



## The Willows Craft Cottage, HARIHARI (List No. 5049)

File: 12013-107



*The Willows Craft Cottage, Robyn Burgess, Heritage New Zealand, 14 December 2014*

Address	18 State Highway 6 (Ross-Whataroa) Main Road, HARIHARI
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 577 (CT WS2B/1464), Westland Land District
Extent	Extent includes part of the land described as Lot 1 DP 577 (CT WS2B/1464), Westland Land District and the building known as The Willows Craft Cottage thereon.
Constructed by:	William Henry Green and Jens Jensen Hende (Builders)
Owners	Joseph Matthew Martini

### Summary:

The Willows Craft Cottage in Harihari is a relocated timber cottage with historic significance for its association with the Hende family, pioneering settlers in the district.

Danish brothers, Johann Peter Hende and Jens Jensen Hende, arrived in New Zealand in circa 1870 after almost a decade working on the gold fields in Australia.<sup>1</sup> Shortly after setting up a

<sup>1</sup> Vic Berry, *Goa Way Back – Early Hari Hari*, 1986; *West Coast Times*, 24 Jan 1900, p. 2; the details of their arrival are not clear but by 1871 and 1872 there are various references to Mr Hende in the local newspapers (for example, mail to be collected for John Peter Hende, *West Coast Times*, 11 Feb 1871, p. 3.

ferry service on Westland's Wanganui River in 1872, the two brothers disagreed over a contract and ceased to work together.<sup>2</sup> The family feud ran for many years. Some time between 1879 and 1884, Jens Hende and his close friend, William Henry Green, built a shingle-roofed pit-sawn totara cottage with three bedrooms and a large kitchen.<sup>3</sup> Jens planted weeping willows around the house's section and soon the area was called the Willows.<sup>4</sup> In 1885 Jens married Green's niece, Josephine Mary Anne Bathmaker, and they had a family together.<sup>5</sup> Tragically, in 1900, Jens was killed in a riding accident.<sup>6</sup> In 1905 Green moved into the Willows and built another cottage, evidently behind the original, to house Josephine and the six children.<sup>7</sup>

Constructed using vertically set timbers and now with a corrugated iron roof, this one and a half storeyed cottage is rectangular in plan.<sup>8</sup> It has a steeply pitched gable roof leading to a shallower pitch verandah roof supported by six timber posts. The main entrance, fronting the north side of the state highway in its relocated position, is through a centrally placed door, flanked on either side by two sash windows. These windows contain timber mullions and transoms holding small panes of glass. On the interior, wide floorboards indicate the original depth of the cottage.

Josephine Hende provided accommodation to travellers, including stabling for their horses, and, at times, both the original cottage and the later 1905 house were full.<sup>9</sup> Johan Peter Hende's son, Carl Hende, owned a saw mill in the area, and he had financed the purchase of this land for the widow Josephine.<sup>10</sup> However, she could not meet the mortgage repayments and was forced to sell.<sup>11</sup> In 1911 Carl Hende took over the property, including the two cottages.<sup>12</sup> One of the cottages was largely dismantled in 1915 then added to by Carl Hende when he started a store.<sup>13</sup> By the early 1980s, the cottage that was originally shingled had been in use as a garage and was under threat of demolition.<sup>14</sup> In 1985, to save it from

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<sup>2</sup> Berry, p. 25.

<sup>3</sup> Berry, p. 28, p. 191. This description fits the current building known as the Willows Craft Cottage, and early photographs of it on its original site show the cottage variously with a fully shingled and partly shingled roof. However, some early photographs said to be of an early Hende or Willows house are of a metal-clad and metal-roofed building – later described as Hendes store (Charles Lucas collection, for example Box 17 #004 'Bullock Team, dray of slabs outside Jim Hendes'; Box 17 #006 'Jim Hendes House'; Box 2 #Luscs-013 'Man at Second Willows House').

<sup>4</sup> Berry, p. 28. Refer to Figure 6 which shows the location of the Willows.

<sup>5</sup> *West Coast Times*, 8 Sep 1885, p. 2. Berry incorrectly states they married in October 1884, p. 28.

<sup>6</sup> *West Coast Times*, 24 Jan 1900, p. 2.

<sup>7</sup> Berry, p. 28 and p. 191; The six offspring of Jens and Josephine are listed in Josephine's death notice in the *Grey River Argus*, 12 Jul 1917, p. 2.

<sup>8</sup> The roof is shown in a circa 1911 photograph as being shingled, and in a slightly later photograph as being of corrugated iron but still with shingles on the verandah roof (see Figures 7 and 8 of this report).

<sup>9</sup> *West Coast Times*, 25 June 1907, p. 2 and 28 Apr 1908, p.1; Berry, caption accompanying photo of a farewell gathering at the Willows after Carl Hende took over the property in 1911 (n.p.), 1986.

