

South Australian
Heritage Act 1978-80:

HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

REGION 6 :
SOUTH EAST

Item No. : PTM:001
ITEM NAME: "Dingley Dell" Cottage
Former or other names:

LOCATION:

Address: near Port MacDonnell

Allotment:

Section : 138

Hundred : MacDonnell

County : Grey

L.G.A. : Port MacDonnell

S.H.P. Region: 6

A.M.G., Ref. Z: 54 N: 5789400
E: 471750

TYPE OF ITEM:

Description: Cottage

Subject: 2.01

Period: 1850-1860

Date: Pre 1864 Condition: Well Kept

Architect:

Builder:

STATUS State Heritage List: Registered
National Estate : Listed
National Trust : Classified

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

RECOMMENDATION: State

Description:

White painted random rubble stonework with new timber shingled hipped roof. Multi-paned double hung sash windows and door with small multi-paned fanlight. Stone window sills. Two tall stone chimneys. Symmetrical front elevation with simple proportions. Cottage's restoration appears to be a little artificial, needs aging. One post of the nearby timber shelter came from the original "Dingley Dell" stockyards.

Adam Lindsay Gordon bought this cottage in 1864 and spent a few summers there. By 1922 it had fallen into desolation, but the Government bought it and a local committee restored it as a memorial and tourist attraction, when the enthusiasm for Gordon was climbing to its peak. The Cape Northumberland area has numerous associations with Gordon's poetry.

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REFERENCES:

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ADAM LINDSAY GORDON

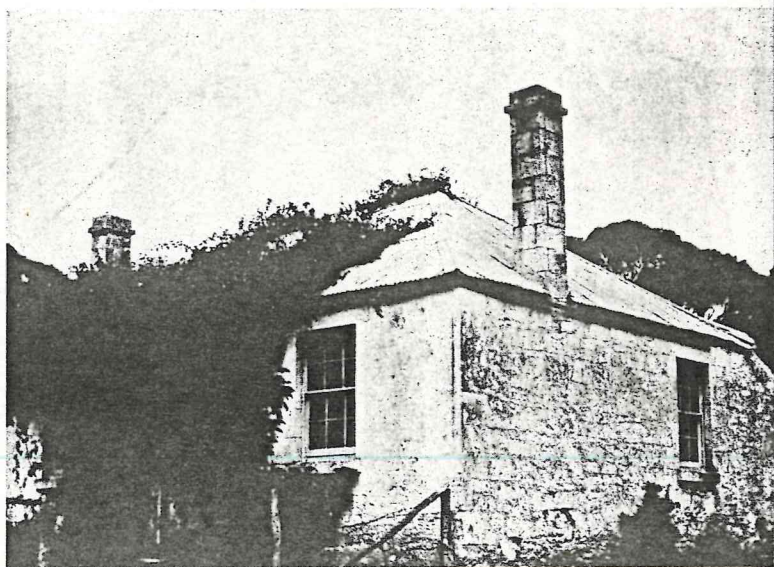
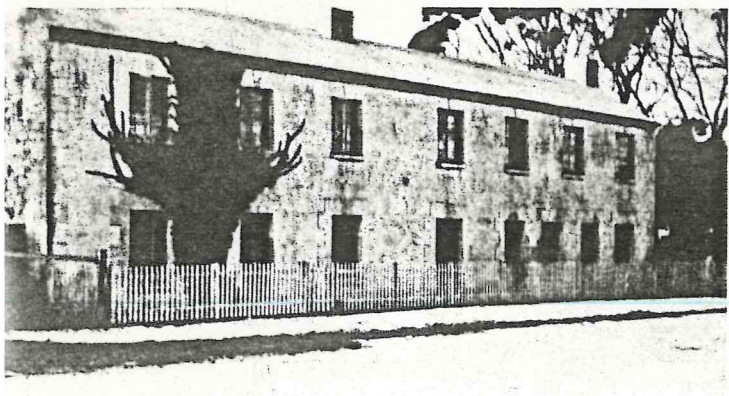
(1833-1870)

Adam Lindsay Gordon arrived in Adelaide in 1853 when he was twenty years of age. He joined the South Australian Police Force, and was stationed in the south-eastern part of South Australia. Later he inherited a fortune, and resigned to become a horse trainer, Member of Parliament, and steeplechaser. His poem "The Sick Stockrider" was the forerunner of the balladry poems which later covered the whole range of Australian bush life. One of its best-known verses is:

*'Twas merry in the glowing morn, among the gleaming grass,
To wander as we've never wandered many a mile,
And blow the cool tobacco cloud, and watch the white
wreaths pass,
Sitting loosely in the saddle all the while.*

Below is "Dingley Dell," the home of Adam Lindsay Gordon after his marriage to Miss Park. "Dingley Dell" is situated at Port MacDonnell, south of Mount Gambier: it now contains relics of the poet.

Below left is the Caledonian Hotel, Robe. It was here that Adam Lindsay Gordon lived, and is said to have been nursed during a sickness by Miss Park whom he subsequently married at Mount Gambier.



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House -

'Dingley Dell'

Port MacDonnell



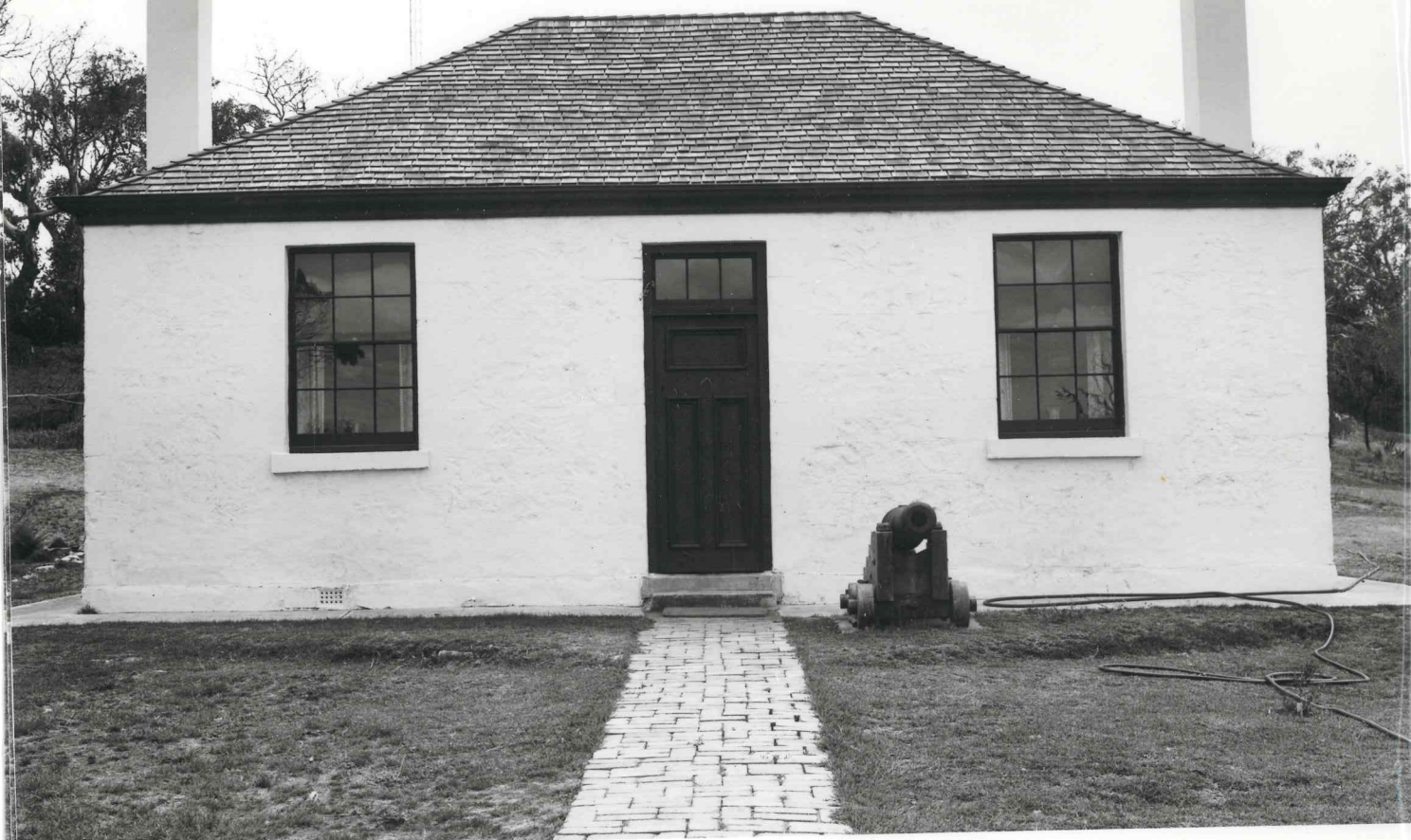
Dingley Dell Cottage, Port MacDonnell,
home of the South Australian poet,
Adam Lindsay Gordon.



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EAST VIEW OF "DINGLEY DELL"

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EAST FACADE "DINGLEY DELL"

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