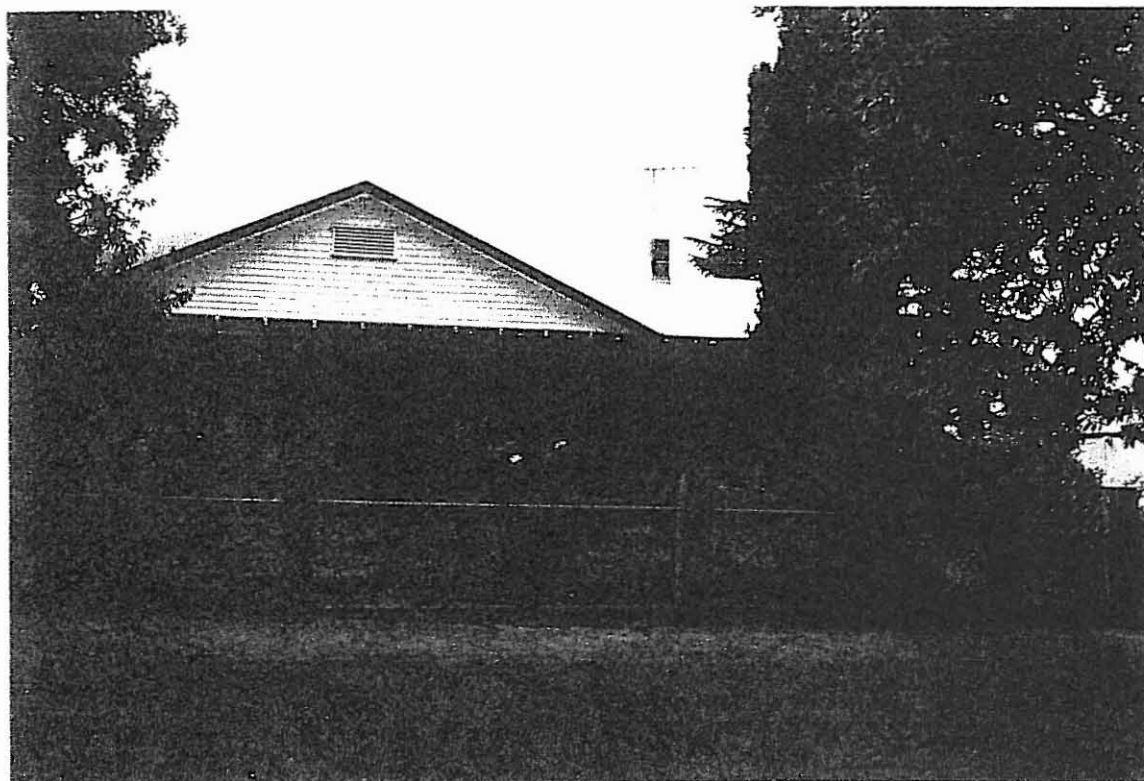
AREA 2.

MAP NO: U5.07

SURVEY: RP

DATE: 14.2.94

NEGS: 20.20-23



HISTORY: This house was built *circa* 1925 for Arthur Hunter Durham. Durham came from Hurstbridge to Bacchus Marsh in 1918, purchasing this land from ?? Nagle and establishing an orchard. The property has remained in this family's ownership since 1918.¹

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A triple-fronted brick Californian Bungalow orcharding house, with various contextual elements, including the operating orchard. The two left-hand bays are covered by a major broad gable, facing. All roofs have exposed rafters. The right hand bay has a gable facing right. Upper gables are weatherboards, with a rectangular vent. They jetty on joists and brackets. A flat roof is stepped over the verandah and across the front of the central and right bays, the central bay being recessed. The red bricks are tuckpointed, but the verandah is supported on clinkers with Cubist decoration. Windows are triple double-hung sashes. The paint colours are appropriate.

There is an unusual chain-link fence with *in situ* concrete off-form posts: the mesh is in rare large diamond pattern, with metal ribbon and chain-link pedestrian gates. There are cypresses and cedars. On the Dickie Street north-east corner are apple storage sheds, with a tall cypress hedge separating them from the house. There is a split timber post and wire fence on Dickie Street. On Lerderberg Street is diamond pattern pre-cut concrete-paved footpath.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: There are 26 (1920s) Bungalow houses in Bacchus Marsh identified in the Study.

SIGNIFICANCE: A brick Californian Bungalow style farmhouse built in 1925 for Arthur Hunter Durham and still owned and operated by the Durham family. The complex includes the fruit warehouse, unusual fence, hedges, windbreaks, footpath and the operating orchard.

INTACTNESS: Excellent. The vehicular gate is later.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Excellent.

¹ Personal communication with Max Durham, 7 July 1994; Camm, *Bacchus Marsh by Bacchus Marsh*, pp. 364&365.