

## **Fmr TOLLEYS WAREHOUSE**

82 Waymouth Street

The warehouse on this site was built for the wholesale wine and spirit merchant firm of A.E. and F. Tolley in 1913. The firm was founded by the brothers, Albion Everard Tolley and Frederick Osborne Tolley in C 1877. A.E. and F.O. Tolley's father, Albion James Tolley had migrated to South Australia in 1853 and established an importing business in Angas Street, soon after his arrival. His business interests included the wine and spirit industry. Four of Tolley's six sons became involved in some aspect of the wine and spirit industry.

A.E. Tolley was the driving force behind the establishment of the A.E. and F. Tolley. He was the eldest son of A.J. Tolley and commenced work in the wine and spirit industry by working in Melbourne for the firm Jones, Scott and Company, Merchants and Importers in the early 1870s. In 1873 A.E. Tolley briefly joined his father in business but by the following year had joined with P.C. Campbell in a wine and spirit business in Leigh Street, Adelaide. The company was granted a storekeeper's license, permitting the sale of not less than one gallon of spirit or a dozen bottles of wine or other fermented liquor between the hours of 6am to 11pm from the Leigh Street premises.

In 1875 A.E. Tolley dissolved his partnership with Campbell, and in 1877 began in partnership with one of his brothers, Frederick Osborne, trading under the name of A.E. and F. Tolley. They established their new business in a building in Currie Street. The land on which the Waymouth Street warehouse is built is located nearby. The new company rapidly expanded in South Australia and into Western Australia setting up a number of companies.

In the 1880s two other brothers established the brandy distilling firm of Tolley, Scott and Tolley, taking over the Phoenix Distilling Company. The company established a 100 acre vineyard at Hope Valley which is famous for TST Brandy. The firm is still owned by the family and is known as Douglas A. Tolley Pty Ltd. A.E. and F. Tolley have always acted as the agents for TST Brandy and other products of the family business.

In 1891 A.E. and F. Tolley bought the wine and spirit business of Heseltine and Reid and in 1893 together with George Milne, purchased a share of the interests of the South Australian Brewing, Malting and Wine and Spirit Company Limited in the city of Adelaide and Port Adelaide. They also acquired at this time the lease of several hotels. The company became involved in the purchase and construction of hotels and theatres in Adelaide and in the South East of South Australia.

As part of their purchase of Heseltine and Reid, Tolley's acquired a site near Frome Street, which contained a stable, yard and two storey premises suitable as the city depot for the company's horses and carriages, so necessary to their business (now the heritage listed and refurbished Stables development).

In 1913 when additional accommodation was required, the company built the warehouse and offices in Waymouth Street, immediately behind the original Currie Street premises. It was completed in January 1914, the Adelaide City Council Annual Reported stated:

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The architectural appearance of Waymouth Street has been greatly improved by the erection of a warehouse with imposing facade for Messrs. A.E. and F. Tolley.

A.E. and F. Tolley is now owned by The Distillers Company Limited of Edinburgh, Scotland and retains the wholesale wine and spirit business as well as owning several hotels.

The building is of three storeys with a basement and is constructed of rockfaced sandstone and brick with a strong projecting cornice, below a parapet at the roofline. The composition is topped by a rectangular domed structure in the centre of the roof. The front elevation of the building consists of three recessed vertical banks of windows framed by columns supporting semi-circular arches. The building is faintly reminiscent of the work of the American architect, H.H. Richardson. The architects responsible for the design of the warehouse were David Williams and Charles T. Good.

The warehouse which was a very distinctive element in Waymouth Street, has to a degree been overshadowed by adjoining redevelopment. Nevertheless it is a building which makes a positive contribution to the streetscape, its dome being a particular accent to the street even when viewed from King William Street. The integrity of the exterior of the building is high although it is reported that the interior underwent a major refit in 1972. A two storey brick and reinforced concrete addition of C 1920 has been constructed at the rear.

The Waymouth Street warehouse was used by A.E. and F. Tolley until the mid 1960s when it was leased for a number of years. It was sold in 1982 and is now vacant land.

