

7.7 Grave and Monument Light Square, Adelaide

It is often forgotten that Colonel William Light is actually buried under the monument in Light Square. Dating from 1839, it is one of the very early colonial burial sites and the only example of burial in the city of Adelaide outside a formal cemetery. Of course, the burial vault has direct associations with one of the early colony's most significant figures. The monument over the vault is not the original, but is a 1905 replacement, erected after the original Gothic monument had been allowed to deteriorate. Nevertheless, it is an exceptionally fine city monument. The grave and monument command a prominent site and are an important and impressive feature of the city landscape. The consultant recommends that they be placed on The State Heritage Register.