

Place name House and Site **Survey Date:** 31/07/2002
Other name **Id:** 1286
Street Yarram-Alberton Road (South Gippsland Highway) **Last Update** 9/03/2005
Locality Alberton **Postcode**
Official Locality **Property No** Part CA 63
Local Government Area Wellington Shire **Property Info**
Precinct: Not in precinct
Easting **Northing**
Map
Workshop number **Workshop votes**
Field survey number **Community priority**
Designer **Builder**
Ownership **Built Date** **Change Date**
Description Two ruinous timber houses remain on the site today; both have sawn timber framework and sawnboard cladding. They appear to date from around 1880-90 although evidence exists of hessian and paper on one, whilst hand wrought nails are used throughout; the floor of the former is gone and renovations have been carried out sometime this century, with the sheet plastering of walls and provision of new architraves (Butler 1982:27).

Condition **Integrity**

History Early landowner. Charles Forrest.

Thomas Martin, with his family (John, Jacob and Edward), arrived in the Colony from Launceston during 1839, taking up the Little Red Bluff (Point Ormond) Pastoral Lease at Western Port 1840-1. Another Martin held a lease at Brighton, from 1840 and was dispossessed by Dendy's Special Survey there in 1841(1).

Reputedly the Martins drove their cattle from Brighton in 1843 to 200 acres, purchased in Gippsland (2). However, The Pines, at Orr's Special Survey was first purchased by one Charles Forrest in 1846, from John Orr, together with buildings and fences relating to pastoral occupation. It is unknown when the Martins purchased The Pines, but in 1859, Jacob and John were to be compensated for the clearing of the Yarram Yarram road through their land (4) and in 1861, it was marked as sold on Bagot's subdivision plan, to J. & W. Martin (5). Thomas died on Orr's Survey in 1856 (6) and John, his son, in 1883 (7). Edward and Jacob, as John's trustees, sold allotments from The Pines to John Casbolt in 1883 and James McKay in 1857(8).

Both Jacob and John were rated in 1863 for a house and land each on the Victoria Survey: (9) in 1868 John was credited as a dairyman whilst Jacob was a farmer(10).

Late last century, Ernest Buckley acted as a trustee for the land (11) leasing it to Frederick Warren in 1900 (12) and selling it to J.J. Matches by 1901 (13) . Duncan Matches owned it from 1906 until its purchase by the Finlay family c1946 (14).

Extensive rows of Monterey pines have been planted on the property last century whilst two Norfolk Island pines near the house have been planted, more recently, around 1900. The Martin's "dog roses" which once lined the Yarram road on both sides, as described by the Rev. Cox early this century, have been recently eradicated by the Lands Department of Victoria, as "briar roses".

The site was the second freehold to be sold from Orr's survey and the first rural allotment purchased. Hence it is one of the early freehold farms established in Victoria. The pines which symbolise its name have nearly reached the end of their life (Butler 1982:27).

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO14		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

Extent of designation

Informant

Notes

Follow up

Bibliography

Butler, G. 1982. References

- 1)
 - a) Rev. Cox
 - b) Port Phillip Patriot 15/10/1839 Arab passenger list
 - c) Billis and Kenyon P 111f
 - d) Sydney Herald April 1841
- 2) Jubilee History of Victoria: Jacob Martin
- 3) RGO: D. 37 'Together with all edifices, buildings fences etc
- 4) G.G. 14/1/1859
- 5) R. Bagot Subdivision plan No. 2 1861 (SLV)
- 6) Rev. Cox
- 7) Billis and Kenyon, loc.cit.
- 8) RGO
 - a) 132.841
 - b) 852.250
- 9) RB 1863, 249f
- 10) P.O.D. 1868
- 11) RB 1898,54
- 12) RB 1899, 52
- 13) RB 1901, 430
- 14)
 - a) RB 1906, 430
 - b) Verbal from owner

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