

**FALKLAND HOUSE, FORMER
HOUSE
194 EAGLEHAWK ROAD,**

SURVEY DATE: 1991-2

STUDY GRADING: B

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1870

FIRST OWNER : KOCH, HENRY

CITATION:



History

'Henry Koch was an early German 'quartz-reefer' who established a large crushing works in Long Gully to service the local mines. He also owned Koch's Pioneer Goldmine nearby. During the early days of the mining boom he had this substantial two-storey house built. The ground floor/basement is excavated well into the sloping ground to provide a cool summer refuge. He also stored the gold from his crushing battery here before its despatch to the banks. The strongroom still has thick iron bars on the windows. Much of the interior is in original condition, with marble fire surrounds still in place.

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Koch sold his business for 75,000 pounds in 1871 and returned to Germany where he became a successful shipowner in the port of Lubeck. His house was purchased by R.H.S.B. Wakley, an English gentleman-investor. Although a one-time chairman of the Mining Exchange, he was better known for his sporting interests. He was the 'Master of the Hounds' of the Bendigo Hunt Club. In recent years the house has been known as Crusade House.