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# CANTY'S CREEK HOMESTEAD

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## Location

GEELONG ROAD, ARARAT VIC 3377

## Municipality

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7423-0100

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

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### How is it significant?

The site has association with late 19th century spread of settlement. The site has the potential to provide insight into mid to late 19th century daily life on a farm in the early years of farming development in the area. The archaeological remains may contribute knowledge not currently visible or understood as the site appears relatively undisturbed.

### Why is it significant?

David Canty was a prominent and important local figure not just within Ararat but also in Stawell where he had a more considerable estate.

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Other Names CANTY'S CREEK HOMESTEAD - SITE #14,

Hermes Number 212161

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