

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: WENLOCK

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: Hamilton Highway TARRINGTON

STUDY NUMBER: 384

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

PRECINCT: Tarrington

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

ALLOTMENT: 5 **SECTION:** C **PARISH:** PARISH OF HAMILTON SOUTH

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 474 J-34; VicRoads 73 C6; located on the north side of the Hamilton Highway halfway between Thompson's Road and Picnic Road.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Wenlock, Hamilton Highway, Tarrington

Image Date: 15/05/02

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of: 1. All the house but excluding the interiors and all of the land.

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Wenlock is a typical example of a single storey timber residence in the Federation Queen Anne style of the Edwardian period. It is deliberately asymmetrical in plan, including a strong diagonal axis, which is translated into picturesque forms, complicated sweeping rooflines and dominant chimneys.

HISTORY:

Pastor Clamor W Schurmann purchased allotment 2 of section 16 of the Parish of South Hamilton from the Crown in 1857. It comprised just over 112 acres. The north-eastern corner of the allotment was used for the development of the St Michael's Lutheran church and school from 1858. The remainder of the land was subdivided and became known firstly as German Town, then Hochkirk and, because of anti-German sentiment during the First World War, as Tarrington (Garden, 47-8). It was the beginning of the township. By 1865 it was described officially as "a German settlement, and postal village" and that "there are no hotels in the village, and the population of the district is about 1000 persons, who are engaged in cultivating the fine country on which they are settled" (Bailliere's, 184). But the town declined in the 1870s with the departure of many Germans to the Wimmera.

It is likely that the land was sold to one of the German immigrant families between 1870 and the time when the house was constructed (early twentieth century). The ownership of this property is not certain at this time.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 8 Developing Australia's cultural life
8.12 Living in and around Australian homes
8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

CONDITION:

The house and garden are in excellent condition.

INTEGRITY:

Good degree of integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

Wenlock is a Queen Anne style, single storey timber house located on the Hamilton Highway in the township of Tarrington. The history of the property is not clear, although it is known that the land was purchased first by Pastor Schurmann as part of a philanthropic scheme to ensure that land in the German community of Hochkirk was available for new immigrants to purchase when they arrived. The house has typical features of the period, being deliberately asymmetrical, with sweeping roofs and dominant chimneys. There has been no architect or builder associated with the design. The house is in excellent condition and displays a very high degree of integrity externally.

How is it significant?

Wenlock is of historical and architectural significance to the township of Tarrington and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant? Wenlock is of historical significance for its early ownership by Pastor Schurmann, and as a part of his rare philanthropic gesture where by he purchased land for those German immigrants who would arrive later, thus ensuring they had affordable land available to start their new lives in the German community of Hochkirk. It may be of further historical importance for its associations with various families (into which further research is required). The house is of architectural significance as a good representative example of the Queen Anne style applied to a Federation period building, the features of the house being typical of the style and period.

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COMPARISON:

037 Tulse Hill, Carapook Road, Carapook

139 Tuloona Homestead Complex, Coleraine - Edenhope Road, Harrow

337 Sleatbank Homestead, Murndal Road, Yulecart

ASSESSED BY: TFH & AEN

ASSESSMENT DATE:

15-Jan-04

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

Author	Title	Year	Page
Garden, Don	Hamilton A Western District History	1984	47-8, 54-5, 82, 110
