

City of Adelaide Heritage Survey (2008)

NAME: *Attached cottage, 291-293 Wright Street*

ZONE/POLICY AREA: *RA11*

APPROVED / CURRENT USE: Dwellings

FORMER USE: Dwellings

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1879

LOCATION: 291-293 Wright Street

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Adelaide City Council

LAND DESCRIPTION: CT-5119/971

HERITAGE STATUS: Local Heritage Place

OTHER ASSESSMENTS McDougall & Vines, 1993



Attached cottage, 291-293 Wright Street — View to south

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DESCRIPTION:

This is a single-storey, double-fronted attached cottage. It is one of a group of six. Walling is of bluestone with rendered and painted quoins and window and door surrounds. Roof is gabled and of corrugated iron. Windows and door are timber framed: windows are double-hung sash. There is a simple timber-framed verandah across the front of the cottage.

The assessment includes the whole of the original cottage; it does not include interior detailing.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

The attached worker's cottage has no known significant associations but is of heritage significance because of its age and because it is one of a large group of attached cottages in Adelaide which is relatively rare, though there is a similar group immediately to the east. It retains original fabric and building form, features of the early residential occupation of the area and complements other former dwellings in the area. 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 4.6.2 Victorian Houses (1870s to 1890s).*

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 a working class residential area; and
 - (b) it represents customs or ways of life that are characteristic of the local area.
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ELEMENTS OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Inclusions

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

Exclusions

- Interior detailing
- Any 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:

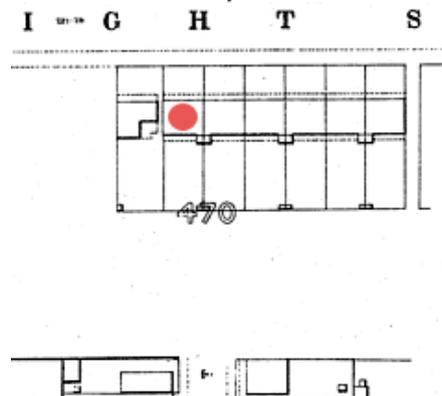
Dwelling

External form, including original fabric and detailing of facade and verandah, external walls, roof, 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:

This attached cottage is part of a row of cottages that were constructed on portion of Town Acre 470. In 1875, assessment records indicate that the town acre remained vacant land owned by E White's Trust. Records for 1880 (adopted 24 November 1879) indicate that the land had been subdivided: four pieces remained vacant while there were four unfinished houses on the remaining portions. The outline of the row of cottages appears on the 1880 Smith Survey.



Further subdivision has occurred over the years with ownership of the properties being placed on separate titles. For a time (September 1926–July 1934), William Morrow of Dulwich was the registered owner. Morrow was a tailor who worked in Port Pirie, was Mayor of Port Pirie from 1910–1911, and was closely involved with the Church of Christ. He was elected to the South Australian Parliament in August 1915 and served in the Legislative Council until July 1934. Ben Robinson, an Adelaide music teacher, was the registered owner from January 1938 until his death in September 1955.



SLSA: B 33458 – Wright Street, 1977

Council approved alterations to the kitchen and laundry (1976) and for the erection of a kitchen, study, laundry and bathroom in an addition to the rear of the existing residence in 1994. The builder for the project was Homeshield Improvements.

Ownership of the cottage has continued to change hands, although the attached cottage appears to have changed little in form and scale.

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