

South Australian Heritage Act 1973-80	HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET		PROJECT HERITAGE SURVEY REGION Item Ref. No. 36
	ITEM NAME: "Collingrove" Homestead Complex Former or other	Office Use ITEM No. DOCKET No.	
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE Built c.1856, the homestead complex, a "glorified villa" (Cyclopedia) consists of 22 rooms, stables, office and garage. It was designed by Henry Evans of Evandale, who also designed "Lindsay Park". It became renowned as the home of John Howard Angas and his family, the original dwelling being much added to. The builder is not known. It is made of "roughly squared micaceous slate quarried on the property, with quoins, sills and chimneys in soapstone". (National Trust)			LOCATION Address Town Angaston Postcode 5353 Section 410 Hundred Moorooroo County Light L.G.A. Angaston S.H.P. Region 8 A.M.G. Ref. 6728-IV 54 32330 617580
REFERENCES National Trust, 616; Cyclopedia of S.A., pp 329-330; Historic Homesteads, pp 206-213 Verbal Archival photographs			TYPE OF ITEM LAND Natural feature Historical site Historical Gdn. BUILDING STRUCTURE PHYSICAL CONDITION
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COLLINGROVE, Angaston

The Angaston district in the Barossa Valley was first visited by Colonel William Light, Surveyor-General of South Australia in 1837. He was suitably impressed and in 1841 a site for a town was chosen by C. Flaxman, agent for George Fife Angas, the first Chairman of the South Australian Company.

The town was called Angas Town in honour of George Fife Angas, who arrived in Adelaide in January 1851.

Prior to this, however, he had acquired large areas of pastoral land in the colony and in 1847 he sent his eighteen-year-old son John Howard Angas to South Australia to manage his affairs.

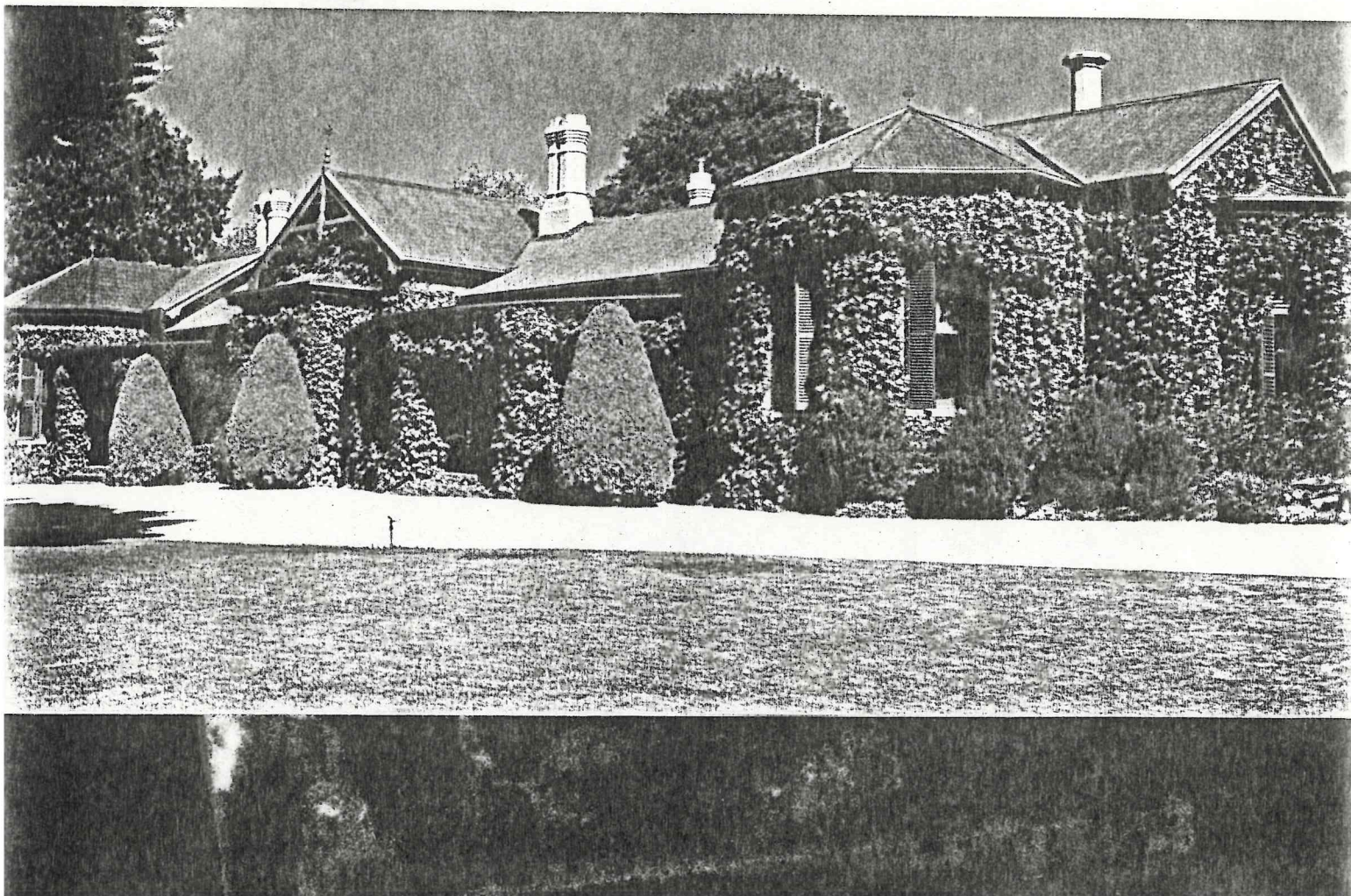
John, an able administrator as well as a pastoralist, had learnt German so that he could converse with the large numbers of German settlers in the Barossa Valley.

