

<b>Place name</b> House	<b>Survey Date:</b> 31/07/2002
<b>Other name</b>	<b>Id:</b> 703
<b>Street</b> Loughnans Street	<b>Last Update</b> 9/03/2005
<b>Locality</b> Tarraville	<b>Postcode</b> 3971
<b>Official Locality</b>	<b>Property No</b> Allotment 203 x 107L; Sectio
<b>Local Government Area</b> Wellington Shire	<b>Property Info</b>
<b>Precinct:</b> Not in precinct	
<b>Easting</b>	<b>Northing</b>
<b>Map</b>	
<b>Workshop number</b>	<b>Workshop votes</b>
<b>Field survey number</b>	<b>Community priority</b>
<b>Designer</b>	<b>Builder</b>
<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Built Date</b> c.1860 <b>Change Date</b>
<b>Description</b> Victorian Heritage Inventory	
Former Use: unknown	
Description: Date Started ; Date Finished	
Storeys 0	
Residence	

The building has a high hip roof, English sized bricks to its central chimney, rare half-round g.s.i. guttering to the roof and imported softwood boards (bead edge) to its walls. The concave-roof verandah (of broad gauge iron set on panelled supports) has since fallen in and major openings created in one wall: boldly scrolled timber friezework survives, in part, on the verandah (Refer 39). Boxthorn hedges surround the building; together with other exotics, lending a setting which indicates great age. (Butler 1982: 80-81)

(Wayne Caldow advises that this description is not completely accurate.)

**Condition**

**Integrity**

**History**

The first owner of this allotment was Thomas Smith on 30 August 1856. This property later belonged to Thomas Hannibal Smith, the storekeeper, who was rated for it during the period 1863-74 (1). Smith was the proprietor of the Tarraville Emporium from c 1851-2 and the Gippsland Store of the 1860s, (3) This was his residence whilst the store was further east. (4). His shop and residence were cited in the 1856 electoral roll: this, plus the listing in the 1851 Directory, indicated that the building was there prior to the sale, on lease. The house and the business were conveniently close to both the Commercial and Tarraville Hotels and was part of a secondary retail area to the main thoroughfare of Reeve Street.

Little is known of its subsequent history except that it may have been owned early this century by Maggie Corcoran who leased it to Mr. Hutchison, a teacher or that it may have been owned then by Laings, who still owned the property in the 1980s (Butler 1982:79).

**SOURCES**

[as cited in Butler, G., 'Port Albert Conservation Study', 1982 p.79]

- 1) RGO Two lots: the house 203x107L; the store 160x107L
- 2) G.G. 16/1/57
- 3) Butlers, 1866 Directory: under 'Lefton Street', equivalent phonetically to Loughnan Street
- 4) Ibid
- 5)
  - a) Butler, 1866 Directory
  - b) Lennox, pps. 181f, 166f

Period	Associations
	Thomas Smith

<b>Heritage Protections Register</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Status</b>
Planning Scheme	HO39		Listed
Victorian Heritage Register	600795		File only
Victorian Heritage Register	608138		File only

**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** Although this building is in disrepair, the basic elements which comprise its importance remain, and should be recorded. Of the 38 business premises which once lined Reeve and Loughnan Streets in 1866, this house represents one of two buildings surviving from Reeve's Tarravale Village and thus has great importance to Gippsland's history, as the remnant of what was considered in the 1840's, as the foremost town of the Gippsland District (5). It is the second oldest building in the study area (Refer 39) (Butler 1982:79).

**Extent of designation**

**Informant** Wayne Caldow

**Notes**

**Follow up**

**Bibliography**

<p>Heritage Victoria File No. 600795</p> <p>Butler, G., (1982), Port Albert Conservation Study (Place no. 55), South Gippsland Publishing Company, Foster, 79</p> <p>Graeme Butler, (1982), Port Albert Conservation Study, 79</p> <p>Graeme Butler &amp; Associates, (July 2002), Alberton - Port Albert Heritage Review (Wellington Heritage Study)</p>
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