PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

4 Goodall Street

TITLE

"Auburn House" former "Malling Grove"

TYPE

[X] Single Residence   [ ] Multiple Unit Res.
[ ] Shop   [ ] Outbuildings
[ ] Office   [ ] Industrial Building
[ ] Landscape feature   [ ] Public building
[ ] View   [ ] Other

EXISTING DESIGNATION   HBR [ ]   GBR [ ]   AHC [ ]   NT [X]   VAS [ ]

STREETSCAPE LEVEL   1 [X]   2 [ ]   3 [ ]
SIGNIFICANT [ ]   SIGNIFICANT [ ]
STREET TREES   KERB & GUTTERS

GRADING   A [X]   B [ ]   C [ ]   D [ ]   E [ ]
KEYNOTE BUILDING [ ]

RECOMMENDED FOR   HBR/GBR [X]   AHC [X]   URBAN CONSERVATION AREA [X]
VAS [ ]   PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION [X]
CULTURAL LANDSCAPE [ ] OTHER [ ]

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THEME
[X] Early Settlement
[X] Mansions
[ ] Victorian Garden Suburb
[ ] Municipal dev.
[ ] 1870s growth
[ ] Garden villas
[ ] Working enclaves
[ ] Commercial Centres
[ ] Edwardian Prosperity
[ ] Interwar Housing
[ ] Flats and Offices

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS
Date c1851 extended
Architect 1856, 1863.
Builder
Elements —
House, garden, rear cottage

[ ] Contributing garden   [ ] Original or early hard landscape layout
[ ] Landmark tree   [ ] Original or early fence

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE
See Butler, Upper Hawthorn Study and additional history.
See attached

INTEGRITY   Good [X]   **CONDITION**   Good [X]
Fair [ ]   Fair [ ]
Poor [ ]   Poor [ ]

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION
Associated significant garden [ ]

The site information given above has been determined from external street level inspection.

4 GOODALL STREET

SIGNIFICANCE

"Auburn House", originally known as "Malling Grove", was built circa 1851 and extended in 1856 mid 1863. It has historical significance as a rare survivor of the many fine residences built for notable men and their families in the early years of settlement in Hawthorn. It is associated, also, with the period of development from the middle-1850s when Hawthorn grew from a small village into a popular Victorian garden suburb. "Auburn House" is important, also, for its associations at first with John Collings, farmer, who was a founder of the Augustine Congregational Church in Hawthorn, and, from 1856, with Robert Hepburn, the owner of numerous substantial properties in Melbourne.

Later distinguished occupiers included Nicholas Fitzgerald, MLC, founder of the Castlemaine Brewery and son-in-law of Sir John O'Shanassy, Premier of Victoria.

LOCATION: AUBURN HOUSE,
                 4 GOODALL STREET
MMPS ZONE: Residential C
BUILT: c1856

HISTORY - Auburn House, built on the 1850 Crown Portion 64, which was conveyed by grantee Nehemiah Gutheridge to John Collings in 1851 and by Collings to Robert Hepburn in 1856, was probably extended for Robert Hepburn, Melbourne Corporation rate collector, after his purchase. There was possibly a single-storeyed cottage belonging to Collings built before the end of 1851.

The house was first described in 1857-8, as within 10 acres, and was valued at 200 pounds; Hepburn was the owner-occupier. It was next described as nine rooms and NAV of 150 pounds, in the earliest surviving Hawthorn Rate Book of 1863, which suggests that it was already two-storeyed, although the cast-iron balustrade, stamped 'Lyster and Cook, established 1871', must have been added later, perhaps just before the family moved (c1874) to East Melbourne.[1] A rise in the NAV during 1870 of 150 pounds to 200 pounds may indicate improvements. A plan of 1885, shows the house in its present form.[2]

The original address was Auburn Road and Hepburn's orchard and vineyard were close by, but the family owned or leased land as far east as Burke Road early in the 1860s.

Property east of Auburn Road was disposed of during the 1870s. James Richmond moved in 1875 and the Hon. Nicholas Fitzgerald two years later with his family of eleven.

Fitzgerald had arrived in Victoria in 1859, establishing the famous Castlemaine brewery which later extended its operations to Melbourne, N.S.W. and Queensland. In 1864, he became a member of the Legislative Council. He was a Liberal Conservative and prominent Roman Catholic. He married the eldest daughter of Sir John O'Shanassy, Camberwell in 1863.[3]

By the mid 1880s, Stanford Chapman was in residence. The property was in the names of Madden, Allen and Tuxen in 1885, and with the former Gavan Duffy property and house, Auburn Lodge, (Hepburn Street), was subdivided as Hepburn Hill in 1889, with Elmie, Lyall and Goodall Streets. Chapman was followed by Cordial maker, P.G. Dixon, whose home was still alone in Goodall Street in 1889. The NAV was then 250 pounds and the rooms numbered twelve.[4] Mrs. Dixon was in Auburn House a decade later.

The house was for many years used as flats.

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DESCRIPTION - A two-storeyed, parapetted and return-verandahed house, with ruled ashlar stucco over brickwork. The verandah roof is concave in profile and possesses distinctive closely spaced and shaped rafters, also soon on Rock beare, Rocke Street, Ivanhoe (c1858) and Serendip, Upper Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg (c1860).

Duplex, plain shaft wrought-iron columns with simple cast-capitals support a panelled iron frieze to the verandah roof, whilst the balustrade consists of the Lyster and Cooke roundel pattern cast-iron of May 1870. The lower level has been rebuilt some time early this century, after Dixon's tenancy.

The severity of the fenestration is matched by the symmetry of two tripartite lights, placed either side of an entrance at both levels and the difference between window head and wall plate heights with creates large expanses of blank wall.

Reputedly, a cast-iron balustraded stair exists internally with some original fireplaces, joinery and plasterwork. An earlier cottage is said to exist at the rear and may have served as a kitchen.5 (Further inspection required).