

FORMER CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL AND OUTBUILDINGS

81-83 Jeffcott Street

This building was associated with the first church school in North Adelaide and it emphasises the importance placed on church education by the individual religious groups, in this case, the Anglican Church.

Christ Church School opened in 1849 and played a prominent part in the educational life of North Adelaide. Before the State Education Act was passed in 1875, the school prospered, transferring to a new site opposite Christ Church in Jeffcott Street where this school building was erected to the design of Wright and Woods. The foundation stone was laid on 27 September 1868 by Mrs Hamley (wife of the lieutenant-governor), with a bottle containing the architect's name and G. Bradley's name, the builder, placed beneath the stone. The dimensions of the schoolroom were 60 feet by 30 feet by 25 feet.



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The building, appropriately constructed in the Gothic style, was of limestone rubble with brick dressings and strings. It is similar to St Paul's Day School in Flinders Street, also by E.J. Woods. The austere facade of the building is relieved by the porch, the neatly constructed trefoil and polychrome brickwork over the tripartite window.

Following the passing of the Education Act and the erection of the North Adelaide Model School in Tynte Street, the school fell on hard times, being forced to close in 1877. This was obviously only a temporary setback for in April 1878, Daniel Garlick planned additions to the school, presumably those at the rear.

By 1891 the parish school had been supplanted by a school run by J.H. Lindon, a former master of St Peter's College who established Queen's College. Lindon's school moved to Barton Terrace in 1893 and the Christ Church schoolroom was restored to the

parish. Christ Church School continued in these buildings until the mid 1960s, when the school closed.

The complex included a two storey house which held classrooms on the ground floor and the headmaster's residence on the upper floor. Other classrooms, toilets and a shelter shed were

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built in the grounds behind the original schoolroom. Rectors from Christ Church taught religious instruction and students daily attended the church throughout the life of the school.

The building and outbuildings remain representative of the endeavours of religious faiths to impart Christian beliefs as part of the educational curriculum. The architecturally and historically significant fabric has been little altered by its subsequent use as a photographer's studio. The interior survives, complete with honour roll and trussed roof. The main building is complementary to the streetscape Jeffcott Street.

ACA, Assessments; Jensen, E., & R., *Colonial architecture in South Australia*, 1980, pp.119, 375, 379, 639; Marsden, S., information as a former student; Nagel, P., *North Adelaide 1837-1901*, 1971, pp. 31, 44, 63; *South Australian Register* 28 September, 1868.

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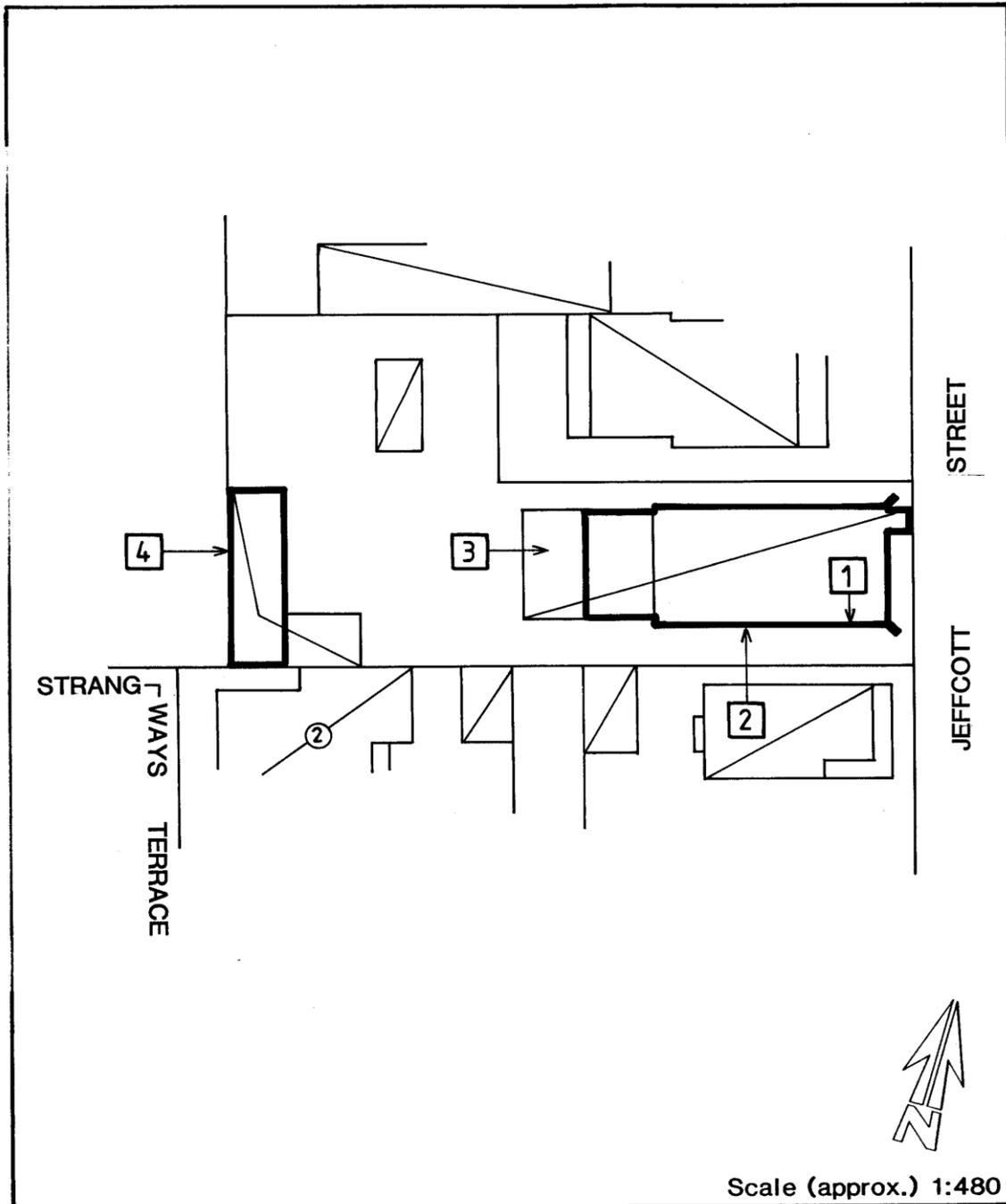


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NOTES:

1. Limestone rubble with brick quoins and detailing and bluestone plinth.
2. Fenestration altered.
3. Brick addition.
4. Masonry construction with polychrome brickwork.