

EARL OF ABERDEEN HOTEL

316-320 Pulteney Street

There was very little development around Hurtle Square in the first twenty years of the city's existence. Why these town acres fronting a square and on one of the main thoroughfares should remain vacant well into the 1850s is cause for further research. Although there were absentee owners of some of these town acres, by 1880 the south-east corner still had 25 per cent of its town acres vacant, although with some isolated pockets of intense development. The Devon Arms (rebuilt in 1879 and renamed the Earl of Aberdeen in 1880), was on a major coach route to and from Mitcham, Clarendon, Meadows and Bull's Creek. Unley Road running into Hanson Road (Pulteney Street) was known as Bull's Creek Road until well into the 1870s. Licensed from 1850, this hotel was in existence seven years before the Green Dragon Hotel on South Terrace and the Labour in Vain (Hanson Street) situated in between the two. As the Devon Arms was the first city hotel encountered by travellers coming from the Mount Barker direction its importance for these seven years should not be underestimated.

During the 1860s there was a dramatic upsurge in development around the square and all but two of the surrounding town acres were subdivided and built upon, including the Darling and Sons three storey mill and a coach factory. Ten years later, when the Devon Arms was rebuilt, many substantial cottages and homes had been constructed in the Hurtle Square vicinity.

By the 1870s the Devon Arms was competing with both the Green Dragon and the Labour in Vain, despite the compensations of an increased local clientele. In the face of formidable competition the Devon Arms premises were updated by rebuilding a new hotel on the same allotment, either over the site of the former hotel or alongside. This was described as 'a nice building', as indeed it is today. The building was extended to the north in 1924, and a veranda/balcony was erected across the Pulteney Street facade, returning along the Carrington Street facade to unite the two buildings.



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The building is remarkable for its original appearance, enhanced by the recent renovations, and it makes a strong visual contribution to the townscape of the Hurtle Square locality.

ACA, Assessments, Smith Survey 1880;

GRO, Deposit books (William Frayne) Bk 21/459, 33/466; Hoad, J.L., *Hotels and publicans in South Australia 1836-1984*, 1986 part 3, p. 173; MLSA, Duryea panoramic view of South Adelaide; Payne, G.B., & Cosh, E., *History of Unley, 1871-1971*, 1972, Chapter 6, p. 321.

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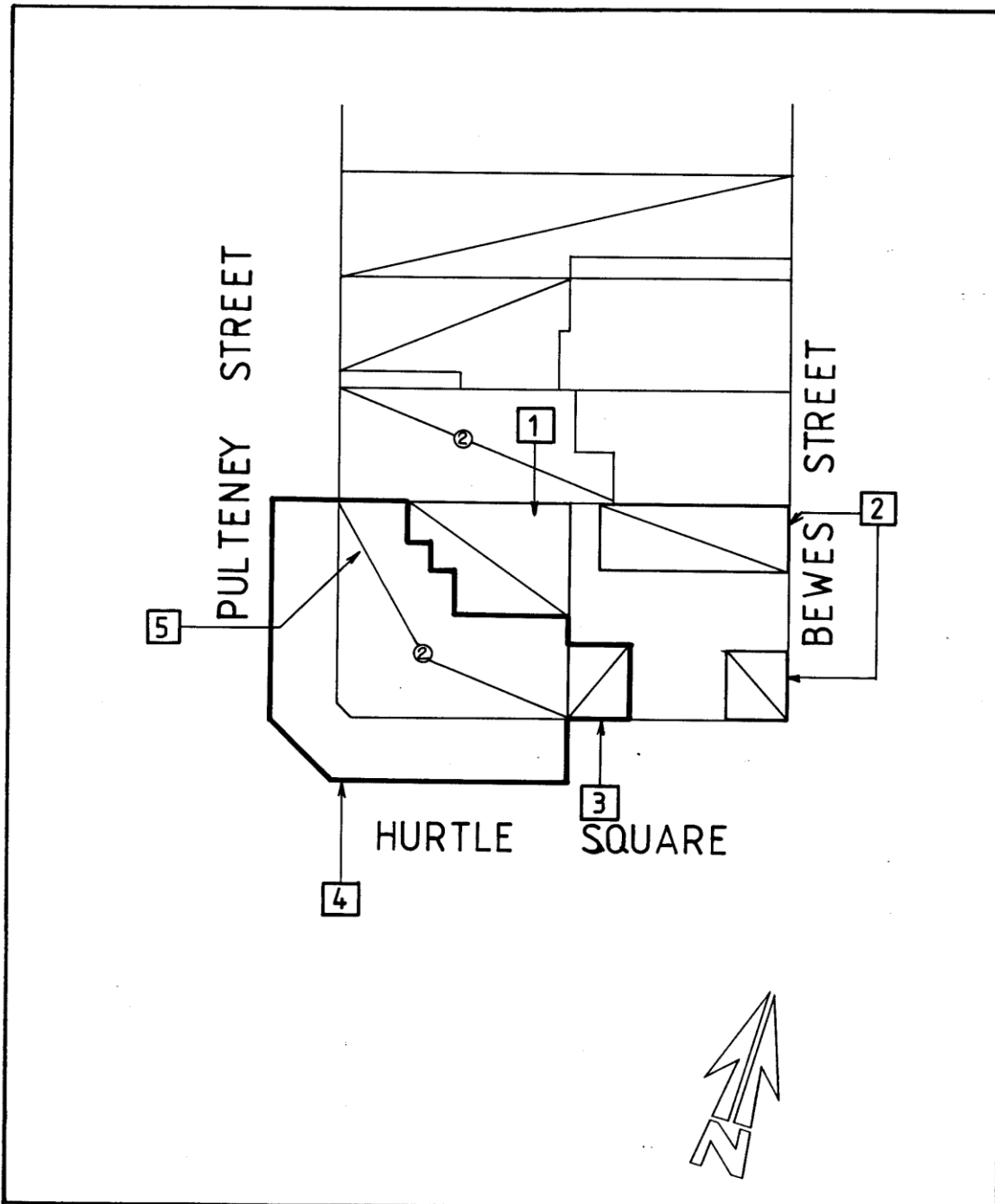


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NOTES:

1. Dining Room addition.
2. New outbuildings.
3. Single storey lean-to.
4. Verandah/balcony probably erect 1924 to replace cantilever balcony.
5. Two storey addition erected 1924.