

HERITAGE PLACE

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ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 7943 Hamilton Highway TARRINGTON

STUDY NUMBER: 394

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Tarrington

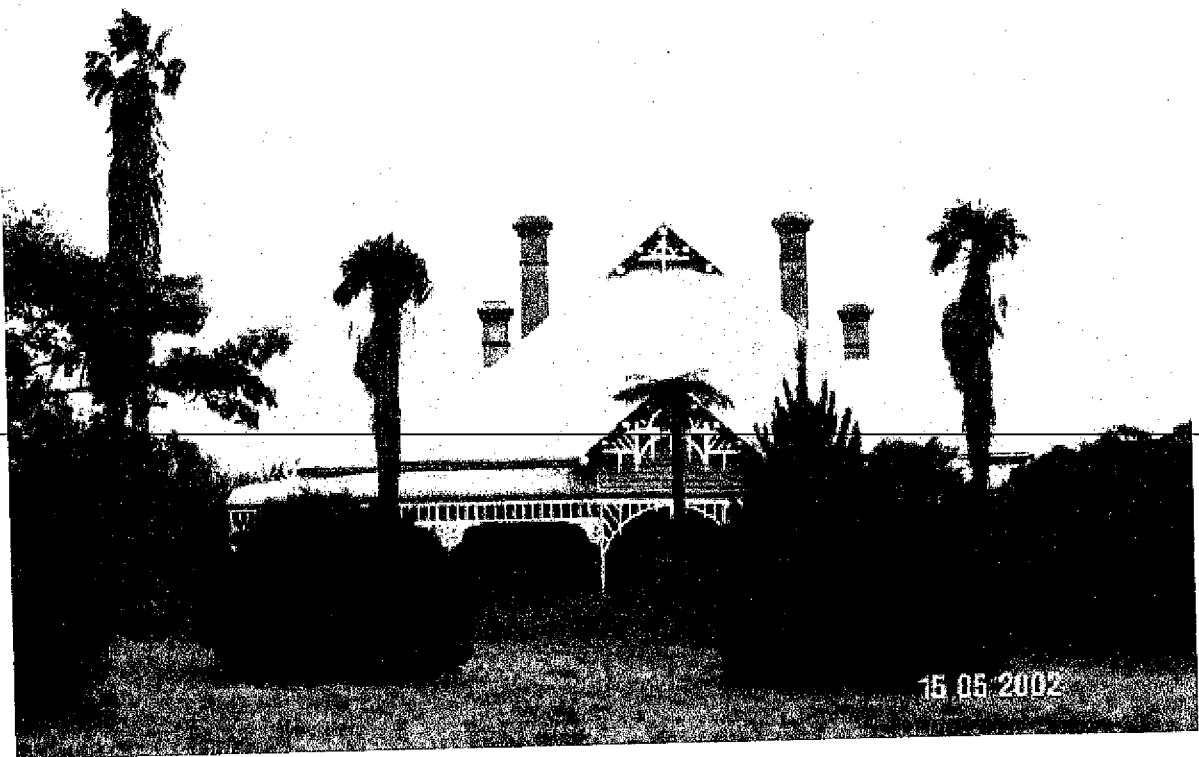
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: part 2 **SECTION:** XVI **PARISH:** PARISH OF HAMILTON SOUTH

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 474 J-74; VicRoads 73 C6; located on the south side of the Hamilton Highway halfway between Thompson's Road and Picnic Road.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: State



Glenhope, Hamilton Highway, Tarrington

Image Date: 15/05/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the house including the interiors, all of the garden with particular reference to the various palm trees, and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The house is a single storey bluestone residence. It is symmetrical about the central front door and is conventional, if not conservative for its planning at the time. The entrance is highlighted by an elaborate open timber gable in the verandah roof. The timber verandah is on three sides and is terminated by side wings, themselves decorated with elaborate gables. The most significant feature of the house is the very large, steeply pitched roof, which is said to have been added to the earlier house in 1926 while retaining the original beneath. Its height is emphasised by several very tall chimneys and a small gablet at its apex. The scale of the roof is further emphasised by Washingtonia Palms, *Washingtonia folifera*. The palms appear to date from at least 1926 if not from 1900. The interiors of the house are said to be intact.

