

Homestead, 35-39 Lemins Road, Waurn Ponds Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place: Homestead, 35-39 Lemins Road, Waurn Ponds	PS ref no: HO2027
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What is significant?

The homestead is a single storey, rendered brick dwelling built in c1860 in the Victorian vernacular style.

The following features contribute to the significance of the place:

- The original homestead incorporating an M-shaped roof clad in slate, complemented by an early 20th century double hipped extension to the rear roofed in corrugated iron.
- The symmetrical design emphasized by the centrally placed front door and double hung windows either side.
- Timber fretwork dating from the c1900 renovation.
- Prominent siting looking towards Lemins Road including two mature Canary Island Palms

Features that do not contribute to the significance of this place includes modern outbuildings, verandah to the rear/southern elevation in poor condition, and front fence facing Lemins Road.

How is it significant?

The homestead at 35-39 Lemins Road, Waurn Ponds, is of historical, aesthetic, and associative significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

The dwelling is significant as a rare and substantial Victorian rendered brick homestead complemented by early twentieth additions which reinforce the original style and retention of the original attractive streetscape presence and garden setting. The homestead's setback from the fence line and Lemins Road and established tree plantings contribute to its continued association with farming and agriculture (Criterion E).

The homestead is historically significant for the association, through its owners, of the sequence of European migration from England, Switzerland, and Germany and the impact of migration on the establishment of agriculture, grazing and winemaking in the district. It also significant for its association with relatively rare Victorian period property ownership by women through Zipporah Tribolet (nee Simmons) and German immigrant Anna Rosina Hermann (Criterion A).

The homestead is significant for its historical association with a number of persons who were prominent public figures in the history of the City. It was first owned by the Hon. John Lowe who was a lay preacher, Geelong

Councillor and Member of the Legislative Council of Victoria. It was subsequently owned by Charles and Sarah Simmons. Simmons was the publican of the Wauru Ponds Inn and served on the Board of National School at Wauru Ponds (Criterion H).

Primary sources

Homestead Heritage Assessment, Janine Barrand 3 March 2024, updated and peer reviewed by David Scott 7 July 2024.

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