

HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET

Geelong Regional Commission

Sheet 112

PLACE NAME: WOOLSHED (On 'Marathon' Estate)  
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SHIRE OF CORIO.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Farm Building Vernacular.

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: Unknown - attributed to  
 Reference: pattern book or vernacular sources.

BUILDER: Not known.  
 Reference:

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES  
 Reference:

TENDER NOTICE:  
 Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION c 1860's.  
 Reference: Wynd. I. 'So Fine A Country'.

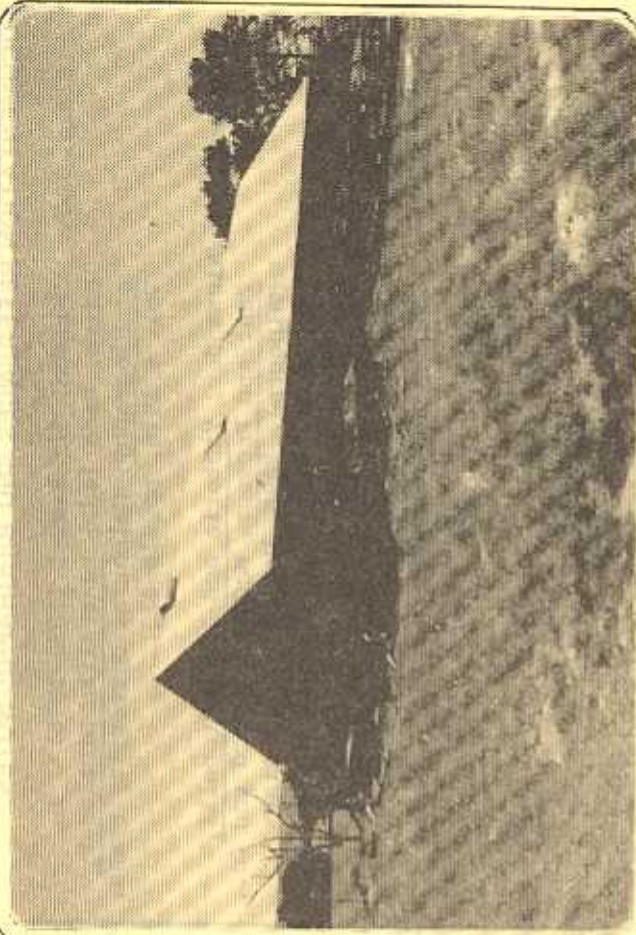
ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S) John Gray.

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS  
 Robert Officer,  
 Sir Samuel Wilson.

OTHER NOTES This woolshed formed part of the  
 'Marathon' estate. The homestead was  
 demolished in 1938-1939.



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate

National Trust of Aust. (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No. ....

Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. .... File No. ....

Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 23

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME Woolshed (on 'Marathon' Estate)  
 ADDRESS Pringles Road 1385 Bellan Rd  
 Anakie.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Corio.  
 TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE Woolshed.  
 PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE Estate of Melville John Williams.  
 ADDRESS 'Marathon' Pringles Rd., TELEPHONE 3220 (052)  
 R.M.P. Mail Centre, Geelong.

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**DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES**

Blake, L.J. 'Wilson, Sir Samuel (1832-1895)', in Nairn, Bede (ed.) Australian Dictionary of Biography, Melbourne University Press, Vol. 6 1976, pp.418-419.

Sutherland, Alexander, Victoria and Its Metropolis, Past and Present, McCarron, Bird and Co., Melbourne, 1888, Vol. 2 p. 149 lists Sir Samuel Wilson as owner of 14396 acres near Anakie.

Wynd, Ian, 'So Fine A Country'; A History of Corio Shire', Draft copy, to be published in late 1980.

**CITATION**

The rectangular plan bluestone woolshed on the former pastoral property 'Marathon' estate was constructed in the 1860s for pastoralist John Gray. The woolshed, characteristically functional and designed in the agricultural building tradition of the era 1850-60 is all that remains of the 'Marathon' run, the homestead and appurtenant outbuildings being demolished in 1938-39. Several notable Victorian pastoralists, including Robert Officer and Sir Samuel Wilson owned the property. The bluestone woolshed is typical of pastoral property buildings, without significant architectural importance and eclipsed by many other woolshed structures in the region.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE**

- its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
- its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised, in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
- its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
- its townscape and/or landscape value.
- its scarcity value.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

LOCAL  REGIONAL  STATE  NATIONAL  WORLD

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  GOOD  FAIR  DETERIORATED  RUINS

**INTEGRITY**

HIGH  LOW  ALTERED  DAMAGED

**RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

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**SIGNATURE**.....**DATE**.....