

**Former Ford Brothers' Store**

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**LOCATION**

Address	Main Street
Town	Terowie
Owners	Terowie Citizens Association Inc., PO Box 12, Terowie 5421
CT No	335/118
Allotment No	Lot 527
Section	-
Hundred	Terowie
Map Reference	Figure 3.9

State Heritage Status	Registered 1 Sep 1983
Other Assessments	NT Recorded file 1426

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

The Former Ford Brothers' Store is a detached building, situated on the corner of Main Street and North Street. It lies within the proposed Terowie State Heritage Area and is now called Terowie Post Office.

The building has a deep rectangular plan with shop to the front, facing onto Main Street, and an attached residence to the rear. The attached residence has stone dressings to front and brick dressings to rear. A corrugated-iron hipped gable roof is concealed at the front by the ornate parapet which tops the facade.

The original shop-front had an ogee shaped corrugated-iron verandah resting on simple wooden posts. Above this was a plain classical parapet with central segmental pediment. During the late 1970s, the building was renovated and the parapet was remodelled. The new parapet has ornate classical detailing, consisting of a central rectangular pediment topped with a carved motif, Italianate balustrading to each side of pediment, and finials at each end. The curved corrugated-iron verandah still rests on timber posts and is decorated with iron lace-work.

At ground level, most of front wall of shop consists of fixed shop windows with inset door, all with timber frames to openings. Interior of store contains some original timber furnishings.

**ARCHITECTURAL ASSESSMENT**

Date of Construction: 1882

Architect/Designer: Unknown.

Builder: Unknown.

Discussion of style: This is a good example of a late 19th Century shop and residence complex, with its large proportions indicating optimistic hopes for successful commercial operations in the young town of Terowie.

**HISTORY**

In 1880, Lot 335 in the township of Terowie was issued as a land grant to Samuel Temby. Temby transferred the property to a pair of Norwood cabinet makers within months, and they sold it to Owen Thomas Joseph Ford in February 1882. Ford is described as a storekeeper of Terowie, and he presumably set about constructing a grand new store with attached residence immediately. The situation of the store on the Main Street, and also near the railway station, assured Ford of a strong commercial position, especially in view of the prosperous years of the 1880s.

Other notable owners of the store included the Hosking family, who operated there from 1892 to 1911. The store was closed in the early 1960s, but was reopened in 1991, and now also serves as the Terowie Post Office.

**STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE**

Although the facade now has added details, the store and attached residence remain an excellent example of a shop building in a rural town.

**RELEVANT CRITERIA**

- (a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history, being closely linked to the history of Terowie.



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- (d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance. The 19th Century shop has well-preserved interiors, providing a good record of Victorian shop furnishings. The exterior also retains many original elements including verandah form, shop windows and residence detailing.

**References**

Besanko, W. 1977, *Historic Terowie - A Pictorial History*, Lutheran Publishing House, SA, p. 12.

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Mattey, R. 1968, *Deceptive Lands - A History of Terowie and Surrounding Hundreds in the Mid-North of South Australia*, South Australian Country Women's Association, Terowie.

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MLSA Records

**HERITAGE CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS****Fabric which displays cultural significance**

The surviving shop with its attached residence displays cultural significance. Later additions of detail to the facade are considered to be of interest.

**Current Condition**

Exterior: Fair/poor condition.

Interior: Fair condition.

**Integrity**

Exterior: The building has had its parapet remodelled during the 1970s.

Interior: The building appears to retain most of its original fittings.

