

Victorian War Heritage Database Place Details - 22/7/2025

The Elms Slab Cottage



Location:

659A Healesville Yarra Glen Road YARRA GLEN, YARRA RANGES SHIRE

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Description:

The slab section of the cottage is approximately 50 feet by 15 feet, and contains six rooms. It is constructed of hand-hewn adzed slabs fitted horizontally into uprights of rough-hewn logs. The floors are paved in hand-made bricks (concreted over in some rooms), and the original wooden shingles are perfectly intact under the corrugated-iron roof. All the windows are the original small panes.

The two front rooms of the cottage are a much later addition of sawn timber and later date. Most of the cottage is in good condition. At present, the cottage is used as a guest-house for visitors of the Abbey. An example of the excellent condition of much of the original slab section of the cottage. This wall is now inside a closed verandah. (Tansley, 1978, pp 123, plate 74)

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