

CITY OF DONCASTER & TEMPLESTOWE HERITAGE STUDY.

32 MULLENS ROAD, WARRANDYTE.¹ A16.

HISTORY : Built by Joe Doutta, a French sailor who came to Warrandyte for the Gold Rush. Wattle and daub construction was used to save cost. He later moved to a cottage in Yarra Street.² The sandstone chimney was built by Alexa Goyder in about 1940 after the bushfire, replacing the earlier metal chimney.³

VISUAL DESCRIPTION : A small house with a shallow pitched gable-roof facing the street. It is of wattle and daub construction,⁴ later clad over this in weatherboards. There is a verandah on the left-hand side, infilled here and returning across the front. It has a detached random rubble sandstone chimney.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS : This is one of only two wattle and daub buildings in the City, with the 1853 section of "Friedensruhe", 10 Waldau Court, Doncaster.⁵ Other wattle and daub buildings in Victoria are rare and include "Hawthorn Bank" near Alberton (1840s), a house on French Island (pre-1854), and "Millbank", Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh (1855).

SIGNIFICANCE : A small Gold Rush cottage with a colourful, locally significant history. Also of at least local architectural significance as a rare example of wattle and daub construction in Victoria. Of interest is some later building work by Alexa Goyder in about 1940.

INTACTNESS : Needs closer inspection, apparently good.

CONDITION & THREATS : Apparently excellent.

REFERENCES : 1. This data sheet replaces the entry 155.31b, Heritage Study, p.127.

2. Yvonne Reid, on a site visit with Richard Peterson, 28 September 1991.

3. Ibid.

4. Ibid. If the wattle and daub is mid-nineteenth century, then this building would be of State significance, as very few examples are known. Refer : Miles Lewis, Victorian Primitive, (Greenhouse Publications) Carlton 1977, pp.19-22.

5. Eric Collyer and David Theile, The Theile Family of Doncaster, 1849-1989, Adelaide 1987, pp.60-61.