

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: RED HILL

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Schurmann's Road TARRINGTON

STUDY NUMBER: 398

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: outside

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 8 **SECTION:** 11 **PARISH:** PARISH OF CROXTON WEST

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 432 E97; VicRoads 73C5; located on the east side of Schurmann's Road about .5kms north of the intersection with the Hamilton-Chatsworth Road.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local

Red Hill Schurmann's Rd Tarrington

Image Date: 2/14/03

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All of the exterior of the house, and all of the garden and all of the land within a 25m radius of any edge of the house.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The house is an asymmetrical single storey weatherboard building with an extensive encircling timber verandah. The verandah is post supported with a conventional fretwork frieze supported by cut-out brackets. The corrugated iron roof is bull-nosed in profile. The main roof is hipped and corrugated iron. The chimneys are brick. At the rear of the house there is a small brick structure which appears to have been built as a cool store. The interiors of the house have not been inspected. The outbuildings are recent and are not of interest.

HISTORY:

W Forsyth purchased allotment 8 of section 11 of the Parish of Croxton West on 16th April 1884. It comprised 92 acres (37.23ha) and was described in a preliminary survey as "good dark loam" and "timbered with gum and lightwood honeysuckle".

The present house and garden were established by Walter and Agnes Schurmann (Rees & Pills, 51). Walter was born in Hamilton, in 1884, the son of Bernhard Schurmann and Auguste (nee) Schultz (VPI, Reg. No. 17324), and the grandson of the famous Pastor Clamour Wilhelm Schurmann.

In 1909, Walter Schurmann purchased 189 acres of land one mile west of his father's property, naming the property 'Red Hill'. He built a modest house and continued with mixed farming (Falcone, in Forth (ed.), 142). Walter married Agnes Lehmann from Lake Linlithgow in 1913, and over many years they had ten children (although one son died in infancy). As their family grew, the house was extended to its present size (ibid.). Schurmann extended his land holdings, purchasing adjoining properties, becoming a very successful primary producer, specialising in super fine wool. He was a devoted member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church and to the community at Tarrington, and held a number of positions of importance, including the title of Church Elder for thirty four years (ibid.). Walter Schurmann retired at the age of ninety, and died aged 92 in 1982. His wife, Agnes died in 1972. Both are buried in the Hamilton South Lutheran cemetery. The property remains in the family.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 3: Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

3.5.1 Grazing stock

3.5.2 Breeding animals

3.5.3 Developing agricultural industries

Theme 5: Working

5.8 working on the land

CONDITION:

The house is in good condition.

INTEGRITY:

The house is relatively intact. The garden has a high degree of integrity although it includes more modern plants as well as those from the Interwar period.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

Red Hill is a single storey asymmetrical timber house with an extensive surrounding timber verandah. The property is located on Schurmann's Road, Tarrington. The house was built by Walter and Agnes Schurmann

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after their marriage in 1913, and Red Hill was run as a successful property by the couple for over 60 years. The house was extended several times as their family (eventually of nine children) grew, until the house reached its current size. The Schurmann family have been continuously involved in the Lutheran Church, particularly supportive of St. Michael's and the community in Tarrington for over 150 years. The house at Red Hill is in good condition, and retains a good degree of integrity. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design.

How is it significant?

Red Hill is of historical significance to the district of Tarrington and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

Red Hill is of historical significance for its long association with the Schurmann family, one of the most important Lutheran families in the Tarrington area since the arrival of Pastor C. W Schurmann in the 1840s. The long and continuous ownership of Red Hill by the Schurmann family amplifies its significance, as does the high degree of integrity of the exterior of the house. It is a good representative example of an early twentieth century homestead which has grown over time to support the growing family of the occupants in a pastoral setting. It reflects pastoral enterprise and the rise of pastoralism in the middle of the twentieth century, where the wool boom made many fortunes, leading to houses being extended.

COMPARISON:

007 Wannan Lea, Morgiana Road, Wannan

ASSESSED BY: tfh

ASSESSMENT DATE: 14/02/2003

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

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