<sup>10</sup> Berry, p. 55.

<sup>11</sup> Order Court No. 1, 3 Nov 1911 in Certificate of Title WS14/85; *West Coast Times*, 22 Oct 1909, p.3. Berry, p.55, p. 112 and caption accompanying photo of a farewell gathering at the Willows after Carl Hende took over the property in 1911 (n.p.).

<sup>12</sup> Berry, p. 55 and caption accompanying photo of a farewell gathering at the Willows after Carl Hende took over the property in 1911 (n.p.), 1986.

<sup>13</sup> Berry, p. 191, states that in July 1915 Carl Hende pulled down the old Willows house and built a new house and store (Shimanski's House) and in the caption accompanying photo of a farewell gathering at the Willows after Carl Hende took over the property in 1911 (n.p.), 1986 it states that it was the 1879 cottage that was converted to a store.

<sup>14</sup> Mrs Martini, pers comm, 18 March 2015.

demolition, this back cottage was moved from the Willows property to the Harihari township, approximately three kilometres south of its original location.<sup>15</sup> Renamed the Willows Craft Cottage, the relocated cottage has retained much of its original appearance at the front but at the rear it has undergone a number of changes. In 1986 the north facing part of the roof had new corrugated steel added.<sup>16</sup> In circa 1990 most of the rear wall was removed and a single-storeyed rectangular wing was added perpendicular to the original cottage.<sup>17</sup> In 2014 the south-facing front part of the roof was replaced with new corrugated steel.<sup>18</sup>

Other Names	Hende House
Key Physical Dates	Circa 1879-84 or 1905: Construction After 1911: Shingle roof replaced with corrugated iron 1985: relocation 1986: new corrugated steel added to north side of roof Circa 1990: wing added at rear 2014: new corrugated steel added to south side of roof
Uses	Accommodation – house (former) Trade - store
Protection Measures	Westland District Plan, Operative (last updated January 2008), Schedule of Historic Places and Trees, Ref. 8.
Recommendation	<b>Technical change required:</b> Board Paper references: HP 331/1989; <i>Change Address; Add Legal Description; Clarify Extent</i>

## Attachments

### Technical Change Request

<sup>15</sup> The location was 4226 State Highway 6, Harihari Highway; Letter from R Lawn to NZHPT 18 Aug 1985, NZHPT File 12013-107; the present owner, Mrs Martini identifies that the cottage was behind a farmhouse where the road turns the corner north out of Harihari and was used as a garage (pers comm 14 Dec 2014). Refer to Figure 9 of this report.

<sup>16</sup> Heritage New Zealand File 12013-107; Mrs Martini, pers comm, 18 March 2015.

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# List Entry Record

List Number: 5049

Site Reference: P4020



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND  
POUHERE TAONGA

**Name:** The Willows Crafts Cottage

**Other Names:**

Name	Year From	Year To
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**Location:** 18 Township Road, HARIHARI

**List Entry Legal Description:**

**Local Authority:** Westland District

**Summary:**

**List Entry Status:** Registered

**List Entry Type:** Historic Place Category 2

**List Number:** 5049

**Date Entered:** 21 September 1989

**Extent of List Entry:**

**Chattels**

**District Plan Listing:** District Plan Listed in the Westland District Council Operative 1 June 2002. Ref. 8 in Appendix A: Schedule of Historic Places and Trees.

**Maori Interest:** Unknown

**Heritage NZ Office:** Canterbury/West Coast Office

**Other Information:**

**General Nature of Wahi Tapu:**

**Section 66(1) Assessment:**

Section 23(1)	Registered under previous legislation (HPA 1980)
Section 23(2)	Registered under previous legislation (HPA 1980).

**Section 66(3) Detail:**

**Statement of Wahi Tapu:**

Figure 1: List Entry Report from Pataka

Agenda No: 7(g)  
Paper No: HP ~~9730~~ 331/1989  
File No: HP 3/4  
Status: Decision

The Willows Crafts Cottage  
18 Township Road  
Harihari

Figure 2: Extract from Board Minute HP 331/1989



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<p><b>Proprietors</b> Joseph Mathew Martini</p>								
<p><b>Interests</b> Subject to the right of Her Majesty the Queen to all minerals, mineral oil, gas, metal, coal and valuable stone under the surface of the land and to the right of ingress, egress and regress to all persons lawfully engaged in working any such mineral, mineral oil, gas, metal, coal or stone</p>								
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Figure 3: Certificate of Title (refer also to associated Diagram at Figure 4 below).

