

**Place name** Saunders House

**Survey Date:** 31/07/2002

**Other name**

**Id:** 1509

**Street** 64 Johnson Street

**Last Update** 9/03/2005

**Locality** Alberton

**Postcode**

**Official Locality**

**Property No** HO2

**Local Government Area** Wellington Shire

**Property Info** Part CA 3-6/3

**Precinct:** Not in precinct

**Easting**

**Northing**

**Map**

**Workshop number**

**Workshop votes**

**Field survey number**

**Community priority**

**Designer**

**Builder**

**Ownership**

**Built Date** 1889

**Change Date**

**Description** The house at 64 Johnson Street, Alberton is a large stuccoed brick house, with a slated hipped roof and a timber verandah with a concave roof. A timber section lies at the rear and probably served as a kitchen and scullery. Remnant planting is evident in a Golden Sage hedge at the road frontage (Butler 1982:15).

This is by far the most substantial house in the Government township, albeit from the latter part of the nineteenth century and is near to original. Like the house in Streleski Street (HO6) it is designed in a form similar to the buildings of the 1860s in the area (concave verandah) and thus provides a physical link with this earlier boom period (Butler 1982:15).

An inspection in 2002 found that there had been no substantial changes since 1982 when the house was first assessed. This house has been left derelict over a long period but has not deteriorated externally compared to its 1982 state.

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
House	Victorian	Rendered Masonry	Slate

**Condition**

**Integrity**

Residential

Building  
Garden

**History** The first owner of this property was William Saunders (blacksmith) on 13 December, 1883. Soon after purchasing the land, Port Albert blacksmith, William Saunders, moved from the Flannery (site 46) after he had built this house in 1889 (1).

**SOURCES**

- 1)
- a) RGO
- b) Rate Books 1889 (2178)
- c) Rate Books 1886 (1275)

Heritage Protections Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
Planning Scheme	HO2		Listed

**National Estate**

**Research Required**

**Recommendations** Documentation, assessment and significance are sufficient to enable this place to be proposed for immediate protection under the Planning Scheme (Butler 1982:15).

Recommendations 2002

Recommended for inclusion in the Wellington Planning Scheme heritage overlay schedule (Butler, 2002).

Cross-check revealed it was already protected.

**Fieldwork priority?**

**Stage 1 Ranking** Assessed: Port Albert Herit **Stage 2 priority** No Action: Already include

**Final Ranking** Local Significance **Final Recommendation** Amendment C26

**Statement of significance**

Statement of Significance 2002

Saunders house is locally significant historically and architecturally:

- as by far the most substantial house in the Government Alberton township survey, albeit from the latter part of the nineteenth century
- it is near to original and has uncommon and early attributes such as the unpainted render and the concave verandah
- it is in a form similar to the buildings of the 1860s in the area (concave verandah) and thus provides a physical link with this earlier formative period and thus is contributory to the physical expression of this historic town's creation date. (Butler, 2002)

**Extent of designation**

**Informant**

**Notes**

**Follow up**

**Bibliography**

Butler, Graeme., (1982), Port Albert Conservation Study (Place no. 2), South Gippsland Publishing Company, Foster, 15  
Graeme Butler & Associates, (July 2002), Alberton - Port Albert Heritage Review (Wellington Heritage Study)

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