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## Stone Cottages - Timber Hills Homestead



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### Location

205 Blakeley Road,, BARKERS CREEK VIC 3451 - Property No B2245

### Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

### Level of significance

Regional

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1743

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 1, 2005

The two small stone cottages on 'Timber Hills' Homestead, the origins of which are not confirmed, but possibly constructed by a German, Grosse, in 1853, are derived from English or European vernacular construction practice.

The walls of both cottages are constructed of local sandstone in a mud or mud-lime mortar and the one remaining roof is clad in local large slate slabs, the fixings which are not visible but are said to be secured by a single wooden peg towards the top of each slab. The roof slabs are from 12mm to 25mm thick and up to 1350 mm square in one case and 1800mm by 1200mm in another. The rooves are/were gabled with the stone work on the

ends of the cottages concluding at the underside of the apex of the rooves. There is a detached stone chimney on the side elevation of the cottage with the remaining roof. Both cottages have rudimentary door and window openings.

The Stone Cottages are architecturally important to the State of Victoria as a rare example of the use of large slate slabs as the roofing material which is derived from English or European vernacular construction practice. The extremely modest size of these vernacular Colonial cottages is also of note.

Adopted from Heritage Victoria Statement 08/09/2010

Classified: 28/11/1968

File note 06/09/2010: The Stone Cottages have been restored and are in essentially in sound condition.

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