

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures	
	Item MILL, CURRENCY CREEK	
Age 1855-Unconfirmed	Theme	Office 6626-10351
Period 1852-1883	Subject SECONDARY INDUSTRY - PROCESSING OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS	Region Murray Riverlands
Building Type MILL	Style EARLY VICTORIAN/UTILITARIAN	Status N.E.R. N.Tr. (C.L.)

#### Qualitative Data

##### Component History

##### Comment

##### Grading

E VG AG FP NA

1. Context: Represents mid Nineteenth Century farming technology which utilised wind and steam power and provides a link with the earlier settlers in the district, having been built between 1855-1864.
  2. Person/Group: The owner, Daniel Meyrick, 1855-1864.
  3. Event: Not applicable.
- Architecture
4. Architect/Builder: Not readily available.
  5. Design:
    - Tower, circular tower with tapered sides, three storeys tall, flat top, three windows with timber lintels, elevated door with access from an external timber platform, single door at ground level.
    - Adjacent building, simple, single storey, gable roof with stone walls, corrugated iron skillion off one side, timber window wall in one gable end.
  6. Construction: Both buildings of random stone rubble, corrugated iron door on building, corrugated iron addition.
  7. Interior: Painted stone walls, timber floor, exposed roof structure.
  8. Representation: Scarce example of circular tower mill.

##### Environment

9. Continuity: Flat open paddocks, notable lack of vegetation, lake in background, considerable distance from other buildings.
10. Local Character: Rural setting, refer to above.
11. Landmark: Vertical tower contrasts the landscape in colour and form, familiar local landmark, visible from a great distance.

Component <u>Integrity</u>	Comment	Grading				
		E	VG	AG	FP	NA
12. Alterations:	Form intact, machinery removed, top of tower removed, internal floors replaced, timber window wall in one end of gable of associated building, remains of an addition to associated building on west side, new roof.			*		
13. Condition:	No major defects.			*		
14. Compatability:	Vacant at present.					*

Supplementary Information

15. Adaptation: The form of the Tower and associated building should be retained along with their relative isolation on the landscape. Internal adaptation should be permitted. Additional external additions should be minimal and in modern materials with no alterations to structural walls.
16. Interpretation: With the building's continued adaptation in the past and the lack of any tangible remains of its workings the interpretative role of the Mill is largely passive as a reminder on the landscape of a past function. No active interpretation is envisaged.
17. Current Situation: Refer to cover sheet.

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South Australian Heritage Committee Categorization			Date



## HISTORICAL REPORT: FORMER MILL, CURRENCY CREEK

The mill stands on property near Currency Creek which according to the South Australian Gazetteer in 1867, was a postal township in a chiefly agricultural district with hotel, post office and saw mill, the last being the subject of this report. Today, Currency Creek is little changed.

The Round Mill, situated on the property of Mr. T.C. Maul in Pt. Section 2061, Hundred of Nangkita, was originally built for Daniel Meyrick who owned the property between 1855-1864. Although it was originally intended to be a windmill, the superstructure was never completed and it is thought that steam power was used instead. Other uses over the years have included saw milling, referred to in the Gazetteer in 1866, and according to local stories, as a sly grog store.

In a local context, the Mill represents a past landowner's efforts to raise water from a 90 foot well, as water in the nearby lake was saline. Built of stone, its distinctive shape and isolation make it a notable landmark in the surrounding countryside. Other examples of windmills are related to flour milling unlike the incomplete mill at Currency Creek. An earlier example of an operational windmill is found at Mount Barker and was constructed in 1841 by F.R. Nixon. It also was constructed of local stone and timber and operated until the early 1890's.

### SOURCES:

Lindsey Harrison: Flour Mills in South Australia

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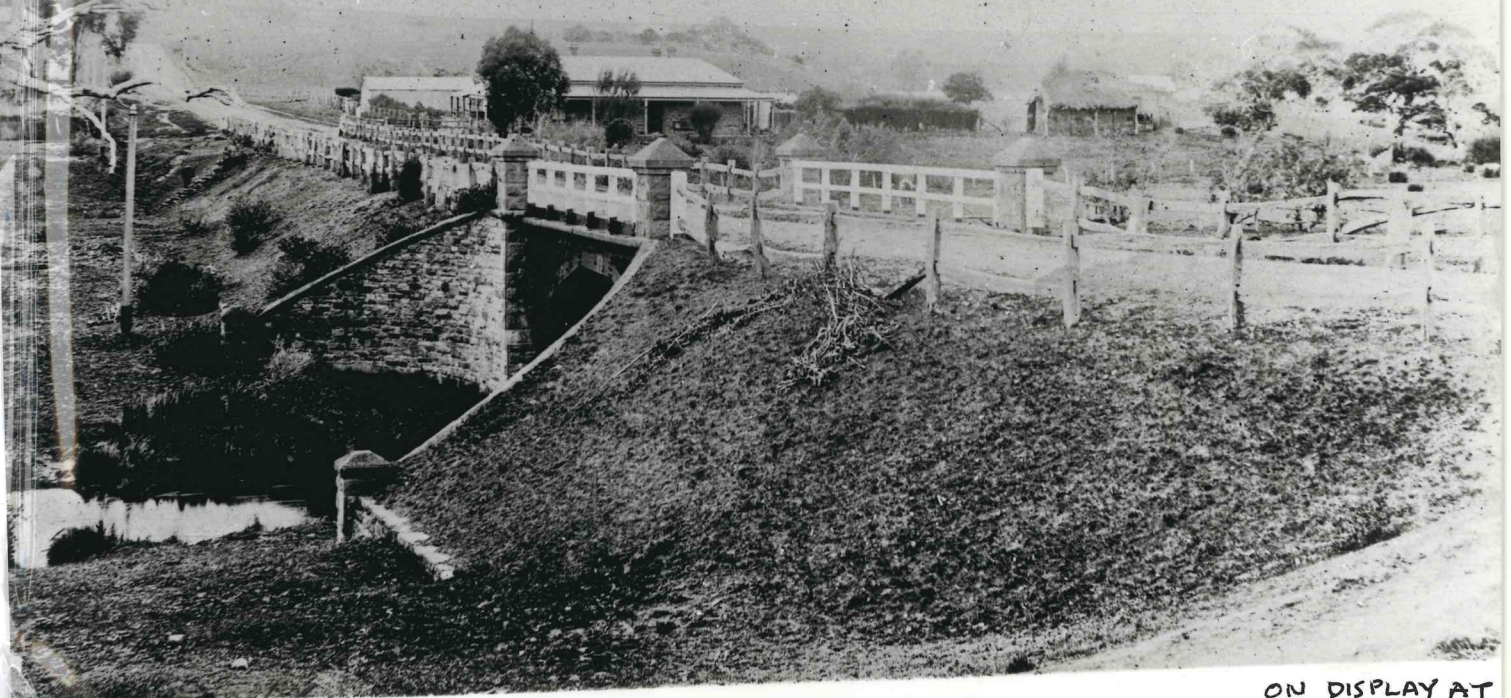