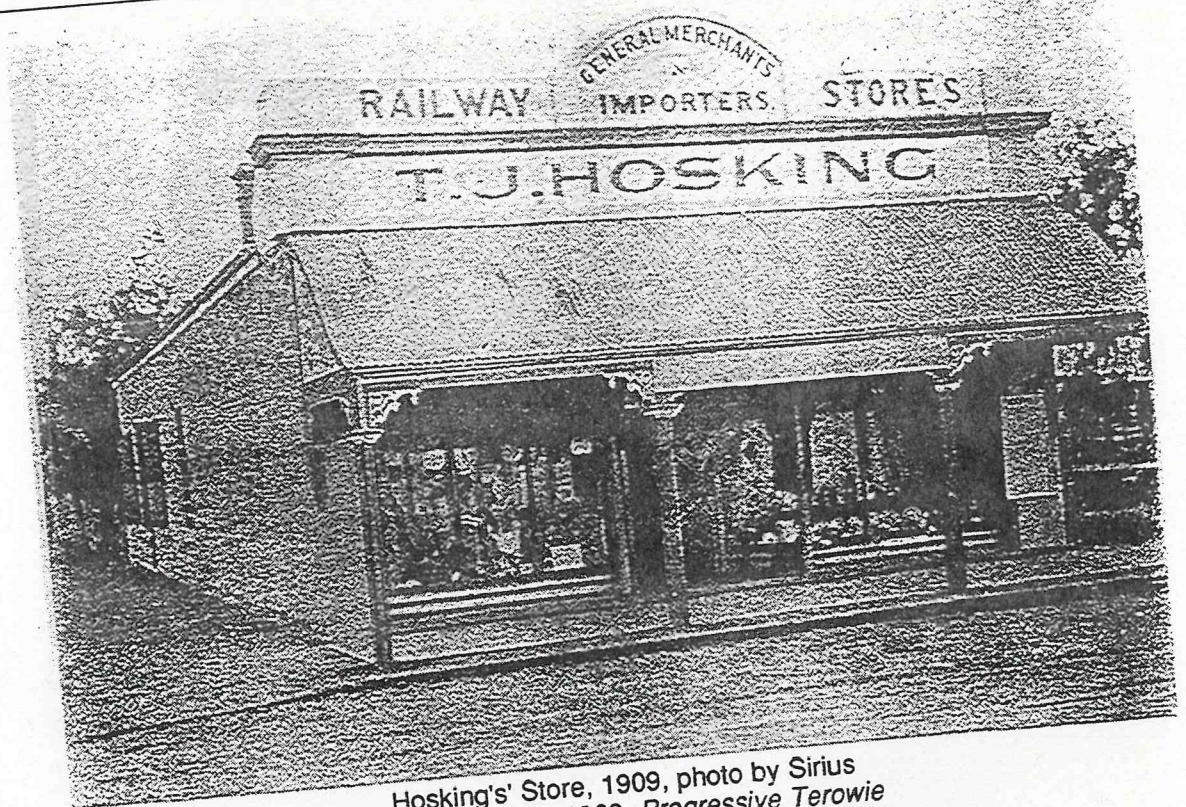
**Future management**

The culturally significant fabric should be retained and conserved in accordance with good conservation practise, and requires regular maintenance.

