

City of Adelaide Heritage Survey (2008)

NAME: *Attached villa, 100 Gilles Street*

ZONE/POLICY AREA: RA6

APPROVED / CURRENT USE: House / House

FORMER USE: Dwelling

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1902–1903

LOCATION: 100 Gilles Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Adelaide City Council

LAND DESCRIPTION: CT-5865/897

HERITAGE STATUS: Local Heritage Place

OTHER ASSESSMENTS Nil



Attached villa, 100 Gilles Street — View to northwest

DESCRIPTION:

Numbers 100 and 98 are attached cottages with freestone front walls, red brick side walls and red brick quoins and window surrounds. Both cottages have ceramic tile and slate-edged front verandah floors and two brick chimneys (painted) along, but in from, their sides. The roof of number 100 is aluminium tile. The verandah roof iron is renewed (probably Colorbond), bull nosed, and continuous across both cottages; the verandah iron decoration is of recent make (and probably design); the verandah spandrels are timber lattice. Three vertical corrugated iron middle dividing and end panels, of the same colour, maintain the building's pleasant visual uniformity. The bottom of the western end of the large, central gable barge board is damaged. The bottom of the western end of the large, central gable barge board is damaged. The bluestone front wall skirting of number 100 appears to be the original bluestone course topped by a red brick course on flat and a decorative course laid above it at right-angles. Number 100 has a brick front fence. Number 100 retains its geometric and bird pattern patterned side light, but an air conditioning unit is placed in the light above the front door.

The recessed, flattened arch panel in the centre of the gable wall above the verandah does not have a property name, and possibly one was never applied. A visible part of the masonry party wall, and a decorative masonry bracket above the recessed panel are a strong visual element on the building's façade.

The building is complemented by the picket fence.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

This villa is of simple design and typical construction that retains original fabric and its original form, and complements its immediate neighbour and other dwellings in the area. It is of particular heritage value because of its social history reflecting the residential development of this part of the city. It illustrates several key themes in the city's history: *2.4 City Dwellers: Householders, Boarders and Tenants; 4.3 Development of the Building Industry, Architecture and Construction; and 4.6 Heritage and Building Conservation.*

RELEVANT CRITERIA (Under Section 23(4) of the *Development Act 1993*):

This building is recommended for Local Heritage listing because it meets the following criteria:

- (a) it displays historical, economical or social themes that are of importance to the local area which was once predominantly residential; and
 - (d) it displays aesthetic merit, design characteristics or construction techniques of significance to the local area;.
-

ELEMENTS OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Inclusions

- External form and scale of the original building, including exterior walls and roof;
- Fabric and essential detailing of the façade.

Exclusions

- Interior detailing;
- Additions at rear;
- New services.

NOTE: The 'Description of Place and Elements of Heritage Value' listed in the Adelaide (City) Development Plan for this property are as follows:

Dwellings

External form, including original fabric and detailing of facade and verandah, external walls, roof and chimneys, as visible from the street. Excludes any later additions.

This is the legally recognised listing and should be used for the purposes of development application assessment.

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The attached villa was constructed on portion of Town Acre 602 that was originally granted to Henry Hansson on 23 December 1837.

Over time, the land was subdivided. John Hutchings, a land and estate agent, was noted as owner of the land—measuring c. 90 ft x 75 ft—in October 1901. He sold a portion of the vacant land—c. 46 ft 10 inches x 75 ft—to William Gully in October 1902.

Gully was a builder and was responsible for the construction of attached villas at 232–234 and 236–238 in nearby Halifax Street and it was he who built this attached villa in 1902–1903. As the Building Surveyor's Notices indicate, a notice was lodged on 22 August 1902—just prior to the formalisation of the title to the land—noting that builder 'Wm Gully' (also owner of the land) intended to build two dwellings on Town Acre 602, Gilles Street, for £400. Assessment records of 1903 (adopted December 1902) confirm that two 'unfinished houses' were in the course of construction on Town Acre 602 and owned by William Gully. Gully relinquished title to the property to Mary Harvey, a licensed victualler of North Terrace, on 19 October 1904.

Ownership continued to changed hands, with the attached villa being placed on to two titles in 1949. This section of the villa was acquired by George WM Cryer, a motorman, in December 1949, who remained owner until August 1957.

The building appears to have changed little from its original form and scale.

REFERENCES:

Adelaide City Council, Department of Building Surveying, Assessment Books, Young Ward, Town Acre 602, Adelaide City Archives: 1903 (December 1902).

Adelaide City Council, Department of Building Surveying, 'Return of Surveyor of Notices Received for Building Work under Section 51 of the Building Act, 1881', 22.8.1902, microfilm 1895–1910, Adelaide City Archives.

Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, Land Services Group, Land Titles Office, Adelaide: CT 681/114; CT 697/43; CT 2118/94.