HISTORY:

Pastor Clamor W Schurmann purchased allotment 2 of section 16 of the Parish of South Hamilton from the Crown in 1857. It comprised just over 112 acres. The north-eastern corner of the allotment was used for the development of the St Michael's Lutheran church and school from 1858. The remainder of the land was subdivided and became known firstly as German Town, then Hochkirk and, because of anti-German sentiment during the First World War, as Tarrington (Garden, 47-8). It was the beginning of the township. By 1865 it was described officially as "a German settlement, and postal village" and that "there are no hotels in the village, and the population of the district is about 1000 persons, who are engaged in cultivating the fine country on which they are settled" (Bailliere's, 184). But the town declined in the 1870s with the departure of many Germans to the Wimmera.

Lutherans in south-eastern Australia in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries were seriously divided by doctrinal differences (Phillips in Lewis, 14-5). The personality of leaders seems to have influenced allegiances as well. There was a schism in 1846. The congregations in the Hamilton district continued to look to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Australia led by Pastor Fritzsche Lobethal. Pastor Schurmann had died at Bethany in the Barossa Valley attending a Synod in 1893. He had served his congregation for almost forty years and had celebrated his jubilee as a pastor in 1888. He was buried in South Australia but he was reinterred in the South Hamilton Lutheran cemetery. The other Lutherans in Victoria were further divided but came together as the General Synod of 1876 only to split in 1884. The Lutheran Church Federation was formed in 1920 but still did not include the Hamilton congregations. It was not until 1966 that the two streams came together as the Lutheran Church of Australia.

There was a general revival of fortunes in the early twentieth century before the First World War and subsequently with the promotion of flax growing in the area. Glenhope was built in 1902 by John Schurmann, [the grandson of Pastor Schurmann.?] and then altered and extended in 1926. Lodge Brothers, stonemasons who had recently arrived from England, built the house according to the owner, Frank Schurmann (Pers. Comm., 27/02/03). They went on to build the third Lutheran church at Tabor, designed by local architect, Frank Hammond, who may have been the architect for Glenhope. Mrs Schurmann, a keen amateur gardener, laid out the first 'cottage' garden and she then laid out the elaborate double garden over the existing in 1926. It included the dominant palms (one of which is now missing), curved flowerbeds and a fernery. The original garden is said to have included a tree fern imported from Gippsland in 1902, which still survives.

Glenhope passed to the sons of Mr and Mrs John Schurmann and the Schurman family still owns the property.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 2 Peopling Australia

2.4 Migrating

2.4.1 Migrating to save or preserve a way of life

2.4.2 Migrating to seek opportunity

2.4.3 Migrating to escape oppression

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- 2.4.4 Migrating through organised colonisation
- 2.4.5 Changing the face of rural and urban Australia through migration
- 2.5 Promoting settlement

- 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:

The house is in good condition. The garden is in fair condition and, if the painting of the palms was symmetrical as is likely, one palm on the western side has been removed.

INTEGRITY:

Excellent degree of integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

Glenhope is located on the north side of the Hamilton Highway, in the township of Tarrington. The house is a single storey, symmetrical bluestone residence with a timber verandah on three sides. The most significant feature of the house is the very large, steeply pitched roof, which is said to have been added to the earlier house in 1926 while retaining the original beneath. Its height is emphasised by several very tall chimneys and a small gablet at its apex. The garden surrounding the house was laid out in 1902, and was originally an intense cottage style garden adjacent to the house with another garden beyond. The cottage garden close to the house survives almost entirely intact, although the symmetrical planting of Fan Palms (*Washingtonia folifera*) at the front of the house has been altered by the removal of one palm. The house was the first built by the Lodge Brothers on their arrival from England, and was possibly designed by architect Frank Hammond. The house and garden are in excellent condition and retain a very high degree of integrity.

How is it significant?

Glenhope is of historical, architectural and landscape significance to the township of Tarrington, the Southern Grampians Shire and the State of Victoria

Why is it significant? Glenhope is of historical significance for its long association and ownership by the Schurmann family, who held the land from the 1850s. The house is a representation of the important role which the Schurmann's played in the development of Tarrington. The house is of architectural significance for its unusually high pitched roof, emphasised by the deliberate symmetrical planting of *Washingtonia folifera* at the front of the house and tall chimneys, providing an example of an Interwar remodelling of a Federation style building. It is of further architectural significance for its associations with the well known Lodge Brothers, whose first commission in the area was Glenhope in 1902. The garden is an excellent example of a Federation period cottage garden, with shaped beds and a range of palms, perennials, shrubs and annuals typical of the period.

COMPARISON:

334 Sleat Bank Homestead, Murndal Road, Yulecart
443 Fairfield, Lake Linlithgow Road, Warrayure

ASSESSED BY: TFH & AEN

ASSESSMENT DATE:

05-Mar-04

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

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No Recommendations for Inclusions

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