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# CHAPEL HILL STONE RUIN SITE

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## Location

BREAK NECK ROAD FRYERSTOWN - PROPERTY NUMBER 31, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-1277

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

This site is approximately 25m east of the Castlemaine Diggings National Park. The site comprises a stone ruin cut into the hillside within Allotment 28 of Section 12 Murdering Flat/ Chapel Hill. 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 and Castlemaine townships. The land was first surveyed in 1859, and the front of the site was occupied by J Stiles and J Shawn. In 1860, Murdering flat was inundated with sludge that covered the roadway from Church Hill to Fryers Town. By 1923 the site is likely to have been 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 structure that likely operated throughout the 19th century facilitating miners around the Fryerstown diggings. The site shows the development and settlement patterns within the Mount Alexander gold field. The site has the potential to contain early nineteenth century features, and artefacts relating to the nineteenth century township of Chapel Hill.

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