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NOTE: If family papers, diaries, etc., are not available, useful sources of information are the Titles office, the Municipal rate books, and early Directories at the La Trobe Library. At least one photograph, 3½" x 4½", is required to support the historical data.

The Trust has limited facilities for research and would appreciate your exploring the above sources as thoroughly as possible before returning this form.

DATA FORM

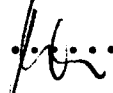
OSBORNE'S IRONBARK FOUNDRY

1. Present name of building ..... formerly The Golden City Implement Foundry.
2. Address (precisely, please; if out-of-town describe location sufficiently to enable a visit).  
according to latest Telephone Book entry - C & W Osborne  
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62 Eaglehawk Road Bendigo. 3550 Tel. 436208  
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3. Present owner ..... C and W Osborne
4. Present occupant (if not owner) ..... as above
5. Date of original construction ..... ?? Still being investigated
- 5a. Evidence for that date ..... This is still hard to fix. However, an entry in a Bendigo  
..... (Sandhurst) Directory of 1882 lists the Foundry in  
Mount Korong Road ( now Eaglehawk Road ) with an earlier Osborne ( no relation to the  
present props. ) as proprietor. (See later comments)
6. Structural changes, with dates ..... The totally corrugated-iron-clad structure has  
been located in this spot with few (cor. iron) additions at the rear since 1900.  
It is possible that the foundry has been in almost the same condition since it was  
erected - we think this was before the 1880s but have not yet come across confirming
- 6a. Evidence for that information ..... evidence.....  
Sandhurst Municipal Directory 1882 and personal recollections of the foundry and its  
precincts from early this century.
7. Architect/Designer ..... Unknown.....
- 7a. Evidence .....  
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8. Builder/s ..... Unknown
- 8a. Evidence .....  
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9. Person or organisation for whom building was originally built .....  
Chas Osborne and Mitchell  
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- 10. Old illustrations, name and address of holder .... Nil.....
- 11. Published references to the building .. In the slender publication by John Neil Macartney titled "Sandhurst as it was and as it is " ( Pub. in Sandhurst in 1882) Chapter on Sandhurst Foundries, also in current mining literature of the times, and agricultural implement ads.
- 12. Unpublished papers - name and address of holder ..... Much evidence on Bendigo Foundries ~~xxx~~ in process of being collected by J. O'C Hattam of Bendigo, but there are several baffling references, especially a confusion of location and names. The name ORBORNE has also been a stumbling block over the years until the present owners took over. The business changed hand several times in the interval.
- 13. Notes on architecture, history, owners, occupiers, etc.,

This foundry has been a landmark in Mt Korong Road for many years. It began with an Osborne and Mitchell. Macartney tells that "Mitchell (late of Central Foundry) joined with a Mr Hay to make agricultural implements in Bridge Street" ( that would be in the early 1880s). It is well known that the Central Foundry was NOT in Ironbark, but in Wattle Street, where other early Bendigonians carried on a thriving industry. It is possible that Macartney was wrong and that he also, got a bit 'mixed up' as we are at the present time, because of lack of precise evidence.

After 1914 when mining declined, it became the Golden City Implement Foundry and the name can still be seen painted on the facade which faces the intersection of Marong Road ( Calder Highway) and Eaglehawk Road. The interior is a mass of used and un-used machinery scattered amongst modern lathes and more modern apparatus. The yard is a fascinating graveyard of past times with old mining and agricultural scrap everywhere mixed up with coke and slag from the smelting sheds at the rear. A recent branch of their work is ferrous and non-ferrous moulding which, with the return to popularity of 'cast iron lace' has become a feature of the fine work produced from this old yet efficient work-shop. The 'tin sheds' which comprise the works are located upon at least 2 acres of land in the old gold-days suburb of Ironbark .

Informant's name and address .....  
 Mr Chas Osborne has no objection to the works being classified. 'They do not intend to alter it in any way, he says' .....  
 Signature  ..... Date .....  
 Information from R.A. Anderson  
 July 9th. 1977

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Historian: