
Anderson Farm House



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Post-contact Cultural
Heritage Study 1998

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Location

100 Taylors Road, ST ALBANS VIC 3021 - Property No 14

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO36

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

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The former Anderson farmhouse is of local architectural, historical and social significance as one of the last farm houses in the St.Albans - Keilor area, as one of the few surviving farms which were created in the break up of the Taylor Estate under the Closer Settlement Scheme and as an example of a way of life (agricultural small

holdings) now rare in the municipality. The house is also associated with one of the leading farming families in the district for many years, the Andersons, and represents a major change in land use from the sparsely settled and extensive pastoral estate of William Taylor to the mixed farms that were developed as a result of Government policy in the early years of the 20th century. In its simple timber Federation form, the main building reflects both the typical architectural style of the period, and the modest means of the farmers who took up blocks under the Closer Settlement Scheme.

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Construction dates	1910,
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Physical Description 1

Description

A Federation weatherboard farmhouse with return verandah featuring turned timber posts but no other decoration, and straightforward timber fretwork window hoods. Main hipped roof has gabled wings to the south and east, with the gables infilled with 'half timbering' of stucco and battens. Eaves have exposed rafter ends, windows are double-hung timber sashes with sidelights to south-facing windows, and paired sashes with six-paned upper light on the east. A skillion addition to the rear accommodates the kitchen. The property originally had a variety of outbuildings and farm sheds, some of which remain. Until recently (mid-1998) the property had mature cypress trees at the front which were remnants of a more extensive garden destroyed when Taylor's Road was duplicated. Sugar Gums at the rear represent the most common windbreak and farm plantation trees of the area.

Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

The house appears in good condition, with the front and sides being intact and original. The rear of the house has been altered and added to and some internal alteration may have been carried out. Outbuildings and farm buildings have been lost and the garden has been severely reduced following widening of Taylors Road. A row of large Monterey Cypress trees, once a windbreak in front of the house, was cut down in 1997.

Intactness

Substantially intact.

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

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