

PORT PIRIE HERITAGE STUDY

ITEM NO.: 020

ITEM NAME: FAMILY HOTEL

Former/other names:

Date: 1904

Architect: J. Firmin Jenkins

LOCATION

No.: 134

Street: Ellen Street

Location: Port Pirie

C.T.: 3960/117

Map No.: Port Pirie

Section: Pt Lt 41

CURRENT STATUS

State Heritage Register: Registered

National Trust: Classified

National Estate: Registered

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Description:

Two storey stone and brick building with observatory tower. Ornate rendered parapet and balustrade. Corrugated galvanised iron roof. Balcony and verandah elaborately decorated with gablet and cast iron lace brackets and balustrading.

History:

B.J. Knight came to Port Pirie in 1876 and opened a wine and spirit business in Ellen Street. In 1890 he erected a large aerated water and cordial factory and in 1896 bought Nash's Brewery in Solomontown. In 1904 he built the Family Hotel on his property in Ellen Street and the wine and spirit store moved to Norman Street. Described as 'replete with every convenience and generally admitted to be one of the best conducted in the state (SA Year Book, 1909, p 5347). The Hotel was the last to be built in Ellen Street.

Significance:

Association with B.J. Knight, provider of refreshment to Port Pirie. The quality and condition of the facade is outstanding. One of the few hotels to remain relatively unscathed.

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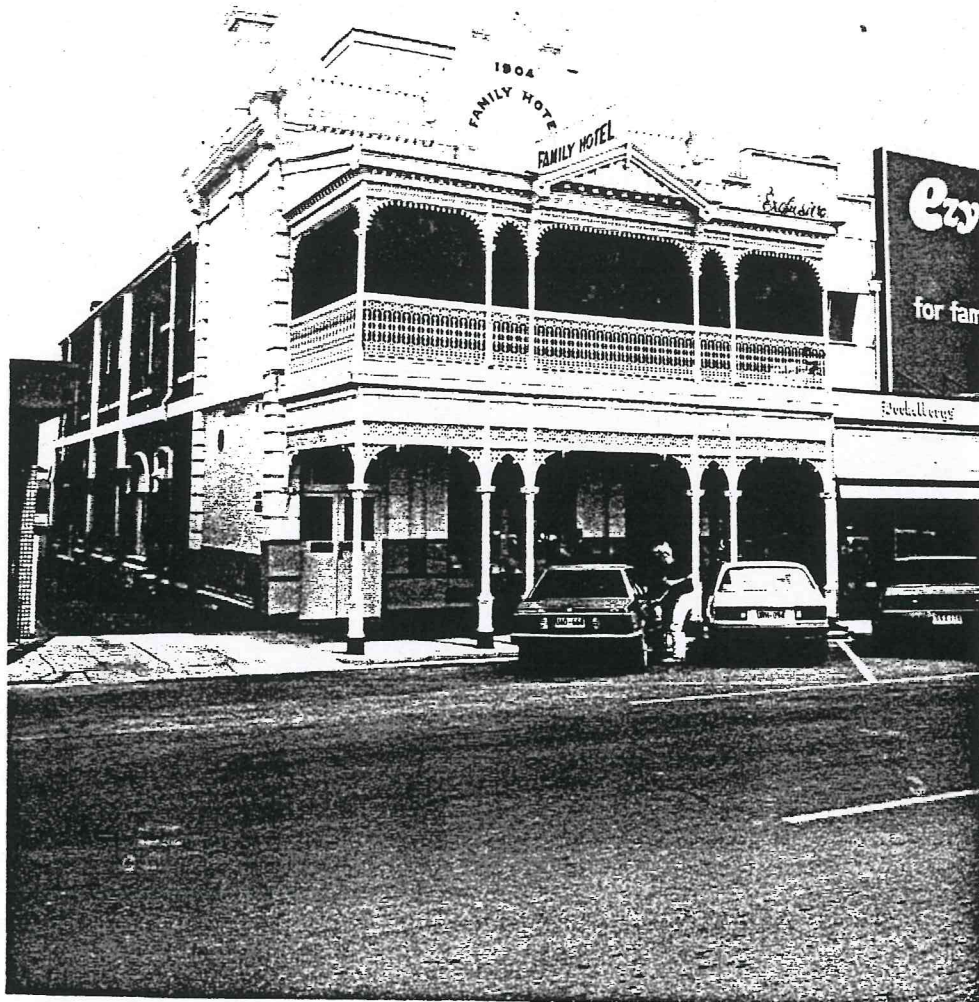
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