

SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES

Address: 66 & 68 Sussex Street
(crn West Pallant Street)
Certificate of Title: 5224/698, 5577/345

Use: Residence
Kentish Arms
Policy Area: PA11
North Adelaide Historic (Conservation) Zone

Heritage Status: LHP
Other Assessments: Former City Significance *Heritage of the City of Adelaide*, ACC, 1990
Conservation Reports: Nil



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

This pair of attached cottages is an excellent example of 1850s simple workers dwellings. It exhibits important stylistic elements including low scale and simple detailing indicative of its early date of construction. Houses of this period display simple hipped roof form behind a low parapet and are one or two rooms in depth. A significant number of small residences, like this cottage, remain from the earliest period of housing development in lower North Adelaide.

These attached cottages comprise part of the 226 lots which formed the 1839 Chichester Gardens Subdivision, the only named subdivision in the city, established by J B Hack and sold on his behalf by agents Watson & Cock. These early rendered brick and stone cottages were built over about five years from 1851 as four attached cottages for German migrant Gottfried Rieger. He bought Lots 143 and 144 for £25 in September 1850. The first two cottages comprising two rooms each were referred to by the first City council rate assessment records that included North Adelaide, as '1 double cottage, brick and stone, 4 rooms'. In the information contained in the documents related to the Real Property Act Application 17509, Rieger's occupation is given as bricklayer, making it a strong possibility that he built the cottages himself. He and his family owned the property for fifty two years.

The cottages were altered in the late 1920s to become two cottages by then owner, Alex White, a dentist who owned the property for thirty-nine years. He removed doors but retained the original windows.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Residences, like this cottage, remaining from the earliest period of housing development in North Adelaide, are important examples of the type of houses constructed in the city during the process of settlement. They reflect the style, scale, materials and detail characteristic of dwellings of the 1850s, and 1860s. These early cottages are an essential part of the Sussex Street streetscape

RELEVANT CRITERIA (under Section 23(4) of the *Development Act*, 1993):

- (a) This pair of cottages displays historical and social themes that are of importance to North Adelaide as it represents the initial settlement in the area and housing development in newly subdivided Town Acres.
 - (d) This pair of cottages displays aesthetic merit and design characteristics of significance to North Adelaide as it is a typical 1850s residence displaying consistent use of materials such as rendered masonry walls, low scale and simple form.
 - (e) This pair of cottages are associated with the 1839 Chichester Gardens subdivision and J B Hack.
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EXTENT OF LISTING:

External and interior form, materials and details of this pair of 1850s cottages, including the walls and roof form associated with the house style.

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

Semi-detached houses
1850 attached cottages, including interiors

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

REFERENCES

- ACC Rate Assessments 1849-1856
- Smith Survey 1881
- LTO CTs 1046/93, 3054/139, 4200/732, 5224/698, 5577/345
- S Marsden, P Stark & P Sumerling, *Heritage of the City of Adelaide: an illustrated guide*, 1990, pp 382-3.
- RPA Application 17509 4/7/1879
- State Library photo MLSA B4249



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