
INDIGO FLOUR MILL SITE

Location

43-45 HIGH STREET BARNAWARTHA, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0118

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

The land around the former Burrows Mill continues to be largely undeveloped, except for a new wooden residence either built or transported to the location.

While some of the building material has been used in the building of the War Memorial, based on material seen in the context of an excavation hole, part of the foundations may still be intact. The stone is granite of substantial size and potentially there may be some depth to the archaeology. Furthermore, the construction of a residence on the allotment is unlikely to have damaged the archaeology as it was built on stumps.

The location near Indigo Creek was ideal for utilising the water source. Exotic vegetation and brick footings at the back of the property further indicate the potential for archaeology; it is clear that the buildings would have extended further than present evidence suggests. The extent of the scatter may be indicative. However, for the most part, terracing and widening of High Street must have impacted on its distribution.

There are also several sheds on the allotment in the west which may date to the time of the mill.

Archaeological Significance	The site is of medium significance regionally as being a relatively rare archaeological example of a 19th Century flour/saw mill within the Indigo Shire, most of which have disappeared completely. The artefact assemblage associated with the site is extensive and further analysis should contribute to a better understanding of 19th Century consumerism.
Historical Significance	The site is of significance as being representative of one of the earliest industries at Barnawartha and its wider connections to other regional centres.
Other Names	Burrows Mill, Barnawartha Saw Mill/Flour Mill,
Hermes Number	149536
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History

The site of the former Burrows Mill and residence of John Burrows which was burnt in 1954 (R. Fuge, Chiltern Athenaeum) and the stone subsequently removed and/or utilised in the War Memorial located on the opposite side of the street.

Built in 1860 by Mr. Eager of Albury, the mill was the town's first big industry (Ashley 1974:42-44). According to R. Fuge from the Chiltern Athenaeum, the mill was long standing and destroyed in a 1957 fire following which some of the stone was removed and some of which was utilised in the War Memorial erected opposite the street.

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