In 1854 John returned to England and married Suzanne Collins, after which he settled near his father's estate and built a home which he called Collingrove.

The architect for Collingrove was Henry Evans, a brother-in-law of John Howard Angas.

Stone for the building was quarried on the property and apart from the northern bay, the exterior of Collingrove is substantially the same as when built.

Over the years the property became famous for Shorthorn cattle, Clydesdale horses, and Merino and Lincoln sheep.



Pleasing end to shady story of a missing gazebo

The mystery of an Angaston mansion's missing 19th century shadehouse has been solved — through first-rate sleuthing by an architect, an archaeologist and Barossa Valley residents.

The gazebo's remains were buried about 30 years ago in the grounds of Collingrove — a stately home presented to the National Trust by the late Ronald Angas in 1976 — and were cunningly concealed by a line of trees that had been deliberately planted above the evidence.

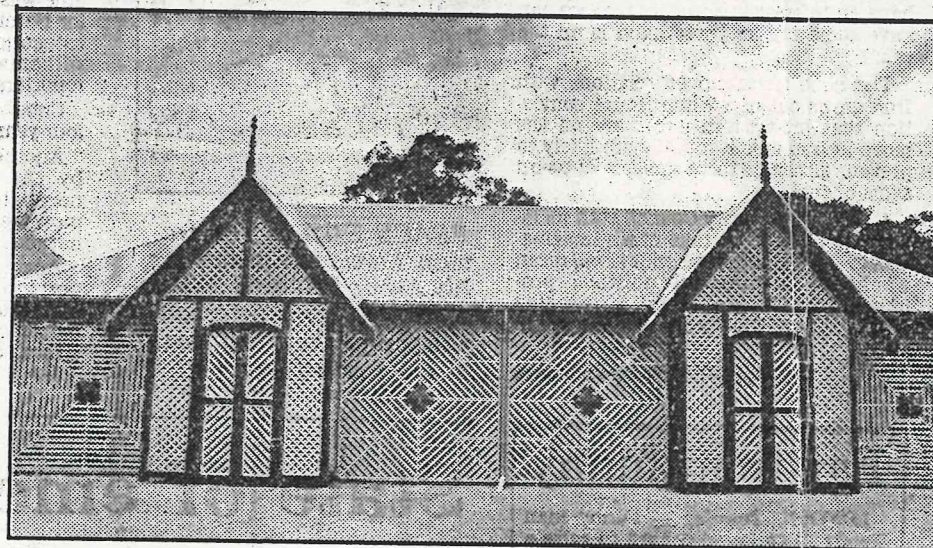
Working from an "identikit" of the deceased summerhouse, and acting on information received, the expert investigators bulldozed the trees and soon turned up the

skeleton they sought — the footings of a rustic structure that would have celebrated its 100th birthday this year if it had not been buried in the 1950s.

Now, only a few months after the decaying discovery, the construction of a weather-proofed copy of the shadehouse on its original location is nearing completion.

The summerhouse — standing in an English-style garden covering slightly more than a hectare — will be officially reopened on Sunday, November 20, at an invitation lunch.

Architect David Gilbert designed the new shadehouse from pictures of the original. And he was only about two centimetres out in the calculations he made before the footings were exposed, SA Na-



The new shadehouse at the Angaston mansion, Collingrove.

tional Trust director Mr Tim McDonald said yesterday.

The re-creation had been made possible through an allocation of about \$45,000 from a \$1.5m Amatil Ltd Bicentenary gift for Australian property restorations.

