

Victorian Heritage Database Report
SPRING GULLY GOLD PUDDLING SITE

**Location:**

SPRING GULLY FRYERSTOWN, MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1245

Listing Authority: VHR

Heritage Overlay Number: HO973**Statement of Significance:**

The Spring Gully Gold Puddling Site consists of the remnants of one puddling machine complete with dumps of washed gravels, water dam and two house sites. The site comprise a good characteristic example of the puddling technology developed in Victoria from 1854 in response to the need to process enormous amounts of clayey soil which needed to be broken up to get at the gold. Horses were used to drag harrows around a circular ditch in which the soil and water were mixed.

The Spring Gully Gold Puddling Site is of historical, archaeological and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

The Spring Gully Gold Puddling Site is historically and scientifically important as a characteristic and well preserved example of a site associated with the earliest forms of gold mining which, from 1851, played a pivotal role in the development of Victoria. Puddling machine technology is particularly important in the history of Victorian gold mining as the only technology or method developed entirely on Victorian goldfields.

The Spring Gully Gold Puddling Site is archaeologically important for its potential to yield artefacts which will

be able to provide significant information about the cultural history of gold mining and the gold seekers themselves.

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1854 -
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE
Other names	
Hermes number	4969
Property number	

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