

Place name Farm House	Survey Date: 31/07/2002
Other name Residence/Loghnan Street	Id: 1330
Street Loughnan Street	Last Update 9/03/2005
Locality Tarraville	Postcode
Official Locality	Property No
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 Private	Built Date Change Date

Description VICTORIAN HERITAGE INVENTORY
Former use: 1851 ; residential ; ; description: date started 1851; date finished ; storeys 0; desc residence;
No data in Butler 1982.

The house is distinguished by the panelled supports to the verandah which, although not complete, are rare. From the verandah, double half-glazed doors open into the main rooms whilst the windows are similarly of a double casement form; all are typical of the fine proportions of early joinery. Arched ventillators, set in the gable, have been closed in, but the roof shingles remain under the sheet iron (Butler 1982:82).

Condition	Integrity
Neglect	

History First allotment owner: George Dixon Hedley, March, 1854, 137 pounds.

It is likely that when John Reeve sold this land to Hedley in 1854, that improvements may have already been made to the property. This is indicated by the relatively high price of land that was outside of the commercial area of Reeve Street and Dr. Hedley is also listed in the 1851 Directory at Greenhills, Gippsland: this may have been the property's name or another to the north east (58) i.e. Hedley had purchased another allotment, north of Loughnan Street, which he purchased from Reeve in 1851 (this was the first documented freehold sold from the survey). 1 He was also appointed as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Alberton and Registrar of the Court of Requests in July 1851 (2). Certainly, by 1859, when Hedley mortgaged the property to Robert Turnbull, the sum (at 1059 pounds.18 shillings) paid ensures the existence of a comfortable residence (3).

Hedley occupied the house until 1865 when he again leased it, this time to William Wood who had a shop and stores at the port. By 1867, Tunbull, Hedley's mortgagee, owned the house. Charles Nightingale owned the farm by 1899, John Major by 1907 and Archibald Macphail by 1932. Hector Leonard had A for a year, selling R to Cad (late in 1948 (4).

Dr. Hedley was described by Angus McMillan in 1859 as the "father of South Gippsland ...through his exertions it had been much improved and that he would take him as a guiding star in his advocacy of the wants of the district. ." (after McMillan's election to the Legislative Assembly) (5). Some measure of Hedley's popularity may be gained from the Alberton Roads Board's first election in 1858, where Hedley was voted chairman with 109 votes; the nearest contender being John Gellion with 84 (6). He was on the committee of management to the Alberton Horticultural Society, convened a meeting to form the first Mechanics' Institute in South Gippsland (becoming its President) and was elected to the Assembly, after McMillan's resignation in 1860. After a number of frustration's, Hedley also resigned in 1862 (7).

Heritage Protections	Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
	Planning Scheme	HO41		Listed

National Estate**Research Required**

Recommendations Victorian Heritage Inventory listing means a permit is required from Heritage Victoria for any disturbance to place (including conservation works).

Requires documentation to support existing protection under planning scheme.

Fieldwork priority?

Stage 1 Ranking Assessed & protected **Stage 2 priority** No Action: Already include

Final Ranking **Final Recommendation** Amendment C26

Statement of significance Additional wings lie to the east and south and parts of the verandah have been enclosed, however, the house itself is remarkably untouched. It is one of five structures surviving from the period of freehold sales on Reeve's survey at Tarraville and one of three on the survey itself. It was also the home of perhaps South Gippsland's most distinguished resident of this period (Butler 1982:82).

Extent of designation

Informant Wayne Calow (most recent owner was John Bedwell, died 2000)

Notes**Follow up**

Bibliography Butler, G. 1982. References.

- 1) RGO
- 2) Blue Book 1851
- 3) RGO
- 4) Ibid
- 5) G.G. 30/09/1859
- 6) 3/12/58
- 7)
 - a) G.G. 17/12/58
 - b) G.G. 15/7/59
 - c) G.G. 29/7/59
 - d) G.G. 8/4/61
 - e) G.G. 26/9/62

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