

## FORMER ADELAIDE BREWERY

50-62 Wyatt Street

The site on which these buildings are located enjoys associations with brewing dating from at least the 1840s. These buildings form the majority of the Adelaide Brewery, as depicted in the Smith Survey of 1880. They are significant survivors of an important city industry, high integrity representations of which are now rarely found in Adelaide. Breweries have exercised considerable control over the development of the city's character. By 1880 there were more than 120 hotels in Adelaide, the city breweries owning many of them. Brewing began in the earliest days of the colony. In a letter to Governor Grey of 14 October 1841 Captain Sturt wrote:

*Warren first erected the brewery on the park lands by permission of Captain Hindmarsh, to whom encouragement was given that he should hold it for seven to ten years on consideration of supplying the inhabitants with good beer and yeast at a moderate price . . . when Governor Gawler directed that the Parklands should be cleared of the wretched huts that were on them he excepted the brewery.*

From an early date hotels had their own breweries or were directly associated with them; for example, the Adelaide Brewery, 1841-45.

In 1846 the property on which this brewery was situated was owned by Mr King and occupied by James Walsh, later a large shareholder in the Kadina and Wallaroo Railway Company. The brewery was described as a ' . . . brick building, brewery and malting house with large sunk beer cellars and store with wood cottage'.

By 1852 the brewery had been taken over by Simms and Humble, the property now being owned by Walsh. Simms began his brewing career here in 1851, having arrived in South Australia in 1845. Simms was also responsible for the consolidation of the West End Brewery in Hindley Street which he sold in 1888 to the newly formed South Australian Brewing Co. Ltd. W.K. Simms was also connected with the Waverley breweries of West Terrace and Mitcham, and the Halifax Street Brewery (now the site of the former City Destructor) as well as the West End Brewery.

W.H. Clark who built the West End Brewery also occupied this brewery briefly in 1858. In that year the *South Australian Register* of 5 November carried the following advertisement, 'Brewery Pirie Street, Adelaide, to be let with right of purchase. The Pirie Street Brewery James Walsh'. The buildings were occupied in 1860-61 by E.J.F. Crawford of the Hindmarsh and Halifax Street breweries. In 1864 Syme and Sison commenced business in the Pirie Street premises, then known as the Adelaide Brewery. J.T. Syme of Scotland arrived in South Australia in 1857 and was first engaged as brewer to John Primrose of the Union Brewery until 1863 when the partnership was formed with F.S. Sison, and the Adelaide Brewery began.

The facilities for brewing were revived on an extensive scale for Syme and Sison in the 1870s and the business was most successful in supplying a number of city hotels. Among surviving hotels in Adelaide, the following were associated with Syme and Sison brewers: the Queen's

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Arms in Wright Street, the Somerset at the corner of Pulteney and Flinders Street, and the White Conduit House Hotel in North Street.

The present structures on the site appear to date from the 1870s when the brewery was virtually rebuilt. In 1871 new stables and offices were built by Thomas Martin at a cost of £300 to Daniel Garlick's design. In 1872 Charles Farr erected a malt-house and cellar to a design by Garlick, and in 1876, again to Garlick's design, a cellarage, stores, malting floor, malt kiln and bottling rooms were constructed by Brown and Thompson.

Syme and Sison carried on the business until their retirement in 1882 when McIntyre and Wicksteed (later Anthony and Wicksteed) took possession. Following the retirement of Wicksteed in 1900 Anthony sold his interest in 1902 to the South Australian Brewing Co. Ltd., the brewery finally closing at this time.

The site is rich in historical association, encapsulating the development of a significant industry in the city. The surviving buildings are also important representatives of industrial architecture which endows this complex with great heritage significance, particularly with the demise of the West End Brewery and the conversion of the Old Lion Brewery. Although in only average condition the integrity of the complex is high, and it is of great importance to the interpretation of the city's heritage.

ACA, Assessments 1846, 1852, 1856, 1861, 1883-1906; Smith Survey 1880, fieldbook No. 5, p. 64; Jensen, E., & R., *Colonial architecture in South Australia*, 1980, pp. 446, 617; Loyau, G.E., *Notable South Australians*, 1885, p. 190; MLSA, Davies newspaper cuttings (obituaries); *Observer*, 2 January 1892; *South Australian Register*, 5 November 1858; Ward, M.H., *Some brief of brewing in South Australia*, 1950.

