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# CAPTAIN MILLS COTTAGE SITE, PORT FAIRY

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## Location

40 GIPPS STREET PORT FAIRY, MOYNE SHIRE

## Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7321-0004

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO24

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	Timber residence. Centre weatherboard section built in c.1845, with the rear section constructed after this date. Front section, possibly prefabricated, was built in 1853 (Nat. Trust File B1633 - Statement of Significance).
Archaeological Significance	The site is archaeologically significant as it has the potential to contain intact occupation deposits dating to earliest settlement of Port Fairy.
Historical Significance	The cottage is historically significant as one of the oldest buildings in Victoria, relating to the earliest settlement of Port Fairy.
Other Names	CAPTAIN JOHN MILLS COTTAGE, MILLS COTTAGE,
Hermes Number	6716

Property Number

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## History

Reportedly built by Captain John Mills in c.1845. John Mills was the harbourmaster at Port Fairy from 1853 to 1871. He lived in the house from the mid 1850s to 1871 (his brother, Charles, first occupied the house). The Mills family sold the property in 1909.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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