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# FORMER DANIEL'S RESIDENCE AND MANUFACTORY SITE

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## Location

1175 PLENTY ROAD, SOUTH MORANG

## Municipality

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0535

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The site is located at 1175 Plenty Road, South Morang. This property was purchased by Fredrick Daniel's in 1885 and a residence was constructed soon after – in 1886 the house is described as comprising a Cordial Factory and two brick houses. One comprising 5 rooms and kitchen detached, and the other containing 7 rooms. Daniel occupied the house until his death in 1902. The house is currently extant but there is evidence of historical archaeological features within the nominated extent including nineteenth century and early twentieth century artefacts and handmade brick.

### How is it significant?

The site is of local historical and archaeological significance.

### Why is it significant?

There is high potential for historical archaeological features, deposits and artefacts to be present within the proposed site. There is evidence of a dense bottle deposit at the rear of the property and other landscape features within the land parcel.

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| Interpretation of Site | The house and land is currently still used as a residential property, and the surrounding land is utilized as a garden and lawn area. The site has continued to be a residence since it was constructed in c. 1887. What is not clear is the surrounding land and the use of the property as a cordial making site. The evidence of a bottle dump at the rear of the property does indicate that there may possibly be signs of this early cordial making business either on the property today, or that this is evidence of other activities associated with the house |
| Other Names            | Brick Dwelling (HO76),                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Hermes Number          | 209803                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Property Number        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## History

Very little is known about 'Moorilla' 1175 Plenty Road, South Morang (HO76). Early undated plans show that the entirety of the area divided by Plenty Road was once owned by John Maud Wooley. The property is believed to have been built by Frederick Daniel c. 1887. Daniel was recorded as being a cordial and aerated water manufacturer, and apparently operated a factory that was opposite the house, situated on the west side of Plenty Road, however, records of the location of this factory could not be found in the desktop assessment of the study area (Evelyn Observer 1902: 5). Daniel bought the property in 1885 for £450 which consisted of 25 acres of land from Wyndham Wilton, whom was the son of John Wilton, who Wilton Vale Road is named after (It should be noted that in Daniel's listed assets on his death this was noted as 27 acres). It is believed that Daniel built his house soon after 1885 and lived there with his family until his death on 8 May 1902, after which it was passed onto his wife Bridget. In 1886, Daniel included the land in a list of assets in his grant of probate, described as having a Cordial Factory, and also two brick houses, one containing 5 rooms and kitchen detached, and the other containing 7 rooms. This is his last will and testament so these buildings must have been constructed between the purchase of land on 26 October 1885, and the date of his will on 8 July 1886. In 1906, Daniels son William stated that: "[His father owned the land] for nearly seventeen years...during which period...he was continuously in possession of and occupied the said land ...and for the first year of two of such period he resided on the opposite side of the Plenty Road near the said land when he built a dwelling house ...in which he resided continuously till his death." From the Grant of Probate for Frederick Daniels, it can be seen that during the Winter of 1901 Frederick became quite ill with Pneumonia. It appears that he never really recovered from this as it is stated that it was the next winter of 1902 that he passed, most probably of the same illness. Bridget Daniel died in 1909 where it is noted that the property was sold soon after. Rate records from the City of Whittlesea state that a Mr Brannigan owned the property in 1911 but was occupied by a clerk by the name of John McCaffrey (Shire of Whittlesea Rate Book 1911). The property has changed hands several times since and undergone modifications in recent years.

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