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Location

HARVEY FLAT ROAD MOUNT COLE, ARARAT RURAL CITY

Municipality

ARARAT RURAL CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7523-0066

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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State significance as a very early mill site of unique design and possible association with Henry McGie, regarded as the "Father of Victorian Sawmilling".

Interpretation of Site The site consists of a deep pit 10.7 metres long by 5 metres wide. A bifurcated trench leads from the south-eastern side towards the creek. Two trees more than a metre in diameter are growing in this trench, reinforcing the 19th-century date of the site. A substantial stone and brick foundation would appear to be the remains of a boiler setting.

Hermes Number 12539

Property Number

History

THE SITE HAS AN OBSUCRE HISTORY, WITH TWO CONTENDERS FOR OWNERSHIP. THE FIRST, HENRY MCGIE INSTALLED A STEAM SAWMILL ON HICKMANS CREEK IN 1856. IN 1863, THE MILL WAS SOLD TO FORBES AND LEWIN WHO MOVED IT ELSEWHERE. THE SECOND CONTENDER IS JOHN CLUNAS. HE OPERATED A MILL ON HICKMANS CREEK FROM 1874 TO 1877 AND 1879 TO 1884.

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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