

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: PIRRAH

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 55 Pilleau Street COLERAINE

STUDY NUMBER: 026

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Coleraine

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 8 **SECTION:** 17

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA ; VicRoads 228 D10; located on the south side of Pilleau Street between Henty and Read Streets.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Brick Cottage, 55 Pilleau Street Coleraine

Image Date: 08/02/2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the building and all the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The brick cottage at 55 Pilleau Street is a simple, symmetrical single storey brick cottage, set close to the street on the western boundary of the allotment (Troeth, 91). It has a shallow pitched corrugated iron hip roof. The simple timber front verandah with a corrugated iron roof is probably original. It has been enclosed at both ends by weatherboard walls. The plan is conventional with a central hall and four main rooms in the front wing. A weatherboard skillion is attached at the rear. There are two chimneys, one on the east elevation and one on the west.

HISTORY:

The land on which 55 Pilleau Street stands was first purchased from the Crown by Michael Mahoney on October 31, 1856, being Allotments 7 & 8 of Section 17. Troeth (91) states that the Glenelg Ratebook 1872-3 entry notes that by 1872, Mahoney, a labourer was the owner/occupier of a brick cottage fronting Pilleau Street on Allotment 8 of Section 17. Michael Mahoney's brother, John purchased Allotment 4 in the same section on the same date.

Both Michael and John Mahoney married daughters of Mr. Breen, who had purchased the adjoining Allotments 5 & 6 of Section 17 at the same time. Michael married Hannorah Breen in 1862, it appears that they had only one child, Margaret, born in 1864 (API). The Mahoney family continued to occupy the cottage until the turn of the century (Glenelg Rate Books 1873). John Mahoney married Catherine Breen, and they had eleven children. The Mahoneys who now are an important part of the Coleraine district are descendants of John and Catherine Mahoney.

The history of the cottage or its occupants in the nineteenth century is not known at this stage.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 4: Building settlements, towns and cities
4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

CONDITION:

The cottage is in good condition and retains a fair degree of integrity.

INTEGRITY:

Good degree of intactness. (Not inspected internally)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The brick cottage at 55 Pilleau Street, Coleraine is a simple single storey symmetrical building in the mid-Victorian vernacular style. It is located two blocks south of the main street of Coleraine. Built some time before 1872, and possibly as early as 1862, it was the long term home of labourer, Michael Mahoney and his family. Its humble form, its materials and simplicity of detailing are conventional for such a dwelling at this time. The cottage is in good condition and has a fair degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The brick cottage at 55 Pilleau Street, Coleraine is of historical and architectural significance to the community of Coleraine.

Why is it significant?

The brick cottage at 55 Pilleau Street, Coleraine is of historical significance for demonstrating living conditions and lifestyle of the labouring or working class in Coleraine in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It is of architectural significance as a typical example of a vernacular cottage.

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COMPARISON:

076 93 McConochie Street, Coleraine
167 39 Coleraine-Balmoral Road, Balmoral
025 77 Pilleau Street, Coleraine

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE: 27-Aug-01

EXISTING LISTINGS:

Name

Southern Grampians Shire Planning Scheme

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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