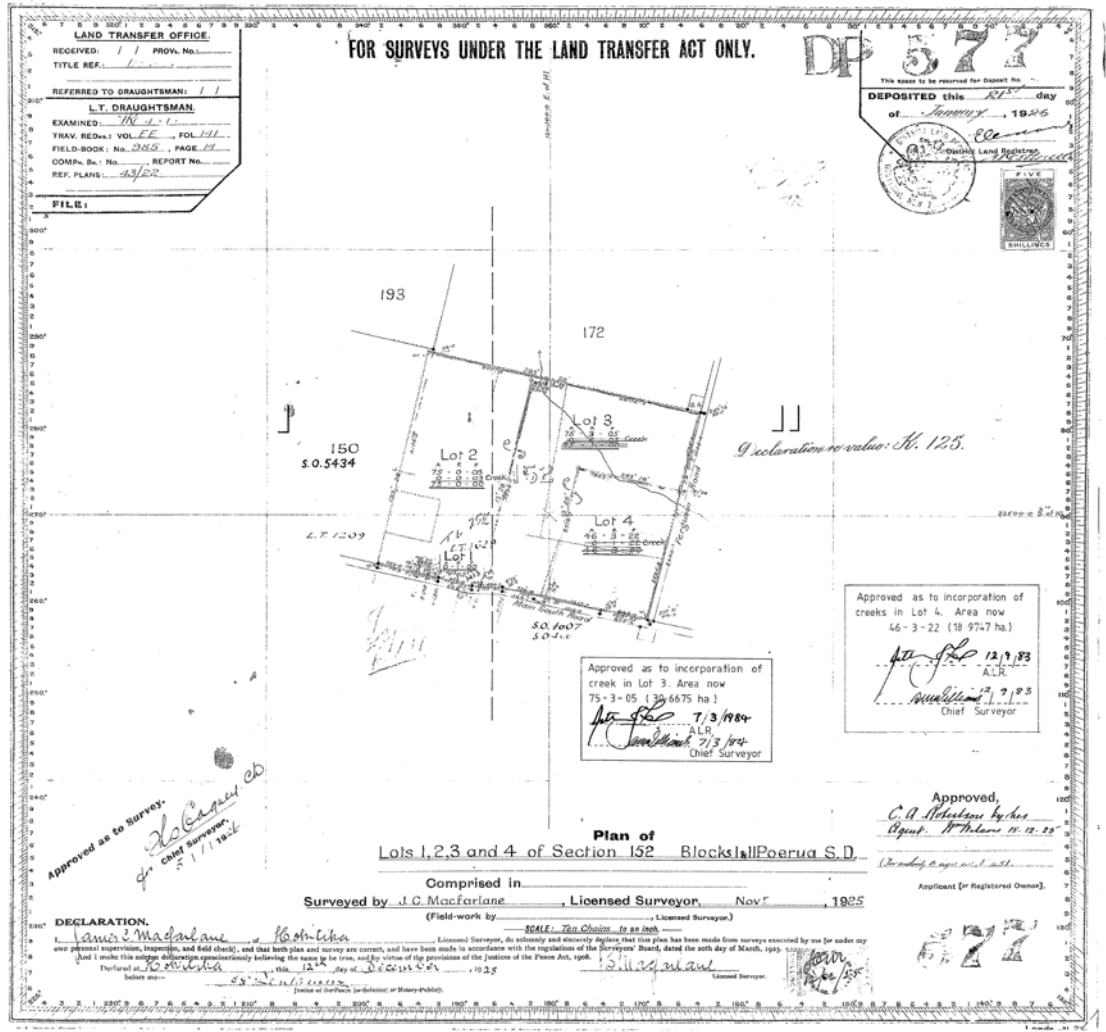


Figure 4: DP2026 associated with Certificate of Title WS2B/1464.

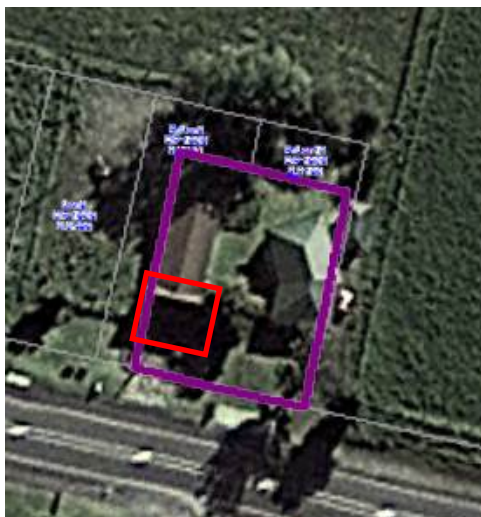


Figure 5: Quickmap overlaid over Google aerial view. The purple line denotes the land parcel. The red square indicates the extent.

