

Place name Eabon Eabon House

Survey Date: 31/07/2002

Other name

Id: 1276

Street Hawdon Street

Last Update 9/03/2005

Locality Alberton

Postcode

Official Locality

Property No Town Lot Part CA 4/17

Local Government Area Wellington Shire

Property Info

Precinct: Not in precinct

Easting

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Map

Workshop number

Workshop votes

Field survey number

Community priority

Designer

Builder

Ownership

Built Date

Change Date

Description Eabon Eabon is a timber house with a high gabled roof and an encircling verandah. This verandah rests on slender timber supports with capitals and between each is an elegantly fretted valance, some of which has gone. Face-brick chimneys, above the ridge line, are a further indication of age whilst a chaste, three-light toplight to the entrance adds to the fines of detail possessed by the house. A detached kitchen on the west side of Eabon Eabon was demolished and the rear verandah altered some time this century.

A large Oak tree lies to the south-west of the house and an exotic garden surrounds it: the original sleet layout having long since been absorbed in the grassland surrounding (Butler 1982:24).

Condition

Integrity

History Early land owner E T. Newton.Snr. purchased this land in 1872 (1) and built Eabon Eabon prior to 1878 (2.) Newton was first rated for the house however, in 1881 when it was described as a six-room timber house. From 1882, it was listed Eliza Newton's name until 1901 (3).

Emma Sarah Newton occupied the house from then onwards. Meanwhile E. T. Newton Snr. was listed in 1880 as a vine grower in Alberton whilst E. T. Newton Jnr.was listed as a farmer of Devon. After the death of E. T. Newton Snr. in 1882, Walter Newton, an agent, was the only Newton residing in Alberton (1883) (4).

It had been Edward Snr, however, who had opened a general store in Victoria as early as 1844. By 1851, he was noted as a brewer at Alberton (5) and, five years later, an agent and auctioneer with an interest in property at Welshpool, Victoria and Alberton. (6) In 1863, the latter two possessed a house and a store which were occupied by Newton, but the land was owned by William Pearson (7). Newton purchased these in that year; being side by side at the corner of Turnbull and Strzelecki Streets (8).

Of the name, Eabon Eabon, the Rev. Cox states that it was the name of the Aboriginal tribe who occupied that part of the Alberton district, north of Brewery Road, prior to settlement (EbenEben) (Butler 1982:24).

Heritage Protections

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO11		Listed

National Estate

Research Required

Recommendations

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking

Assessed: Port Albert Herit

Stage 2 priority

No Action: Already include

Final Ranking**Final Recommendation** Amendment C26

Statement of significance Eabon Eabon the best example of remnant buildings from Victoria's more distant past; being one of two in the township proper. It shares with part of Hawthorn Bank qv. and Hedley's house at Tarraville the status of old medium sized residences which best exemplify the early history of the area.

The house also has strong links with a prominent member of Alberton's community both as a storekeeper, agent and J auctioneer, and as one of the first cemetery trustees and the Secretary for the National Schools Committee. He was Shire President 1869 – 73(9) (Butler 1982:24).

Extent of designation**Informant****Notes****Follow up****Bibliography**

Butler, G. 1982 References

- 1) RGO: 222.394: no mention of buildings; acquires 40 acres
- 2) RGO: 277.571: Together with all houses, fences etc
- 3) RB 1881, 213
- 4)
- a) POD 1880-1
- b) Burgess Roll 1883
- 5) Victorian Directory 1851
- 6) LA Roll 1856
- 7) RB 1863, 303f
- 8) RGO 134.1998
- 9)
- a)G.G.21/12/1855
- b)G.G. 3/7/1857
- c)President Roll

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