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# FOSTERVILLE MUD BRICK HOUSE

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## Location

EPSOM-WELLSFORD ROAD FOSTERVILLE, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7724-0611

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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The small house is of local significance as the crumbling remains of a building from the early gold era of Fosterville in the 1890s. It is representative of buildings of this type using local materials (mud bricks) in its construction.

Interpretation of Site Domestic dwelling

Hermes Number 23954

Property Number

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## History

Gold was discovered at Ellesmere (Fosterville) in 1852 but the place did not really become established until the reefing field was opened in the mid-1890s. The 18-acre block of land on which the houses were built had three houses - those of Ewan Stewart, Thomas Adams, and Ewan's brother-in-law Alex McDonald. The Stewarts were

heavily involved in mining at Fosterville.

[The small house] was built in the 1890s(?) by Ewan Stewart, an early Fosterville miner. It was a 4-room cottage with a cottage mud-brick wash-house and a cellar several away to the north-east. During the 1930s, a sleep-out attached to the house was used by the Stewart family. It contained three beds. Allan Stewart, who supplied most of the historical information present here [report], lived with his family in this house from 1929 to 1939 when he moved to Melbourne. His parents left the house in 1942 moving to Bendigo.

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