
WALL'S (OGDEN'S) SAWMILL SITE

Location

MANSFIELD TRACK MACEDON, MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

Municipality

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7823-0087

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Wall's Sawmill Site is overgrown with ferns, however the site does contain archaeological remains and there is evidence of benched areas, bricks and metal artefacts. It has the potential to contain archaeological features and material relating to the late nineteenth century of the sawmill and the construction and technologies utilised in this time period.

The site was first purchased in 1885 by William Wall who sought to obtain land in the Cobaw Forrest for timber splitting. Two sawmills were established in 1885 to harvest available timber, however local ratepayers were not happy about disruptions to roadways.

Ogden purchased and subsequently began to work the mill in 1938 and established the Ogden Sawmilling Company in 1945. The Mill operated until the 1980s. The Ogden's had mills in two sites in the Cobaw forest. The area was subject to selective logging over the years.

How is it significant?

The site is of local historical and archaeological significance.

Why is it significant?

The site is of historical significance as a late nineteenth century sawmill within the Cobaw forest, illustrating the technology and consequences of different forms/periods of milling and logging throughout the nineteenth and twentieth century.

Interpretation of Site Former site of a sawmill

Hermes Number 209311

Property Number

History

In 1895 William Wall sought to obtain more land in the Cobaw Forest (300 acres) which was opposed by men who saw it as depriving them of timber for splitting. Wall won this battle and was reported as moving his sawmill and machinery into the forest. Historical data from Mount Macedon Heritage Study (Stage 1) states that Ogdens had mills in two sites in the Cobaw forest.

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