

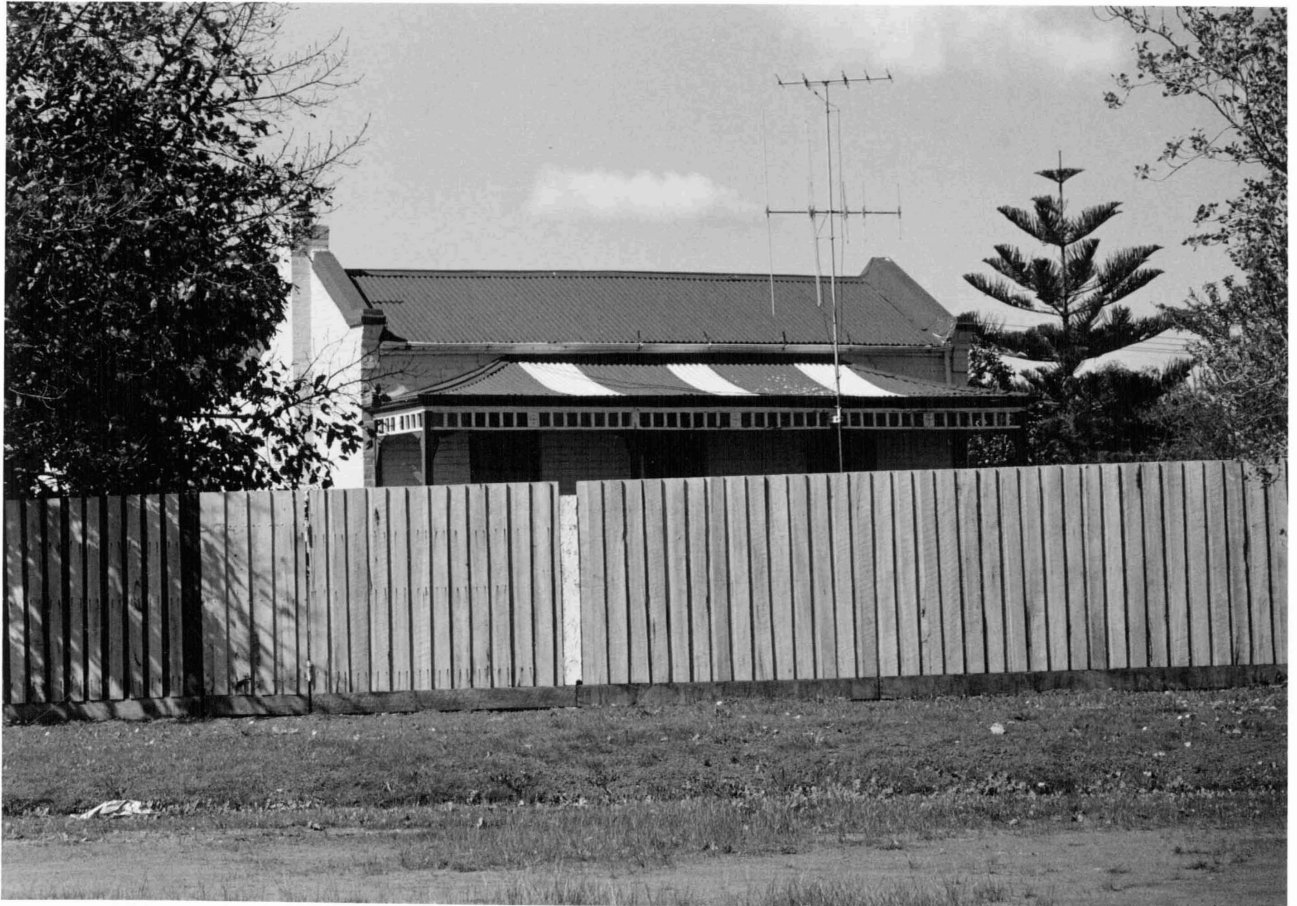
**HOUSE
19 LESLIE STREET, EAGLEHAWK**

SURVEY DATE: 1991-2

STUDY GRADING: B

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1868C

FIRST OWNER : JONES, ISAAC



CITATION:

History

Grantees, L Jones (157/A) and D Roberts (156/A) were the first owners of the land taken up by these structures, occupying a narrow promontory at the five-way intersection.¹ The 'L Jones' was Isaac Jones and the 'D Roberts'

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was Daniel Roberts; both were miners, with Jones gaining his land and a block adjoining in 1868 and Roberts in c1866.¹ Both men owned a 'brick house and land' by c1869, Jones' house being the one still on the site.² Isaac Jones married Martha Ann Eastwood in 1868 and this probably inspired him to seek a freehold title and start a permanent household.³ One year later, Martha had given birth to their first child, Harry Eastwood Jones, and, by 1877, their first daughter, Susanna.⁴ Isaac and Martha owned and occupied the house until the early 1890s, followed by Martha alone. She now owned the adjoining Roberts' property and leased it to Richard Jones, also a miner.⁵ Martha was dead by c1913, a Mrs. Manderson (of Barnard Street) replacing her as owner. A series of tenants occupied the house, paying from 4/- to 6/6d. per week rent.⁶ The Glanville family (Edgar and Eleanor) owned and occupied the house briefly from the late 1920s into the early 1930s, sometimes living elsewhere and leasing it out. Edgar was an engine driver at the mine.⁷ Alan Glanville, another miner, followed them in the 1940s.⁸

The house stood between two major mine shafts, the Neangar and the North Virginia. To the west was Specimen Hill and the multitude of claims on that. The Neangar was operated by the Bendigo Amalgamated Goldfields Company (B.A.G.) from 1919-20, achieving more activity in the 1932-6 depression era, reaching 275 feet.⁹ The Virginia had been active for 40 years after 1881, reaching half-a-mile below the surface.¹⁰

Description

Double-fronted and built of brick (painted), this simple gabled cottage has a hipped concave roof verandah and parapeted side walls. The capped rubble stone wall, extending to the east, supports the tenure history of both sites and points to the former Neangar Mine Shaft.

External Integrity

Chimney(s) have been altered and the bricks painted. A high front fence is both unrelated to the house period and an obstruction to views of the house.

Context

Sited close to major mining areas (many of which are still visible), including tailings and machine bases of the Neangar site, and the extensive Specimen Hill group of mines (New Argus, Virginia, Specimen Hill United). The miner tenure of this cottage and the adjoining walled site add the valuable human element to the precinct. Other contributory houses nearby include 2 and 13 Reef Street.

Significance

Architecturally, a simple but highly representative site from- and-of the gold era which is externally close to its original form and, with the adjacent stone walling, contributes to a valuable mining precinct.

Historically, it demonstrates the miner lifestyle by its form and siting, in particular the Jones family, who were long-term participants on the Eaglehawk field.

1 ibid.
2 RB1870, 192-3
3 BDM M-2567
4 ibid. B-15210, B- 15117
5 RB1899, 161-2; RB1888, 158-9
6 RB1920-1, 639; RB1930, 318
7 RB1930-1, 318
8 RB1940-1, 316; RB1946, 315
9 Wilkinson (1973), p.4
10 ibid.