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Location

4175 WOOLSTHORPE-HEYWOOD ROAD BESSIEBELLE, MOYNE SHIRE

Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7221-0290

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Hermes Number 12236

Property Number

History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

This site was the location of the Squattlesea Mere homestead. Squattlesea Mere was the squatting run on the Eumeralla River occupied from 1844 by Thomas Browne (alias Rolf Bodrewood). Browne was superintendent for absentee licences in Sydney, and he took up the 32,000 acre run with 1,200 cattle. From 1851 to 1862 Browne was himself the licence holder. As Rolf Boldrewood, Browne is most famous for his novel 'Robbery Under Arms', first published in 1887.

Three different houses, the first of which is supposed to have been erected in the 1850s were sited here, with sundry farm structures.

The site was occupied until recent years, when the last of the houses, a 20th century structure, was removed to a new location in Port Fairy.

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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