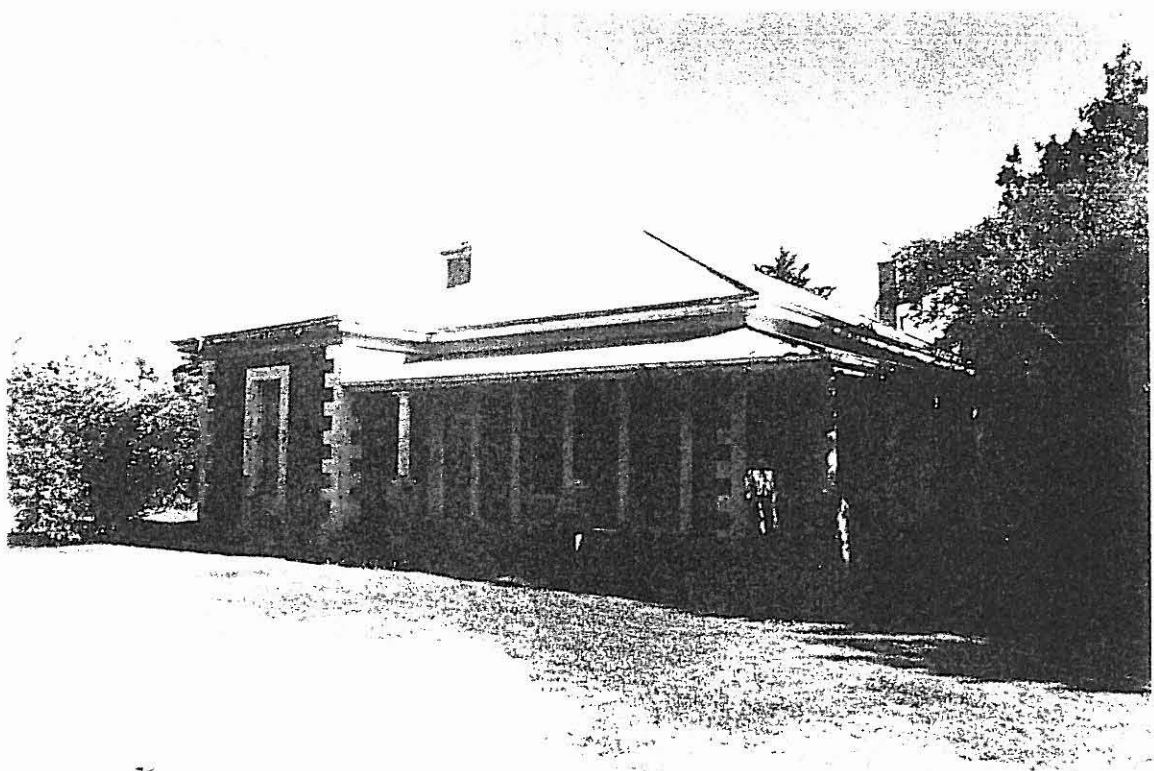


BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.

Ref: 162

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NAME: Dunglass.			
PREVIOUS NAME:			
ADDRESS: 229 Main Street.			
TITLE DETAILS:			
USE: House			
PREVIOUS USE: Doctor's residence.			
CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1865-6		SOURCE: 1	
CRITERIA: H1,3,6; Ar1.2		HISTORIC THEME: Townships	
DESCRIPTION:	STYLE: Classical	STORIES: 1	DETACHED.
MATERIALS:	WALLS Brick	ROOF Iron	STRUCTURE Lb
CONDITION: Fair	INTACTNESS: Very good	THREATS: Townships	
SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:			
MATERIALS. FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH.			
CHIMNEY. WALL DECORATION. DOORS. WINDOWS.			
HEDGES.			
SIGNIFICANCE:			
TYPE: ARCHITECTURAL.			
LEVEL: LOCAL.			
DESIGNATION EXISTING: Nil.			
RECOMMENDED CONTROL: PLANNING SCHEME.			
MAP NO: U4.07	SURVEY: RP	DATE: 19.1.94	NEGS: 13.13



HISTORY: This brick residence was built in 1865-66, as a house and surgery for Dr Rae, a medical practitioner in Bacchus Marsh between 1863 and 1874.¹ Dr Rae was influential in community affairs, acting as a Justice of the Peace, as assistant surgeon to the local militia, as a member of the Board of Advice for the Bacchus Marsh Common School (ref: 251), and as president of the Mechanics' Institute (ref: 158A). Ill health forced Dr Rae to resign his practice in 1874. In 1880 he built the Bungalow (ref: 197) where he lived until his death.² The house was then occupied by Thomas Taubman, and from 1876, by Rev. A.J. M' Clausland. Later, the house was purchased by a grocer and draper, William Anderson, who named it "Dunglass".

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: Double-fronted brick Classical nineteenth century house with a high hip roof. The left-hand bay is set forward, with a skillion verandah in the angle, returning around the right hand side, terminating in a second entry lobby under the verandah roof. The verandah is supported by concrete Tuscan columns on brick pedestals, with a brick dwarf wall between, as balustrade.

There are quoins and architraves of flat dressed buff-coloured stone and stone recessed panels under windows. It is on a rock-face base and there is a flat cornice band. Chimneys have render mouldings. There is a 4-panel door and cast-iron sub-floor vents. There is a Melaleuca hedge.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: The stone and the technique of its working in the drafting of the ashlar blocks are comparable to the Court House (1858-59 ref: 151), and contemporary with it. The Classical style is unlike any other house in Bacchus Marsh, although cottages such as in Graham Street (ref: 98-100) and the Manor House (ref: 218) have quoins and string courses, etc.

SIGNIFICANCE: An early Classical brick and stone doctor's residence, built in 1865 for Dr Rae, an influential figure in the town.

It is of local historical significance as a representative embodiment of the way of life experienced by an influential figure in Bacchus Marsh 130 years ago and for its association with Dr Rae.

Architecturally it is locally significant as a representative example of the domestic Classical style in the early Victorian period, although there is no comparable example on this scale in Bacchus Marsh. It also demonstrates skilful stonemason's craftsmanship in the drafting of the ashlar blocks.

INTACTNESS: Very Good. One verandah post is missing. It not known if the verandah posts and brick balustrade are early. The hedge is recent.

¹ "Residence, 229 Main Street", Local History File, BMDHS.

² Moore & Oomes, *Bacchus Marsh. A Pictorial Chronicle*, p.46.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Fair. The roof is corroding, the spouting blocked and inoperative. The paintwork is deteriorating.