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# MUD-BRICK HOUSE RUINS, CANNIE

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## Location

CURRAN ROAD CANNIE, GANNAWARRA SHIRE

## Municipality

GANNAWARRA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7526-0002

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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Mud-brick construction represents a regional building technology that was common in the semi-arid Mallee during the late 19th-c and 20th-c. The house ruins are of high local significance because few mud-brick houses survive in the area today.

### Interpretation of Site

It is likely that the mud-bricks were made on the property from the local red Mallee soil, of a type known as "Egyptian Brick". The chimney is internal and was used for heating the house; it may also have been used for cooking. The kitchen was once under the verandah on the north side of the house. There are remains of a wire mattress in the western bedroom. Other former buildings nearby included a warehouse on the eastside of the house under the cypresses. Sheep-yards made from railway sleepers, a garage that was once used to house a buggy and a thatched roof building north-east of the house, likely to be a shed, referred to as "pine with straw roof" PRO VPRS 5357/ PO Unit 1869 File 5.

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## History

An "Egyptian Brick" residence with a corrugated iron roof is recorded on this site by 1906, in addition to a dam, fencing, a stable and pine shed with a straw roof.

Thomas Wall, his wife Caroline, and their three children, Henry (Jack), Frances Isabel (Tot) and Nora Ellen (Sis), moved to Cannie in 1893, and it is likely that Thomas built the house, as he is listed as the owner on a 1927 parish plan. None of the children married, and all remained living at the property, which was known as "Pine Park" and "Wimborne" (ref. Mr Peter Willoughby). Nora Ellen was the last to live in the house and she left around 1965. Little physical evidence remains of other features and ancillary structures associated with the house. These included a kitchen, wash-house, garage and sheep-yards.

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