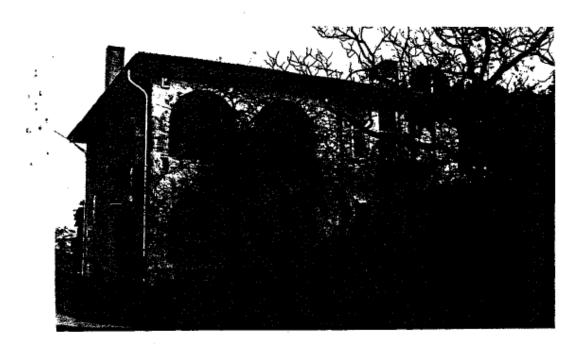
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EDGERASTON,

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JW Goeling's Crown Portion 116, of 1840, become

' Perry's Pulpas Grange farm of the 1860 s. Brothers,
George and William Perry and finally Impa and
Elizabeth Perry owned the farm until the early 1880 s
when the land was subdivided.

On seven acres of this land Thomas Stokes, then of the die-sinking and electroplating firm of Stokes and Martin, constructed Edgebasten during 1883-86₂. Stokes had come to the Colony, seeking gold, in the 1850 s. He was successful and was able to establish a firm in Melbourne. During the 1860 s, when legal Candar was in short supply, Stokes struck most of the copper tokens which were insued by Melbourne tradesmen and businesshouses as a substitute. F G. Martin joined his firm, then situated in Collingwood Sast. After a disasterous fire there, in 1893, Martin left the firm and Stokes continued in partnership with his sons at Fest Office Place₃.

after Stoke's deach, in 1910, Edgebeaton was occupied by John Towers and Later, Thomas A Rodda (possibly of Preston Grammar fame). By the late 1920 s, Tower Avenue was created and Edgebaston's grounds subdivided 5. Presumedly at the same time extensive renovations were carried out to the house: exchas were added and rough cast studgo applied.

Edgebaston still retains its general shape; being a two-storey studened brick house with window beys to two (acades. However, what may have been timber or iron verandsh's have been replaced with assoury orches, on two lavels, and the roof-shape has been changed to mair.

Eigebeston is prominent, being the only two-storey house house in the locality and is sited axially to Tower Avenue. It thus terminates a vista and recains the historical associations of the large houses which formerly were located both north and south of Heidelberg Road, along the Yarra River, prior to the suburban development.

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