
MURDERING FLAT RUIN SITE

Location

CAMPBELLS CREEK-FRYERS ROAD FRYERSTOWN - PROPERTY NUMBER 430, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-1275

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 21, 2024

What is significant?

This site is approximately 20m west of the Castlemaine Diggings National Park. The site comprises a stone ruin and fireplace on Allotment 4 of Section 12 Murdering Flat. Murdering Flat is directly on Fryers Creek and was first rushed in 1854. It was not a rich gold field but was a key point between Fryers Town and Campbells Creek townships. In 1857 'Stephen Keates' is listed as a storekeeper who likely occupied the site with his family. In 1860, Murdering Flat was inundated with sludge that covered the roadway from Church Hill to Fryers Town. By 1923 the site became amalgamated into farmland.

How is it significant?

The site is of local historical and archaeological significance.

Why is it significant?

The site is of local historical significance as a store that operated throughout the 19th century in the Mount Alexander gold field. The site demonstrates development and settlement patterns within the Mount Alexander gold field throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The site has the potential to contain early nineteenth century features, and artefacts relating to the nineteenth century Keates Family stores and residence

Hermes Number 212198

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