Shrubs and flowers, like those shown in old photos,

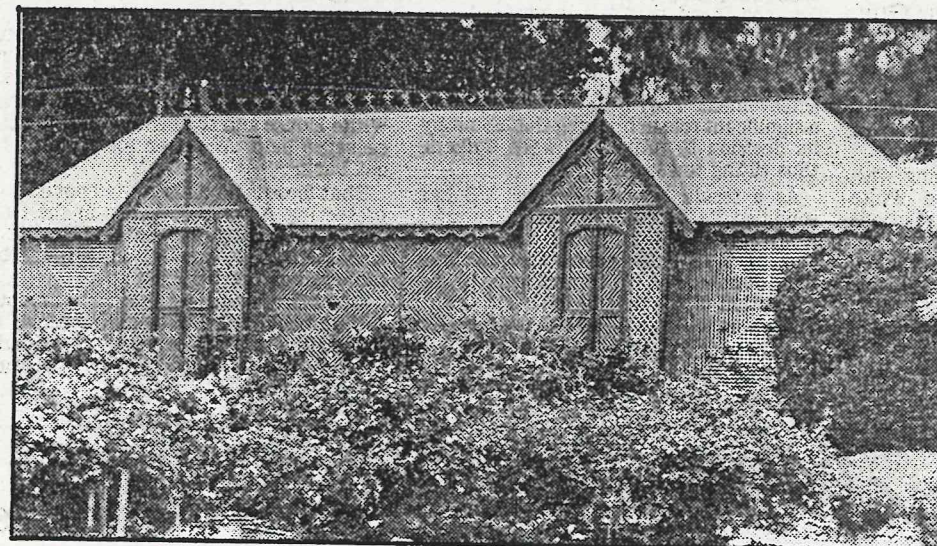
would be planted around the shadehouse, he said.

Collingrove residents Steve and Helen Woods, who moved from Sydney a few months ago, are among those most excited with the shadehouse revival. They lease the property from the National Trust, and have upgraded the man-

sion with professional expertise.

Tourists and travellers looking for a grand experience can stay overnight or enjoy eight-course banquets at Collingrove.

Visitors can see the home and grounds for an entrance fee on any day of the week,



The original summerhouse, which would have been 100 years old this year.

including the day of the official lunch.

Twelve rooms are on display, and there are four accommodation rooms with two bathrooms.

Steve Woods knows about museums and exhibitions because he was a consultant with a company in Sydney.

Helen was administrative manager for a company which formerly owned the Sydney Swans football club, and more recently she was executive assistant to a construction company director.

From August 21 a couple visiting Collingrove can have a room and breakfast for \$55.

The banquet package, including an overnight stay, will cost \$198 a couple. The evening repast begins in the library with BYO drinks.

Guests then move to the silver-service dining room for main courses.

— Max Whiting

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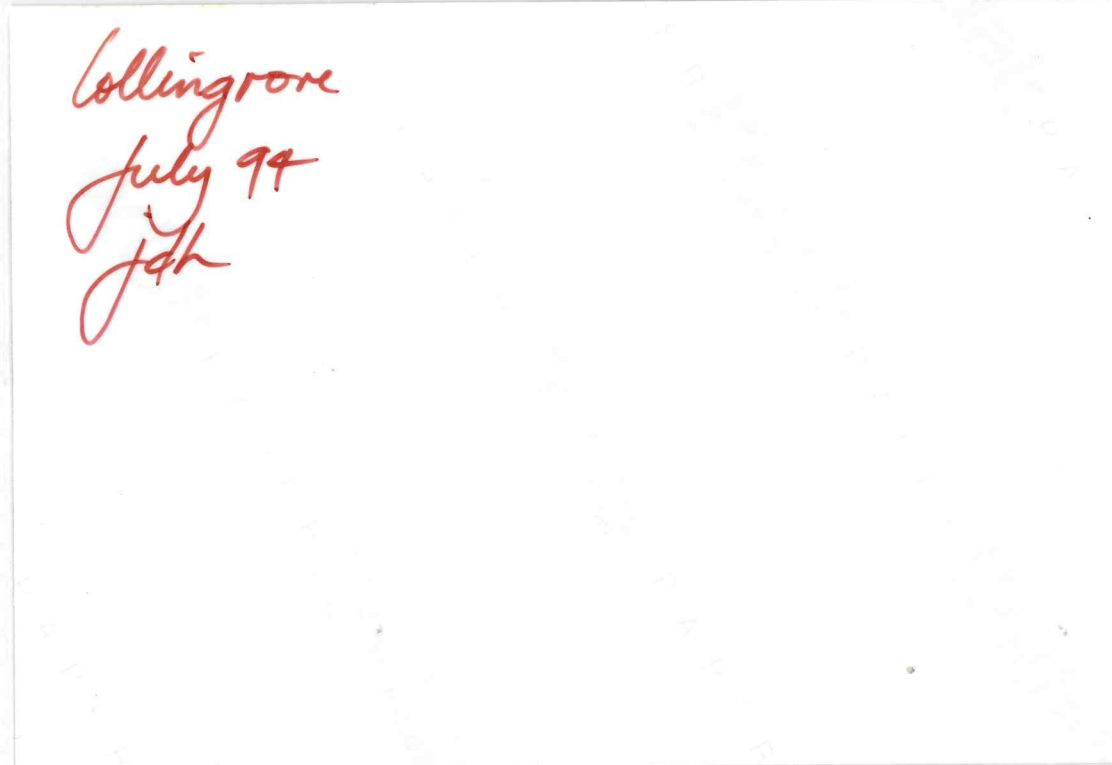






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