


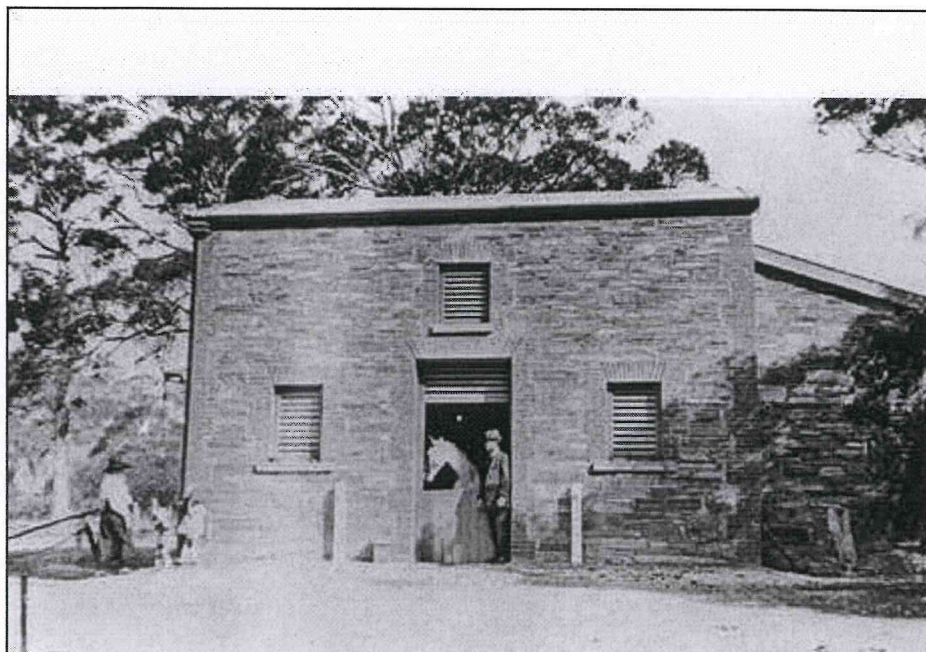
South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	<h2 style="text-align: center;">HERITAGE SURVEY</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET</h3> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p>ITEM NAME: Former Police Station and Courthouse Complex</p> <p>Former or other National Trust Museum</p> </div>	PROJECT HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4 Item Ref. No. 233 Office Use ITEM No. DOCKET No.
<p>DESCRIPTION: This finely designed complex is built of local red brick and stone from the nearby government quarry. The site comprises courtroom and police station and residence cell block and enclosed courtyard, and a particularly handsome two storeyed stables and hayloft.</p> <p>HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The government town of Willunga was surveyed in 1840, with section 297 set aside as the government precinct or reserve, where a government supply depot and an aboriginal camp had already been situated. In 1839/1840 a rudimentary courthouse and police station was built by Mr. Davis under government contract, further up the hill. The present complex was built in stages from 1855 to 1872, by Adams and Sheppard, with the major additions including the cells and stables being constructed in 1864 by contractor John Wadham.</p> <p>Many uses were made of the complex; the court house was initially taken over as a female immigrant depot, and later used periodically by the District Council from 1856 until 1864. The police station remained in use until 1929 when a new building was erected elsewhere in the town.</p> <p>The complex was restored by the National Trust in 1968 and is now an extremely informative and interesting museum.</p> <p>HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: An extremely attractive and well restored complex, with historical associations dating from the earliest period of settlement, these buildings have great heritage value for their portrayal of the colonial government's priorities and pre-occupations with law and order.</p>		LOCATION Address High St., Town Willunga Postcode Section 297 Hundred Willunga County L.G.A. Willunga S.H.P. Region 4 A.M.G. Ref. 6627-III SUBJECT 3.5 USE PERIOD State Study Area 1836-61 1862-80
<p>REFERENCES</p> <p>National Trust File 439</p> <p>Manning, G.H. <u>Hope Farm Chronicle</u> pp. 126-9</p> <p>State Heritage Branch Files</p> <p>Verbal</p> <p>Archival photographs Dunstan Vol.I, p.76 (1870), Vol.II, p.25 (1920)</p>		TYPE OF ITEM LAND Natural feature <input type="checkbox"/> Historical site <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Gdn. <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE <input type="checkbox"/> PHYSICAL CONDITION
<p>PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 1195 Negative No. 2</p> 		STATUS Reg. of State Her. Items Reg. <input type="checkbox"/> Interim L <input type="checkbox"/> Nominated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Estate Reg. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed L <input type="checkbox"/> National Trust CL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RL <input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> LAND TITLE RECOMMENDATION (A) State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) Local <input type="checkbox"/> PREPARED BY HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS AND HISTORICAL CONSULTANTS PTY LTD 1985



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TITLE

Police officer with his horse at Willunga.

DESCRIPTION

WILLUNGA: Police officer with his police horse called Envoy, at the stables of the Willunga Police Station, January 26th, 1920.

DATE

1920.

Court House and Police Station

Birth of a township

The first colonial settlement was on this site in 1839. Known as the Government Reserve, it had three huts for the police, land surveyor and post office. The court house, police station and lock up cells were built between 1855 and 1872 using stone from a nearby quarry. These buildings were used as a temporary home for new female immigrants and, later, for displaced Aboriginal people.

The police and court operations moved out in 1929 and the buildings became a private home. After falling into disrepair, the complex was restored by the National Trust and opened as a museum in 1970. The Willunga State Museum opened in the old stables in 2005.

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