

HOUSE

Address: 120 Sussex Street
Certificate of Title: 5813/614

Use: Residential
**Kentish Arms
Policy Area:** PA11
North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone

Heritage Status: LHP
Other Assessments: Former City Significance
Heritage of the City of Adelaide, ACC, 1990
Conservation Reports: Nil



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

This house is an excellent example of an 1850s-1860s simple workers cottage. It exhibits important stylistic elements including low scale and simple detailing indicative of its early date of construction. Houses of this period display gable ended roof form and are one or two rooms in depth.

This attached brick cottage was built for Andreas Borchard, a German basket maker, about 1854. He bought the Lot 122 for this cottage for fifteen pounds in 1851. By 1854 when this cottage was built, he owned four lots in the vicinity. After his death the cottages were transferred to his widow Henriette who remarried to become the wife of Johann Peter Renny. She owned the property until 1896 when it was transferred to other German migrants, thus continuing German association to this part of lower North Adelaide.

The cottage comprises German constructional vernacular which is displayed as an external loft access in the eastern facing gable. Although the property was given a new tiled roof about 1989, it covers an earlier corrugated iron roof, which in turn covers an even earlier wooden shingle roof dating from the early 1850s.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Residences, like this cottage, remaining from the earliest period of housing development in North Adelaide, are important examples of the type of houses constructed in the city during the process of settlement. They reflect the style, scale, materials and detail characteristic of dwellings of the 1850s and 1860s. This early 1854 brick attached cottage is an important element of the 1839 Chichester Gardens Estate Subdivision. It retains German vernacular constructional elements and represents important links to a small German community that lived in this part of North Adelaide up until the end of the nineteenth century.

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

- (a)** This house displays historical and social themes that are of importance to North Adelaide as it represents the initial settlement in the area and housing development in newly subdivided Town Acres in the Chichester Gardens estate of lower North Adelaide.
 - (d)** This house displays aesthetic merit and design characteristics of significance to North Adelaide as it is a typical 1850s residence displaying consistent use of materials such as rendered masonry walls, low scale and simple form.
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EXTENT OF LISTING:

External and interior form, materials and details of this former pair of early Victorian residences, including the walls, verandah and roof form associated with the house style.

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

House

Former pair of early Victorian residences, including interior

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

REFERENCES

- ACC Rate Assessments 1851-1872
- Smith Survey 1880
- LTO CTs 245/124, 928/116, 2830/180, 5173/486
- S Marsden, P Stark & P Sumerling, *Heritage of the City of Adelaide: An Illustrated guide*, 1990, p 383.