

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: EDWARDIAN TIMBER HOUSE AND GARDEN

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 26 French Street PENSURST

STUDY NUMBER: 265

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: ELMBARROOLS

PRECINCT: Penshurst

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: part 8 **SECTION:** 15 **PARISH:** PARISH OF YALIMBA
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ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

located at the south-east corner of French and Bell Streets, in th centre of the township of Penshurst

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Edwardian Timber House and Garden (Elmbarrools), 26 French Street, Penshurst

Image Date: 29/04/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the house excluding the interiors and all the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Edwardian timber house located at 26 French Street, Penshurst is a large single storey asymmetrical house in the Queen Anne style typical of the Federation period. The building is timber and weatherboard. The gables are typically half-timbered. The roof is complex and picturesque with tall chimneys featured. The roof is corrugated iron painted red. The house has substantial bowed bay windows. There is a typical small gablet at the north-west corner of the verandah suggesting a diagonal axis. The house is sited in an extensive and well-established garden.

HISTORY:

The land on which the house stands was purchased from the Crown by a W. Ardlie who also bought allotment 7. Other people with the surname Ardlie bought adjacent allotments. A William Ardlie, squatter held the lease on Nog-Nog-Wa, Licence No. 1 in the Murray District on the Buffalo River and at Mount Buffalo, in association with William Shepherd from 1850 to 1855. No Ardlie is mentioned in the first shire of Mount Rouse Rate Book of 1863.

The early and intermediate history of the site is not yet known. The present house, from its style, form, materials and detailing appears to date from the turn of the twentieth century. It is a good example of the so-called Federation style, with a relatively intact Federation style garden.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes
8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

Very good

INTEGRITY:

Excellent degree of integrity externally (interiors not inspected)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Edwardian Timber House, known as Elmbarrools, is located at the south-east corner of French and Bell Streets, in the centre of the township of Penshurst. The house is a large single storey asymmetrical house in the Queen Anne style typical of the Federation period. The house is sited in an extensive and well-established garden. The present house, from its style, form, materials and detailing appears to date from the turn of the twentieth century. It is a good example of the so-called Federation style, with a relatively intact Federation style garden. No architect or builder has been associated with the house, although it is possible that it was professionally designed. The house is in excellent condition, and retains an excellent degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

The Edwardian Timber House at 26 French Street is of historical and architectural significance to the southern Grampians Shire and to the township of Penshurst.

Why is it significant?

The Edwardian Timber House is of historical significance for its potential association with William Ardlie, a squatter from the Murray district who may have first purchased the land on which the house stands. The house is of architectural significance as an excellent typical example of the Queen Anne Style applied to a residence, and as a rare very intact surviving example of the style typical of the Edwardian or Federation Period.

COMPARISON:

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248 Police Residence, 35 Martin Street, Penshurst
092 Blackwood, Blackwood-Penshurst Road, Penshurst

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE:

23-May-02

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Billis and Kenyon	Pastoral Pioneers of the Port Phillip District	1974	16, 260
