HOMESTEAD

Place No. 112 **ADDRESS** 23 Hemingway Avenue Last Update Templestowe DESCRIPTION Condition Good Integrity Minor modifications

Designer

Threats

Abandonment?

HISTORY

A mid-Victorian brick house dating from 1875. A four-roomed brick house was built by Richard Serpell, using clay quarried from his land. Serpell was one of the pioneering orchardists in the area [81].

Key elements

The house was sold to a Mr Scorfield who was acting for his sister Jane Jenkins, then resident in Wales. She, her husband David and their four children moved into the house soon after their arrival in 1883, extending it, and adding the verandah. The house still remains in the Jenkins family [82].

It is symmetrical and double-fronted in form, with a slate roof and a skillion verandah on three sides. The verandah has cast-iron posts, lace valance and brackets (the verandah was added after 1883). The left-hand side of the verandah has a timber infill.

At the back of the building is a section from the 1920s, in red brick with a slate roof.

Architecturally, this building can be compared to (for example) site nos. 173.26, 173.35, 174.04, 173.15.

Creation Date c1875 **Change Dates Associations Local Themes** Richard Serpell; Jenkins family 5.03 - Eight hour pioneer settlement

STATEMENT OF **SIGNIFICANCE**

Of regional historical significance as an early building directly associated with Richard Serpell, one of the pioneering orchardists in the area, and for its continuing association with the Jenkins family for more than 100 years.

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Zoning Reference Register Status

None Specified

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls: On VHR: VHR Ref No:

Internal Alteration Controls: Prohibited Uses:

Tree Controls: Aboriginal Heritage Place:

Outbuildings or Fences: Incorporated Plan: **Incorporated Plan Details**

Description:

Conservation Management

Extra Research

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	Society Newsletter, February 1975.
	[82] Correspondence from D N & B M Jenkins, 14 June, 1991.