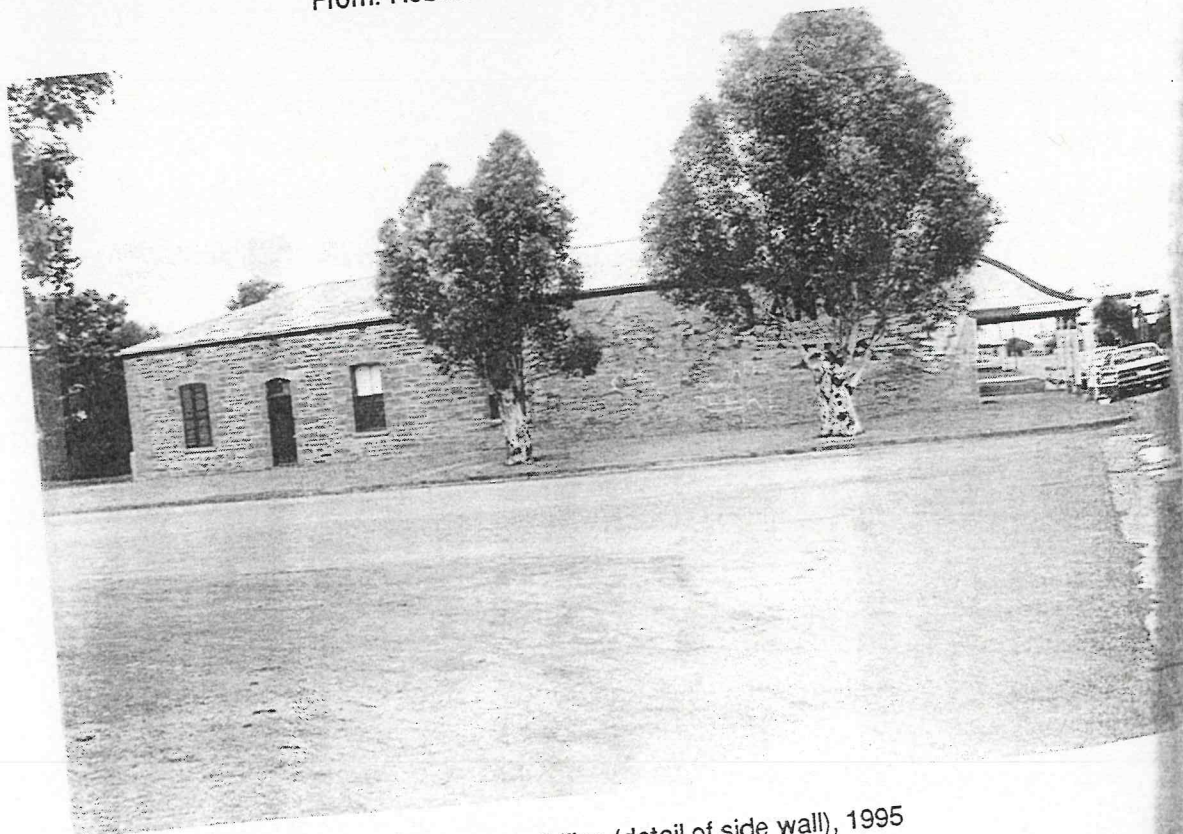


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Hosking's Store, 1909, photo by Sirius  
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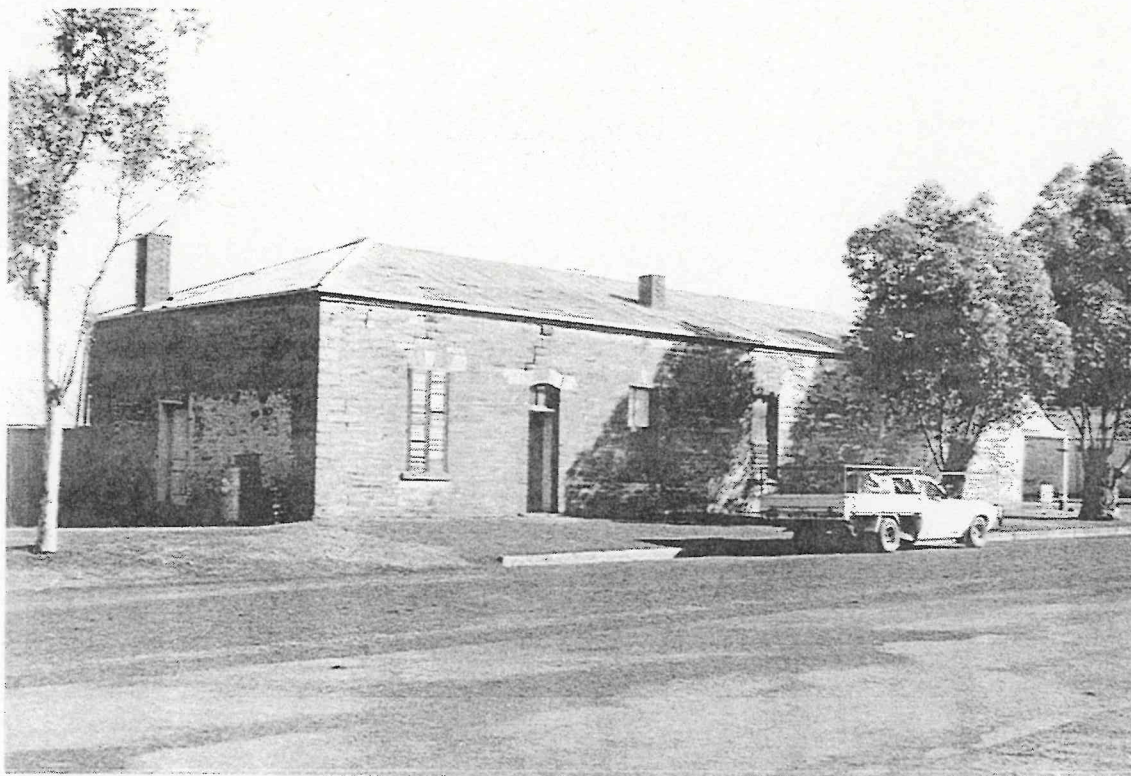


