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# CAPTAIN ALEXANDER CAMPBELL'S HOUSE SITE

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## Location

44-46 GIPPS STREET AND 1-7 COX STREET PORT FAIRY, MOYNE SHIRE

## Municipality

MOYNE SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7321-0055

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site	The current building is on slightly raised ground. The eastern part of the 1840s dwelling is situated in the remaining yard to the north of the current house and east of the extension. The ground here is level and does not appear to have been deeply disturbed. The extension covers the western portion of the earlier dwelling and apart from services and post holes does not appear to have disturbed the ground to any great degree. The archaeological remains of this dwelling may be confined to post holes, domestic refuse and possibly a cess-pit toilet.
Archaeological Significance	The possible presence of pits and cesspit associated with the 1840s dwelling could provide information on the standard of living of the occupants in the pioneering years of Port Fairy.
Historical Significance	The early dwelling on this property may have been owned by Captain Alexander Campbell. Campbell was a Port Fairy pioneer and operated a whaling station. He was also a trader between Victoria and Tasmania. Port Campbell is named after him
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## History

Captain Alexander Campbell was a prominent farmer and mariner engaged in early trade between Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales. He was an influential pioneer in the settlement of Port Fairy, and Port Campbell was named after him.

In 1841, Campbell was recorded as building a house for his sister on the western bank of the Moyne River at Port Fairy. The original house was apparently constructed of clad timber and comprised three rooms with a detached kitchen and "men's hut". This house was extended by the 1850s. The lot was subdivided and leased several times, before being sold in 1885. It appears that the original timber cottage had been demolished by the end of the 19th century.

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