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# GRAVES AND FRASER'S SAWMILL

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## Location

LEONARDS HILL-BARKSTEAD ROAD KORWEINGUBOORA, HEPBURN SHIRE

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7723-1135

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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State significance as the only intact and readable site in what was the original Bullarook Forest. George Graves was a technical innovator who introduced several innovations which can be traced to the Pinchgut Sawmill.

### Interpretation of Site

PARTS OF THE MILL FLOOR ARE CONCRETED AND THERE IS A CONCRETE FOUNDATION FOR A HORIZONTAL STEAM ENGINE WITH ANOTHER LARGE CONCRETE FOUNDATION ADJACENT. A SET OF CAST-IRON FIRE-DOORS AND THE RUINS OF A BOILER SETTING POSSIBLY INDICATE THE USE OF AN EXTERNALLY FIRED BOILER. EXCAVATIONS INCLUDE A FLAT FOR THE LOG YARD, A PIT AND TRENCH FOR A VERTICAL BREAKING-DOWN SAW AND A CISTERN TO HOLD BOILER WATER.

Other Names GRAVES AND FRAZER'S SAWMILL,

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## History

GEORGE GRAVES AND THOMAS FRAZER BUILT A WINTER MILL IN THE HEADWATERS OF PINCHGUT CREEK IN 1864. WITH A 30HP ENGINE, THE MILL CUT AROUND 8500 SUPERFEET PER DAY. A SMALL SETTLEMENT GREW UP NEARBY TO HOUSE THE MILL WORKERS WITH LINKS TO THE ANDERSON BROTHERS' OPERATION AT BARKSTEAD. THE MILL WAS BURNT DOWN IN 1868 BU REBUILT. GRAVES LEFT THE PARTNERSHIP IN 1879. THE MILL BURNT DOWN AGAIN IN 1881 AND THE SITE WAS ABANDONED.

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