

HOUSE

Address: 215 Melbourne Street
Certificate of Title: 5545/515

Use: Commercial
Main Street (Melbourne West) Zone: MS3

Heritage Status: LHP
Other Assessments: Townscape 1993
Conservation Reports: Nil



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

This former house is an excellent example of an 1870s-1880s symmetrically fronted bluestone residence. It retains important stylistic elements including rendered quoins and facings to windows and doors.

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. The Smith Survey shows the outline of this house, with its verandah and fence, in 1880. It remains an important indication of the type of residences constructed at that time, and the use of South Australian bluestone as a building material.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

This former house is an important example of the type of residences constructed in North Adelaide during the 1870s-1880s, and reflects the design, details and building materials characteristic of that time.

The significant number of stone and brick residences, like this former house, constructed between 1870 and 1890 throughout this section of the city, are an important element of the distinctive historic residential character of North Adelaide.

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 continued construction of residences on recently subdivided Town Acres, particularly during the 1870s and 1880s.
 - (d) This former house displays aesthetic merit and design characteristics of significance to North Adelaide as it is a typical 1870s Victorian residence displaying consistent use of materials such as bluestone masonry walls and detailed render.
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EXTENT OF LISTING:

External form, materials and details of this Victorian symmetrically fronted residence, including the walls 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:

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Victorian and earlier sections of the symmetrically fronted former residence

This is the legally recognised listing and should be used for the purposes of development application [assessment](#)

REFERENCES

- Smith Survey 1880