Register Research Programme 1981/82

To:

South Australian Heritage

From:

Senior Historical Architect

Subject:

REGISTER NOMINATION REPORT:

DWELLING (FORMERLY MONTEFIORE), AQUINAS COLLEGE

1 PALMER PLACE, NORTH ADELAIDE

Date:

21st May, 1982

SUMMARY

This report has been prepared as part of the Heritage Conservation Branch's processing of City of Adelaide Items reviewed by the Lord Mayor's Heritage Advisory Committee for possible inclusion on the State Register. This item was recommended by the Lord Mayor's Heritage Advisory Committee's consultants and subsequently recommended by the Lord Mayor's Heritage Advisory Committee as well.

<u>Historically</u>, this building is most important for being the home of Sir Samuel Way, one of the most notable of South Australians (11 April, 1836 to 8 January, 1916). Refer to City of Adelaide Cover Sheet.

Architecturally, the building is a good example of McMinn's Italianate style. Particularly good are the steps and porch which is similar to that of 26 Lefevre Terrace, also designed by McMinns. An upper floor was removed in 1916 and the present roof of Marseilles tiles dates from that year.

Environmentally, the building is noteworthy because of its prominent siting on Montefiore Hill.

The Integrity of the building has been compromised because of numerous alterations and additions; the major ones being the removal of the upper floor and the adjacent college buildings.

Aquinas College is not on the National Trust or National Estate Register, but has been recommended by the Lord Mayor's Heritage Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the dwelling (formerly Montefiore) at Aquinas College, North Adelaide, be placed on the Register of State Heritage Items and be categorised H.2.

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AQUINAS COLLEGE
Palmer Place, North Adelaide

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Historically, this building is particularly significant for being the home of S.J. Way one of the most notable of South Australians (11/4/1836 - 8/1/1916). He was Chief Justice from 1876 until his death - the first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of S.A. - Acting Governor on numerous occasions - Privy Counsellor, baronet, Chancellor of the University and philanthropist, etc. Since 1948, it has been Aquinas College and thereby associated with the development of tertiary education in South Australia and with the wish of the Roman Catholic Church to be a part of this - in some manner complementing its education system.

Architecturally, the building is a good example of McMinn's Italianate work, particularly the entrance arch with attendent columns at impost level. The building is not a "complete" composition however since it was greatly reduced in size in 1916.

Environmentally, the building is noteworthy because it occupies a prominent site on Montefiore Hill.

The <u>integrity</u> of the building has been compromised by the additions made so that it might function as a University College. It underwent considerable alteration at the direction of S.J. Way, as well as in 1916.

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MONTEFIORE (PART AQUINAS COLLEGE)
Palmer Place, North Adelaide.

This house, although much altered from its original state is rich in historical association. By 1853, George Green was in possession of the property which already included a house and garden. Green either extended the house or completely rebuilt it, in the 1850's, producing a Regency mansion of some note. Green probably designed it himself as he was noted as a civil engineer, surveyor and architect. By the late 1850's the property had passed to Luke Michael Cullen, solicitor, who in turn sold it to Samuel Way, one of South Australias most notable citizens. Way, later Sir Samuel Way Baronet, was Chief Justice from 1876 until his death in 1916. He was also Chancellor of the University, first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge in South Australia and a noted philanthropist.

During the late 1870's, Way refaced and extended the building in Italianate form, the design of the porch being typical of the work of architect W. McMinn. After Way's death the size of the house was considerably reduced due to the removal of the second storey, the house thereby reaching its present form. Since 1948, the house has been a major component of Aquinas College.

The building, the historical associations with which, are of pre-eminent importance is nevertheless of architectural significance, since components of it exemplify McMinn's Italianate manner (compared with the former house at the corner of Ward Street and Lefevre Terrace, to a design by McMinn (and Woods?). The entrance arches with attendant columns at impost level and foliated spandrels are almost identical with those seen at Montefiore).

Montefiore is environmentally significant due to its occupation of a prominent site on Montefiore Hill. Although, the integrity of the building has been compromised, and although the structure is affected by salt damp attack, it remains an important property due mainly to its historical associations.

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THE CITY HERITAGE REGISTER - DEFINITION OF ITEMS

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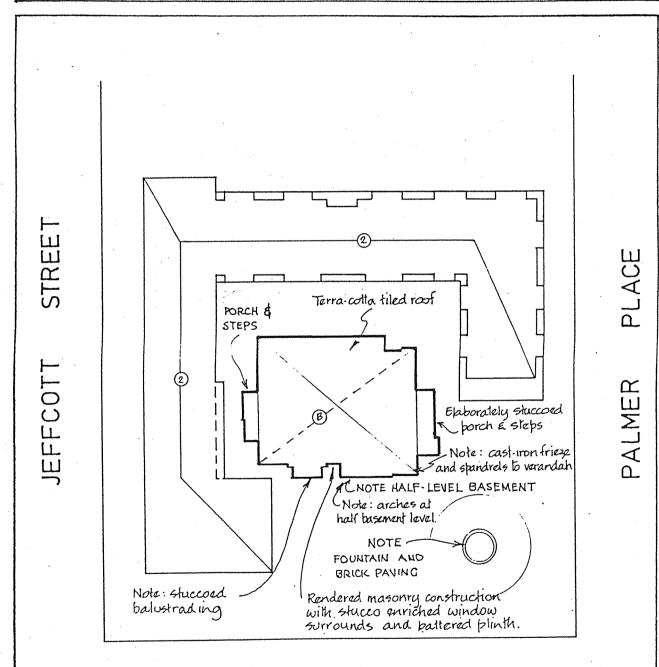
AQUINAS COLLEGE - "MONTEFIORE"

BUILDING NO.

ADDRESS

1-10 Palmer Place; 1-10 Montefiore Hill. (CT also to 2-20 Jeffcott Street)

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MONTEFIORE HILL



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