

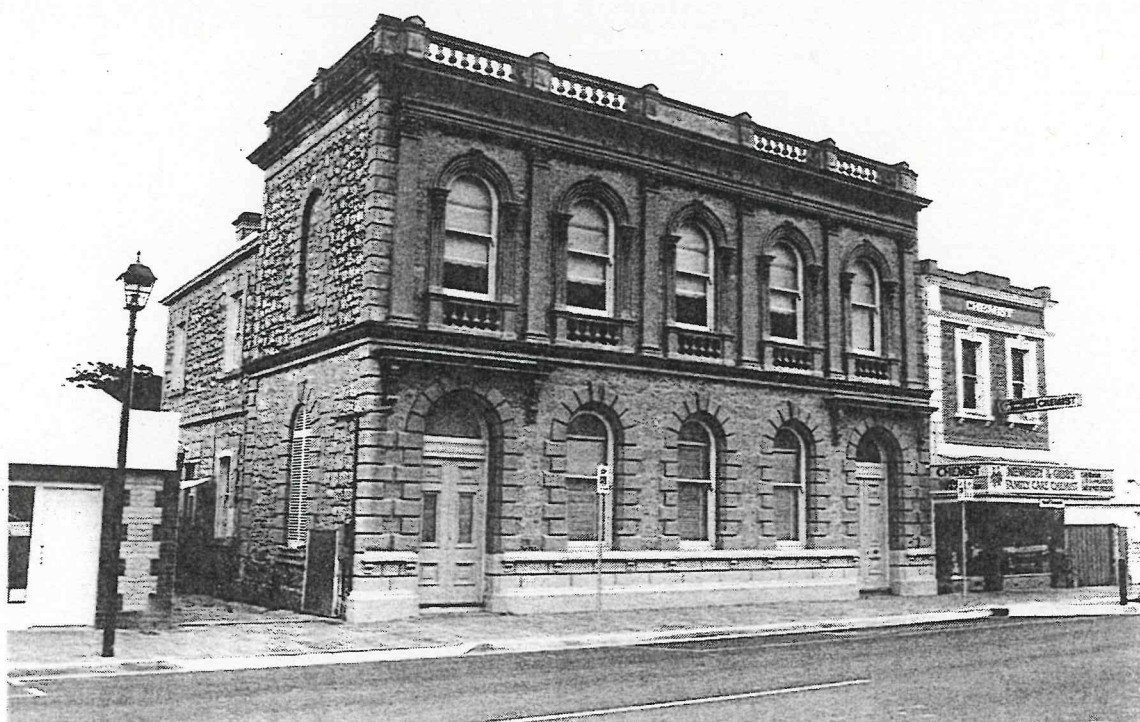
**former Union Bank****CC:081****LOCATION**

**Address** 21 Ellen Street, Moonta SA 5558  
**Land Description** Pt Section 132, Hundred of Wallaroo  
**Certificate of Title** 327/174

**Owners** R G & A Co, 21 Ellen Street, Moonta SA 5558

**State Heritage Status** Registered, 24 July 1980 **SHR File No** 10140  
**Other Assessments** National Trust of SA, Classified (File No. 613)

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**DESCRIPTION**

This two storey former bank building is designed in the Neo-Classical style with face stone walls, rendered ashlar quoins, Corinthian pilasters, entablature and balustraded parapet. A residential section extends to the rear.

**STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE**

This building helps to underscore the one-time economic significance of Moonta. It is also significant because it was at one time a branch of the Union Bank, long since amalgamated with other banks, but representing the development of banking in South Australia.

**HISTORY**

This ornate building was originally constructed as premises for the Bank of South Australia in 1872-73 and featured rendered quoins and moulded surrounds and an ornate parapet. The bank had previously been operating from premises in George Street from c. 1864.

With the rationalisation of Australian banking in 1892 the Ellen Street building was acquired by the Union Bank which operated there until 1943. The property was sold to Roy Forth who operated a hairdressing business and in the mid 1980s the former bank housed an office and business supplies shop. The building is now a private dwelling.

**References**

- Drew, G. J. (ed.) 1991, *Discovering Historic Moonta, South Australia*, Department of Mines and Energy, DC of Northern Yorke Peninsula, p. 50
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## Place Details

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### Old Union Bank Building (former), 21 Ellen St, Moonta, SA, Australia

#### Photographs:



**List:** Register of the National Estate

**Class:** Historic

**Legal Status:** Registered (21/03/1978)

**Place ID:** 6790

**Place File No:** 3/06/046/0003

#### Statement of Significance:

Historically significant, the bank was built by the Bank of South Australia on 3 January, 1865. During the bank's early years Moonta was a prosperous copper mining area.

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#### Official Values: Not Available

#### Description:

The Bank of South Australia opened a branch at Moonta on 3 January 1865. This business was taken over by the Union Bank of Australia in 1892 and the branch was closed on 22 February 1943. A steel door has been removed from the bank vault. The exterior appears to be well kept and the corrugated galvanised iron roof was covered by asbestos slates in 1974. Date uncertain: newspaper 1873; title 1874-78.

#### History: Not Available

#### Condition and Integrity:

The premises appear to be well kept but the roof is deteriorating, the iron is rusting badly in places. (1975)

#### Location:

21 Ellen Street, Moonta.

#### Bibliography:

PHOTOGRAPHS.

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