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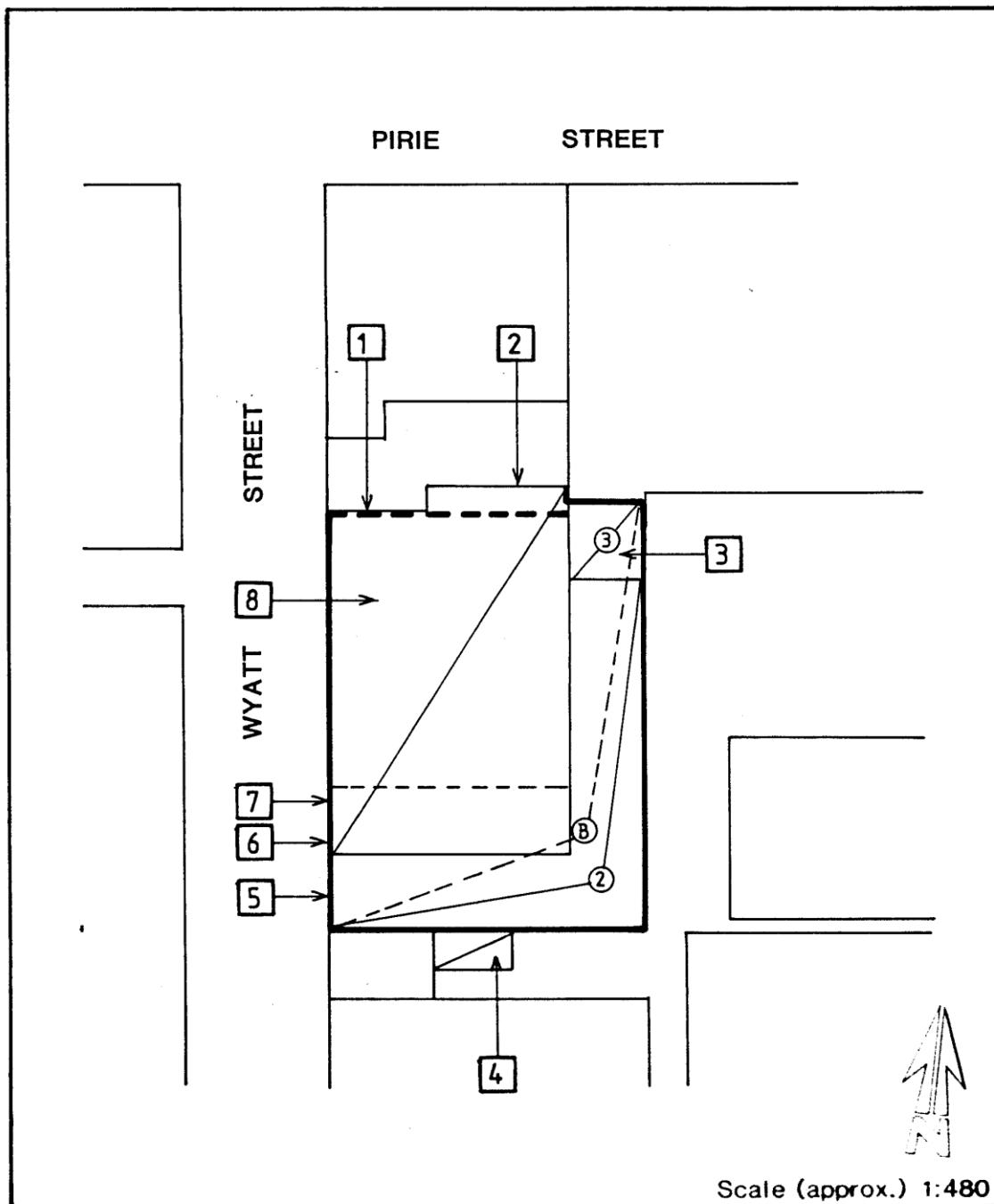


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Item	Former ADELAIDE BREWERY	Building No 7/2212
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#### NOTES:

1. Curtilage unable to be precisely defined.
2. Concrete block facade.
3. Note lantern with weathervane (in shape of beer bottle).
4. Brick addition.
5. Gable.
6. Bluestone rubble with brick quoins.
7. Parapet with name plate.
8. Barrel vaulted roof.