
WILLIAM (BILL) WOOLLEY'S HOMESTEAD, CRIB POINT

Location

50 DISNEY STREET CRIB POINT, MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7921-0112

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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Moderate historical significance. Given the relative prominence of the Woolley family in the area since the 1870s (there is a road and a beach named after them) there is obviously local significance. there is also a broader significance to the history of the development of Western Port and the industries that were undertaken there (ie fishing) which supplied Melbourne for some time.

Interpretation of Site	It is difficult to ascertain the full extent of the site due to the heavy overgrowth. It is possible that structures other than the brick well survive to some extent beneath the vegetation. It is probable that following the demolition there has been no further activity on the site. The large mound in the clearing may be associated with the foundation of a large structure possibly the house. While the steps near the well and cement slab may be associated with utility buildings. It should be noted that the main house was said to be weatherboard.
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History

The land upon which the site is situated was once part of the "Coolort" run (now Coolart). cousins Alfred and Henry Meyrick are remembered as the first squatters of the run. After years of trying to farm the land with little success they sold the 6,000 acres of land in 1848 to William Payne for 90 pounds. Payne ran cattle on the land until 1851 when Joseph Hann occupied the property. As was his right Hann selected 640 acres of the run and passed the lease on to Theodotus J. Sumner and John Benn in 1852 whose partnership continued until 1875. In 1860 the Coolart run was subdivided by Government survey, into 154 farm lots in the parish of Bittern.

One of the early selectors at Crib Point was Ashton Woolley (b.1845) who had come to Victoria from Manchester in 1852. He selected 400 acres at Crib Point in 1875 which included the land on which the site is located..... Facing the Esplanade and Westernport Bay William (Bill) built his weatherboard home on land he had purchased from his father in 1929. His house was situated just south of the Woolley family home on the point.....Bill refused to sell his property despite various pressures and so BP constructed the Western Point Refinery around Bill's home..... William (Bill) Woolley remained in his home until he died around 1968. Both houses were eventually demolished by BP.....

For full entry see site card.

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