Land Title Office, Certificate of Title 646/64, 650/68, 1620/197, 1832/104, 3361/190; Corporation of the City of Adelaide, Annual Report 1912-13, p. 78; *South Australian Register*, tender notice placed by Williams and Good, 29 March and 1 April 1913; Frogley, M.A., *A.E. and F. Tolley, the First Hundred Years*, C. 1974.

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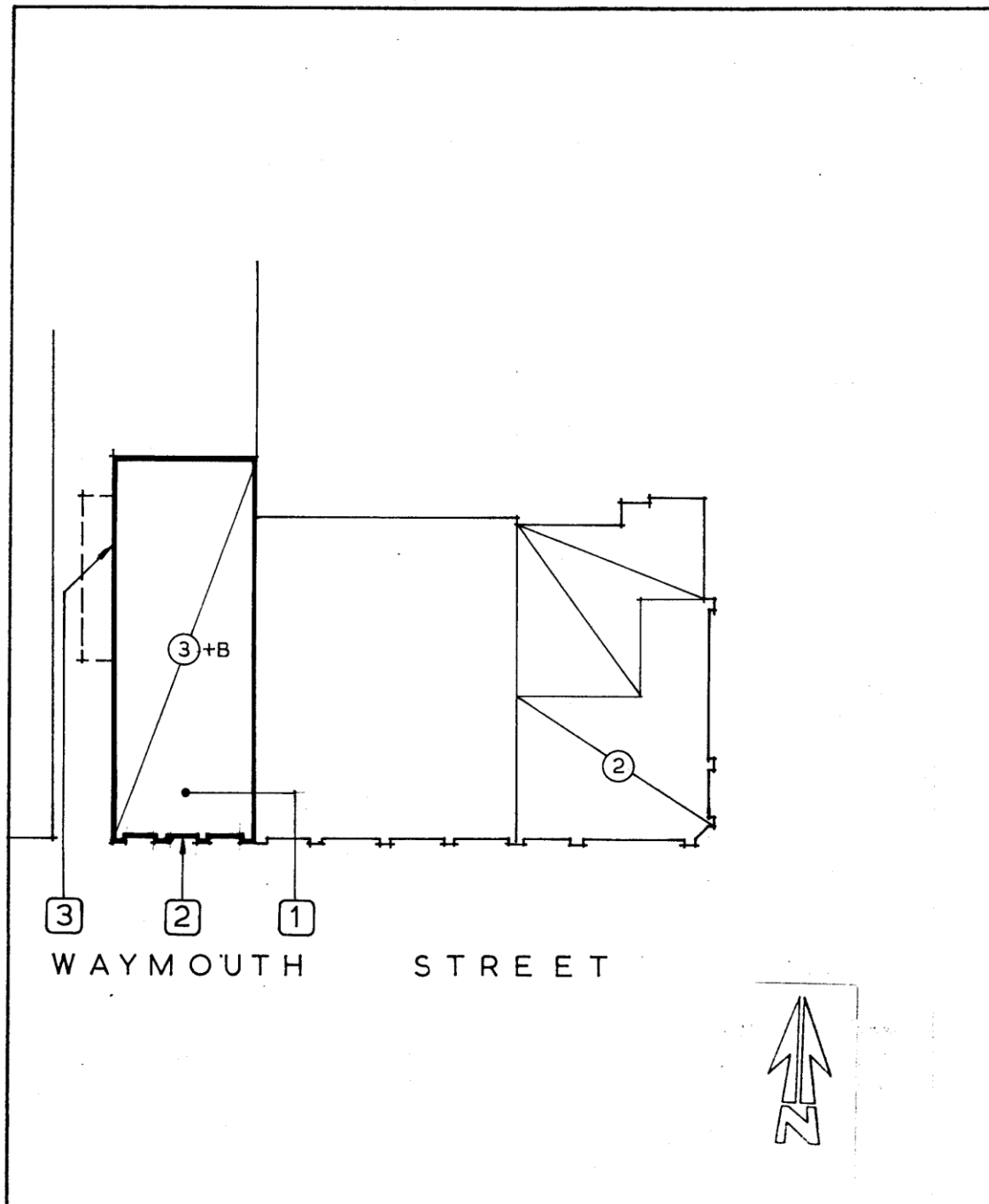


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Item	FORMER TOLLEY'S WAREHOUSE	Building NO 6/0312 CT4316/427
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