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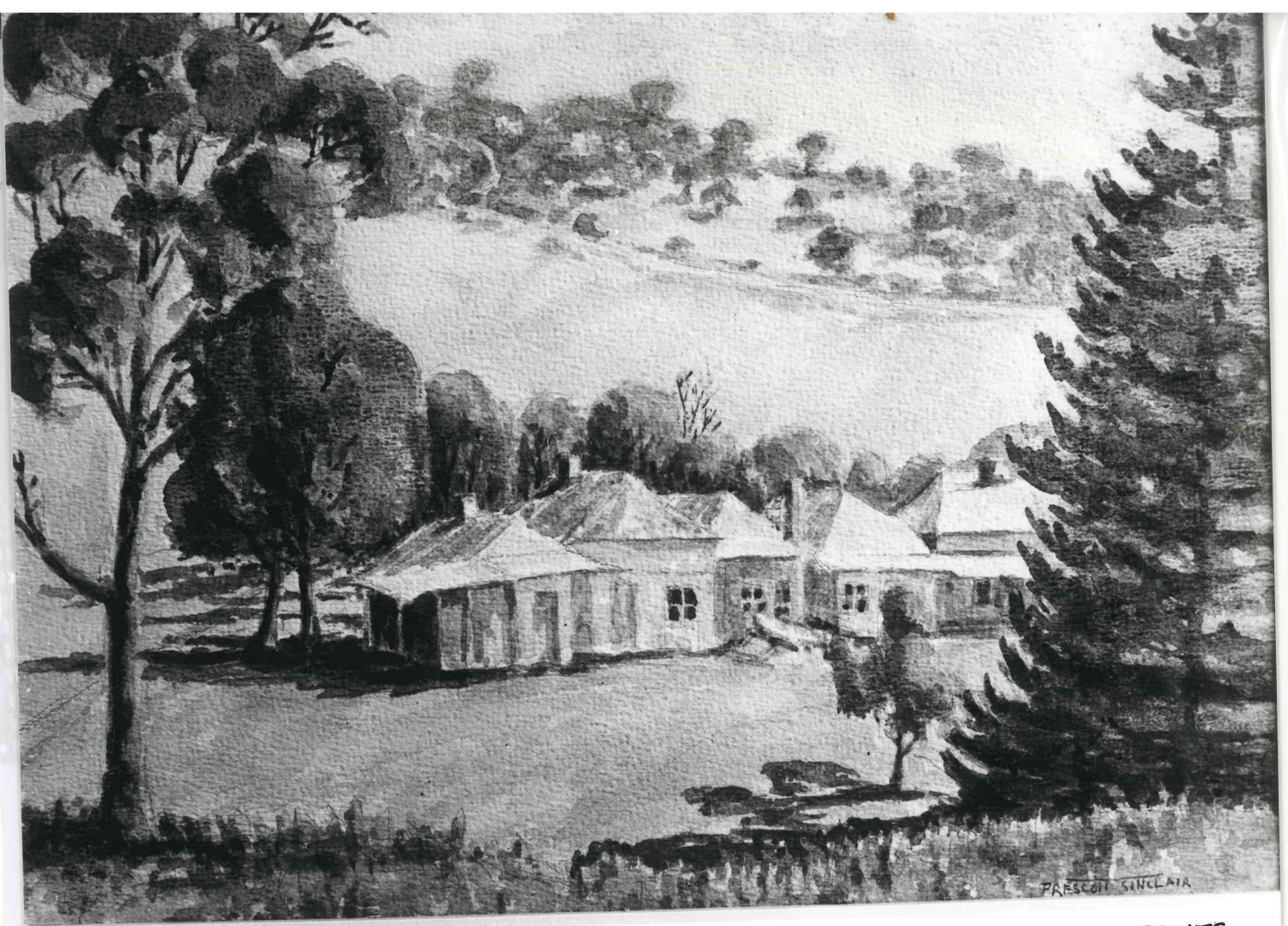


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CURRENCY CREEK HOME OF MR AND MRS PETER KEMP—  
POST OFFICE AND STORE 1870-1925 (ORIGINAL PHOTO C.1880)

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TRUST MUSEUM  
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"HIGGINS BROOK, CURRENCY CREEK, BUILT 1841"  
BY PRESCOTT SINCLAIR. (UNDATED ORIGINAL  
WATERCOLOUR PAINTING)

FACSIMILES AND PRINTS  
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