

## HOUSE & WALLS

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**Address:** 296 Ward Street  
**Certificate of Title:** 5351/152

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**Use:** Residence  
**Hill Street**  
**Policy Area:** PA1  
**North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone**

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**Heritage Status:** LHP  
**Other Assessments:** LHP(T)  
**Conservation Reports:** Nil

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## HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

When this property was built in 1866, the *South Australian Register* for 6 January 1867 stated, 'Messrs G & E A Hamilton are the architects for the erection of a very substantial house for E K Horn of North Adelaide, containing every requisite for comfort and convenience as a good family residence'. The property remained the only structure on Town Acre 766 until Horn subdivided it to build the adjoining property at 286 Ward Street in 1870.

Others who have been associated with this dwelling were Sir William Milne in the late 1890s, and later, doctors Sir Thomas G & CG Wilson from the 1920s.

Sir TG Wilson was a prominent gynaecologist and obstetrician who did much for the advancement of this branch of medicine in South Australia. Born in Armidale in 1876 and with his early career spent in Europe, his first appointment in Adelaide was in 1902 as Honorary Assistant Gynaecologist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. He was also associated to the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital for nearly forty years. He received his knighthood in 1950 and died in 1958 at the age of eighty-two.

While the property has undergone several major additions and alterations, the boundary fencing has retained its mid nineteenth century character. The house now presents an Inter War Mediterranean appearance which would indicate that it was upgraded sometime in the 1920s or 1930s when this style of design was popular.

## STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

This house is an important example of the type of residences constructed or upgraded in North Adelaide during the 1920s-1930s, and reflects the design, details and building materials commonly in use at that time.

*The significant number of stone and brick residences, like this house, constructed in the Inter War period between 1920 and 1940 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 house displays historical and social themes that are of importance to North Adelaide as it represents the continued adaptation of early residences after the First World War.
- (d) This house displays aesthetic merit and design characteristics of significance to North Adelaide as it appears as a typical 1920s-1930s Inter-War residence displaying consistent use of typical materials such as smooth rendered walls, and classical details.

## EXTENT OF LISTING:

External form, materials and details of this single storey Inter War Mediterranean style residence including rendered masonry walls and expansive roof form. (Note adapted from 1860s house)

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

House

Frontage and side wall returns visible from the street

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

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## REFERENCES

- ACC Building Surveyors Dept - Plans between 1948-1974 ACC Rate Assessments 1865-1875
- Smith Survey 1880
- J Escourt Hughes, *A History of the Royal Adelaide Hospital*, 1982 (2nd edition), p 174.
- LTO CTs 540/2, 5351/152