Terowie Post Office (detail of side wall), 1995

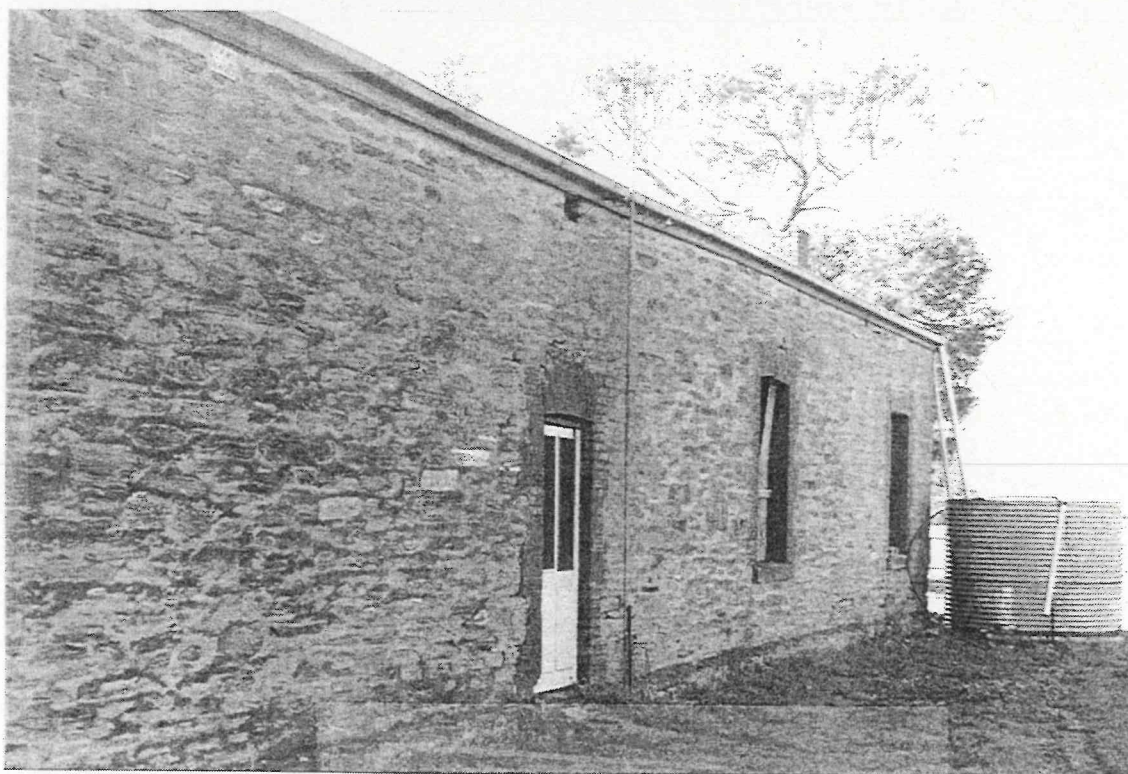


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