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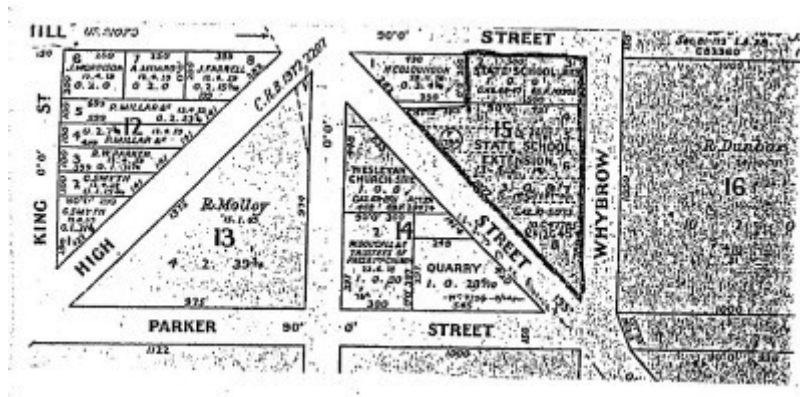
1 former franklinford common school front view jun1985



former franklinford common school entrance jan1985



former franklinford common school rear view jan1985



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Location

WHYBROW STREET AND MILL STREET FRANKLINFORD, HEPBURN SHIRE

Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0636

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO647

VHR Registration

December 17, 1986

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 24, 1999

The Former Franklinford Common School building was erected in the mid-1860s as the result of local initiative for a new common school. Visually the building is dominated by the gable over the classroom and the steeply pitched gable surmounted by a free-stone belfry above the entrance porch. The building has been modified to some extent, mainly as the result of a 1916 renewal program. This altered the fenestration and the chimney details and extended the entrance porch with a timber addition.

Franklinford Common School is significant as an atypically designed common school of the mid-1860s designed specifically for the local community by Thomas Hale with some modification of his design by the Common schools board.

Thomas Hale was a partner in the prominent 1850s Melbourne firm of Robertson and Hale. The building has social significance as a representative of the educational aspirations of a small community in rural Victoria and is one of a small number of such schools to remain in its original rural setting. It is important as a link in the educational chain which commenced at Franklinford in 1842 and which progressed from a bark hut for aboriginal children to a brick building of some architectural pretensions for the children of white settlers.

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates	1860,
Architect/Designer	Hale, Thomas,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	507
Property Number	

Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 636, Former Franklinford Common School No. 257, south-west corner of intersection of Whybrow and Mill Streets, Franklinford (to the extent of all buildings and land on Crown land R.S. 12645 otherwise known as Section 15, allotments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Township of Franklinford, Parish of Franklin, County of Talbot).

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. 104 17 December 1986 p. 4715]

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>