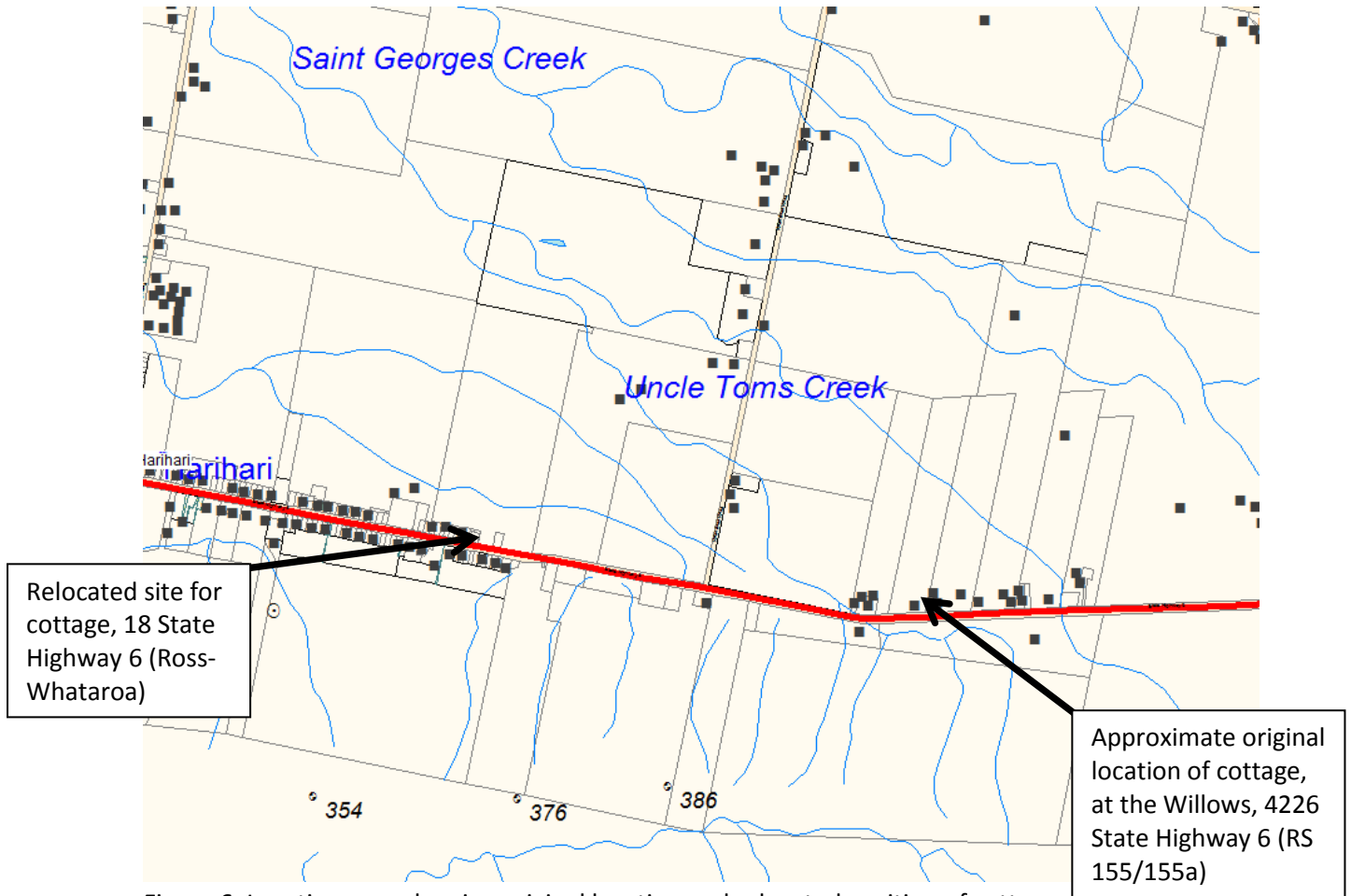


Figure 6: Location map showing original location and relocated position of cottage at Harihari.

## Images



Figure 7: 'Group at the Willows, 1911', Charles Lucas Collection, Hokitika Museum, Reference: Lucas-P-049.



Figure 8: Cottage on its previous site, photograph on display at the Willows Craft Cottage (permission for use granted by Mrs Martini). [This photograph appears to have been taken in the second decade of the twentieth century – it shows the main part of the roof clad in corrugated iron, whereas the photo dated 1911 shown at Figure 7 above shows the whole of the roof was shingled. Note a building to the rear].



Figure 9: The Willows site at 4226 State Highway 6, Harihari Highway showing a house at front and the cottage at rear (marked by arrow), Charles Lucas Collection, Hokitika Museum, Reference Luscs-015. [Note this front house is still in situ].



Figure 10: 'Jim Hende Home, Hari Hari', Molly Martini, 1980s, [this is the cottage on its original site, before relocation].