

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## ZIEBELLS FARM



1 ziebell's farmhouse gardenia road thomastown front view



h00979 ziebells farm gardenia st thomastown barn outbuilding north end she project 2003



h00979 ziebells farm gardenia st thomastown drying shed east end she project 2003



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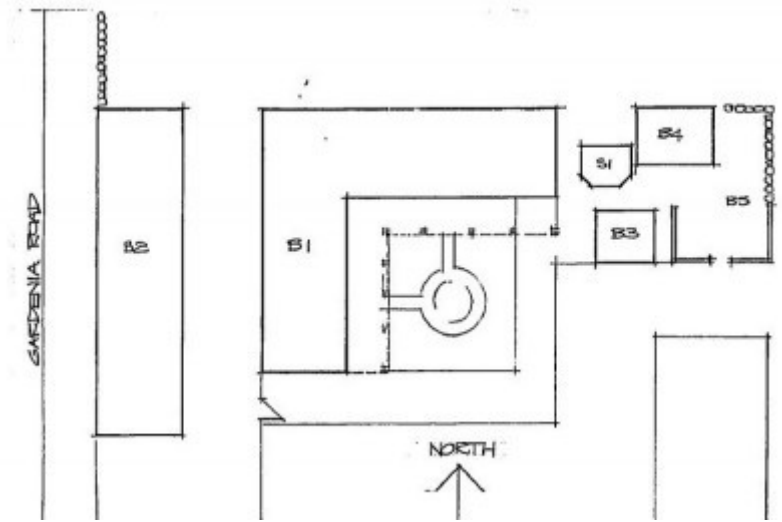
h00979 ziebells farm gardenia st thomastown farmhouse north wall stone gutter she project 2003



h00979 ziebells farm gardenia st thomastown smokehouse laundry outbuilding she project 2003



h00979 ziebells farm gardenia st thomastown view of farmhouse she project 2003



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### **Location**

100-102 GARDENIA ROAD THOMASTOWN, WHITTLESEA CITY

### **Municipality**

WHITTLESEA CITY

### **Level of significance**

Registered

### **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0979

### **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO29

### **VHR Registration**

August 19, 1993

### **Heritage Listing**

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 7, 1997

Christian Ziebell and his family arrived in Victoria from Germany in 1850 under a migration scheme to assist German settlers initiated by William Westgarth.

Ziebell built the largest of the dwellings on the most extensive landholding at Westgarthtown in the early 1850s. Ziebell's Farm comprises an L-Shaped stone farmhouse, a stone barn, a wash-house and a bath-house.

Ziebell's Farm is of outstanding historical significance to the State of Victoria for its association with the State's promotion of German settlement. As a pivotal part of the Westgarthtown settlement, and probably its earliest surviving dwelling, it is a significant reminder of the way of life of these early German settlers in Victoria.

As part of the Westgarthtown settlement, Ziebell's Farm has an important association with William Westgarth, merchant, financier, politician, historian and notable pioneer who was directly responsible for the immigrant communities in Victoria.

Ziebell's farmhouse is constructed of rubble bluestone and other local stone with a steeply pitched hipped roof. The barn, also constructed of rubble bluestone and local stone, has a hipped roof of iron shingles. The two buildings, simple solid European Vernacular buildings derived from German tradition, represent a transposition of German building design and techniques to Victoria.

Ziebell's Farm forms a cohesive visual link with the cemetery and church, once the hub of the Westgarthtown community, and the whole area retains the open rural character of the original settlement.

Construction dates	1856,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	3687
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People:

Owner CHRISTIAN ZIEBELL; Assoc.People WILLIAM WESTGARTH

## Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 979.

Ziebell's Farm, 100 Gardenia Road, Thomastown.

(To the extent of:

1. The buildings known as Ziebell's Farm, 100 Gardenia Road, Thomastown, comprising:

The House B1

The Barn B2

The Bath house B3

The Wash house B4

The Shed B5

The Well S1

(but excluding the brick veneer house)

and all drystone walling, paving and original timber fencing as shown on Plan 604972Y (A), endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

2. The land marked L1 on Plan 604972Y (B) endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being all of the land contained in Certificate of Title 9131 Folio 270.) [Victoria Government Gazette No. G32 19 August 1993 pp.2325-2326]

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