

SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES

57-60 Lefevre Terrace



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This building which comprises a pair of semidetached houses was the first part of a high quality speculative development of the late 1870s and mid-1880s carried out by the Adelaide jeweller Henry Steiner. He bought the land for this development in June 1878. It is of interest that Steiner crafted the mayoral badge and chain which were presented to the City Corporation in 1882.

The semi-detached house closest to the corner of Tynte Street was occupied for several years by Professor William Henry Bragg and his family. Bragg came from England to South Australia to take up the position as Professor of Mathematics and Physics at the University of Adelaide in 1886. After he married (a daughter of Charles Todd) they moved to Lefevre Terrace in 1889, renting the property from Henry Steiner and Charles Goode. Here, their two sons were born. One was William Lawrence in 1890 who was to become as equally renowned a physicist as his father. After their permanent return to England in 1910 father and son were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1915. The family lived at Lefevre Terrace until their temporary move to England in 1898 (on their return to Adelaide they lived at Catherwood House in the city).

Architecturally this building is important due to its design and detailing, which combines two residences to form a coherent composition unified by the common parapet, the continuous veranda/balcony and the overall symmetry of the whole. Although it has not been confirmed, Joseph English appears to have been the architect either on his own account or with George Soward.

The integrity of the building is high with only minimal extensions at the rear. The relatively small number of owners of the property would seem to be a reason for few internal alterations.

Environmentally the significance of this property is high, being situated on the southern corner of Lefevre Terrace and Tynte Street. It is stylistically linked with two other semidetached buildings at 91-95 and 96-99 Lefevre Terrace, and is one of four surviving from the Steiner



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development. It is a dominant element of a prominent group which typifies much of North Adelaide's residential character of this period, complete with significant cast-iron fencing to Lefevre Terrace.

ACA, Assessments, Smith Survey, 1880. Jenkin, J., *The Bragg family in Adelaide; a pictorial celebration*, 1986.

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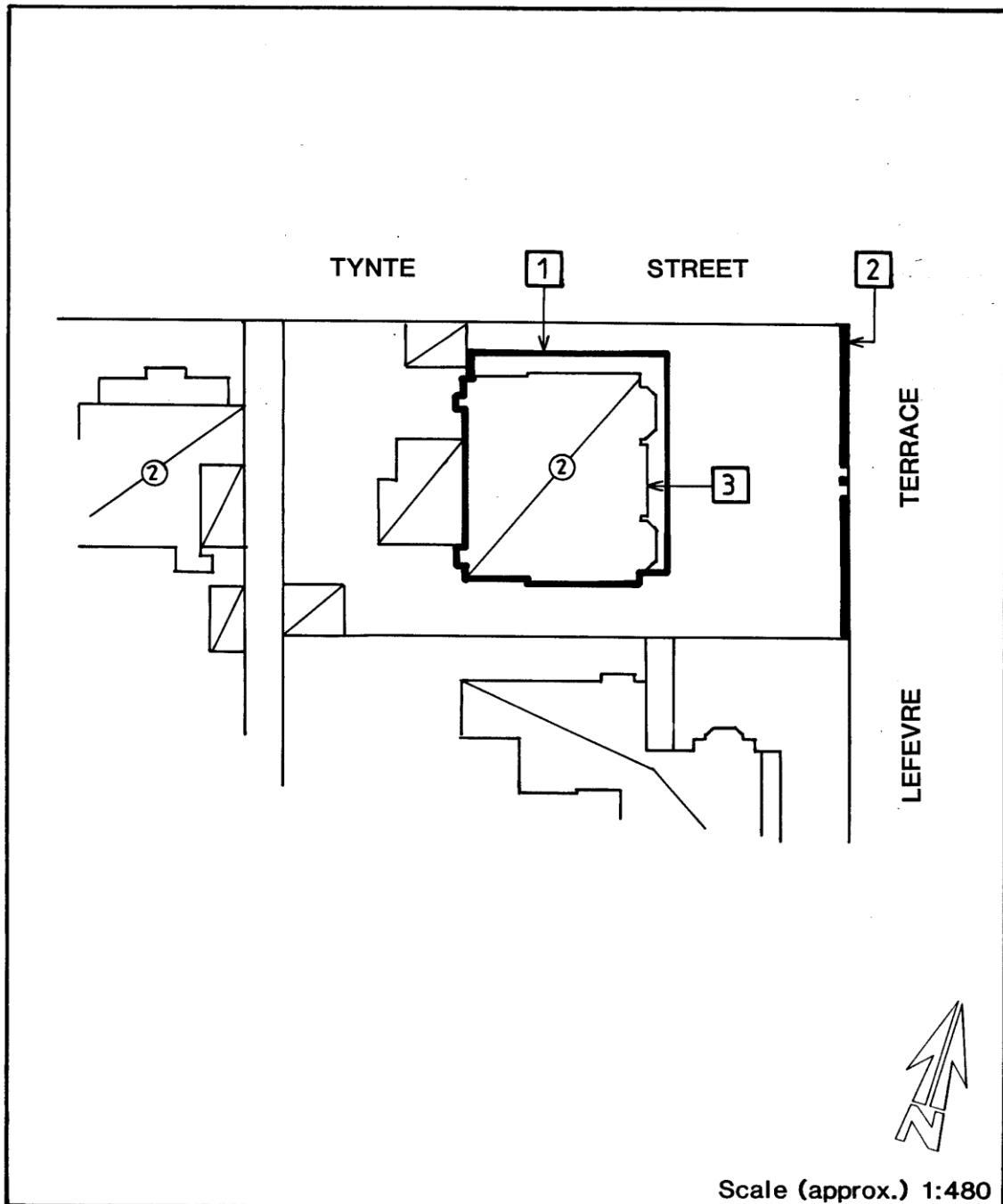


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NOTES:

1. Cast iron balustrade frieze and spandrels.
2. Cast iron and rendered masonry fence.
3. Coursed random bluestone with stucco enrichment and rusticated quoins.