

BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.**Ref:** 282

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NAME: Millside.**ADDRESS:** Mount Blackwood Road (NE cnr Muirs Lane).**TITLE DETAILS:****USE:** Farmhouse.**CONSTRUCTION DATE:** 1910s**SOURCE:** Visual.**CRITERIA:** H1; Ar1.**HISTORIC THEME:** Agricultural**DESCRIPTION:** **STYLE:** Edwardian **STORIES:** 1 **DETACHED.****MATERIALS:** **WALLS** Timber **ROOF** Iron **STRUCTURE** Stud**CONDITION:** Good**INTACTNESS:** Very good**THREATS:****SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:**

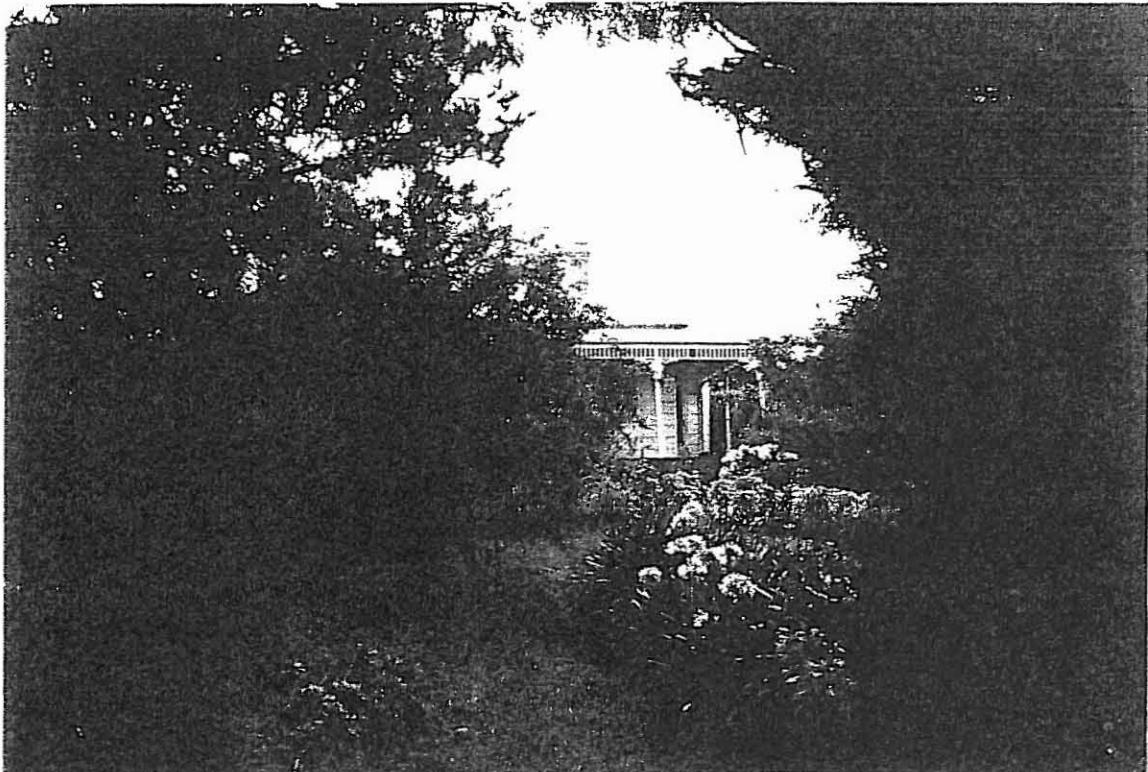
FACADE. VERANDAH.

VERANDAH DECORATION.

CHIMNEYS. WALL DECORATION.

OUTBUILDING.

GATES/WALLS/HEDGES.

VIEWS. To west **TREES.** **PLANTING FORMATION.****SIGNIFICANCE:****TYPE:** ARCHITECTURAL.**LEVEL:** LOCAL.**DESIGNATION EXISTING:** Nil**RECOMMENDED CONTROL:** PLANNING SCHEME.**MAP NO:** R1.04 **SURVEY:** RP & JS **DATE:** 28.2.94 **NEGS:** 23.20-25. 1028-

HISTORY: Identification was insufficient to enable documentary research.

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A double-fronted timber Edwardian farmhouse. The left hand bay is set forward as a gable, with a bull-nosed timber verandah in the angle, returning on the right hand side. This has fretwork decorative brackets under a rail valance and Doric posts. The house has exposed rafters and ashlar timber boards to the front.

There are a number of contextual elements. There is a late nineteenth century timber outbuilding at right. This is separated from the house by a hedge. The front boundary has a row of pines, there is an arbor at the pedestrian woven wire gate (there is a similar gate in the hedge) in a corrugated iron fence, and there is also a hand-forged metal gate. On the front boundary of the paddock at left, in front of the pines, is a split post and wire fence on a rubble drystone base, with three drops between posts. This extends from Muirs Lane on both sides of Mt Blackwood Road, northwards. The best section is north-east of the property of J.E. Gan. There is an extensive view westwards over rolling paddocks with pine windbreaks of the Mymiong Creek valley.

Landscape. The windbreaks subdividing the various paddocks and yards of this property are a combination of *Pinus radiata* (Monterey Pine) and *Cupressus macrocarpa* (Monterey Pine). The majority of the trees are in good condition with some dead branches on the pines which will require pruning. They form a good screen to the property and would provide shelter in a reasonably exposed area. The cypresses are not as large as similar specimens within the district, but this may be due to localised soil and climatic conditions within the property.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: There are twenty-six Edwardian farmhouses in Bacchus Marsh identified in the study. Windbreaks?

SIGNIFICANCE: A particularly intact characteristic timber Edwardian farmhouse, with various contextual surviving elements including: pine windbreaks and fences (including with drystone base).

This is of local historical significance as a representative embodiment of an agricultural way of life before the First World War. It is architecturally significant as a representative Edwardian farmhouse.

INTACTNESS: Very good.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Good.

