

HOUSE

Address: 209 Melbourne Street
Certificate of Title: 5906/992, 993

Use: Commercial
Mainstreet (Melbourne West) Zone: MS3

Heritage Status: LHP
Other Assessments: Nil
Conservation Reports: Nil



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

This former house is a good example of an 1840s-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. The office addition to the front has not obscured the original gable ended roof structure.

The western end of Melbourne Street remained essentially residential while the eastern end had developed as the main street for Lower North Adelaide particularly during the 1870s and 1880s. This former house remain an important indication of the type of residences constructed during the 1860s.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Cottages like this former house, 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, 1860s and early 1870s.

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

- (a) This former 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.
- (d) This former house displays aesthetic merit and design characteristics of significance to North Adelaide as it is a typical 1860s residence displaying consistent use of materials such as rendered masonry walls, low scale and simple form.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

External form, materials and details of the early Victorian residence, including the walls and roof form associated with the house style. Excludes front additions

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

House
Early Victorian house to rear of front office additions

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

REFERENCES

- Smith Survey 1880
- State Library of South Australia early photograph B 15916



SLSA - B 15916 - 1965 view