

South
Australian
Heritage
Act
1978-80

HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 143

ITEM NAME: Former Mill
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

DESCRIPTION: This four storied bluestone mill building dominates the Middleton skyline. Its quoins, parapets and window surrounds are built of local Batson red brick. Distinctive features of the massive galvanized iron roof are two cantilevered gantries also sheathed in galvanized iron. Also notable are the small paned horizontally sliding sash windows.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The Observer of 15 December 1855, reported:

"The large and commodious Steam Flour Mill at Middleton is now completed and has added much to the appearance and importance of this rising township. The engine is an elegant piece of workmanship...and is the first, I believe to be erected in the colony upon the new expansive principle."

The Steam Flour Mill was built in 1855 for Messrs. W. and A. Bowman. The chimney, which has since been demolished, was built of bluestone and bricks from the nearby Batson's Brickyard. The mill plant was driven by a 12 horsepower steam engine with a tubular type boiler. The engine was assembled by Messrs. Tuxford and installed by Josiah Oldfield. Large quantities of grain from nearby farms were milled by Bowman Brothers and flour was despatched up the River Murray by steamer and was exported from Port Elliot and Victor Harbor.

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LOCATION
Address Mill Tce.,
Town Middleton
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt. Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

SUBJECT
4.3

USE

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1836-61

REFERENCES

Noack et al., pp. 60-1
National Trust 358

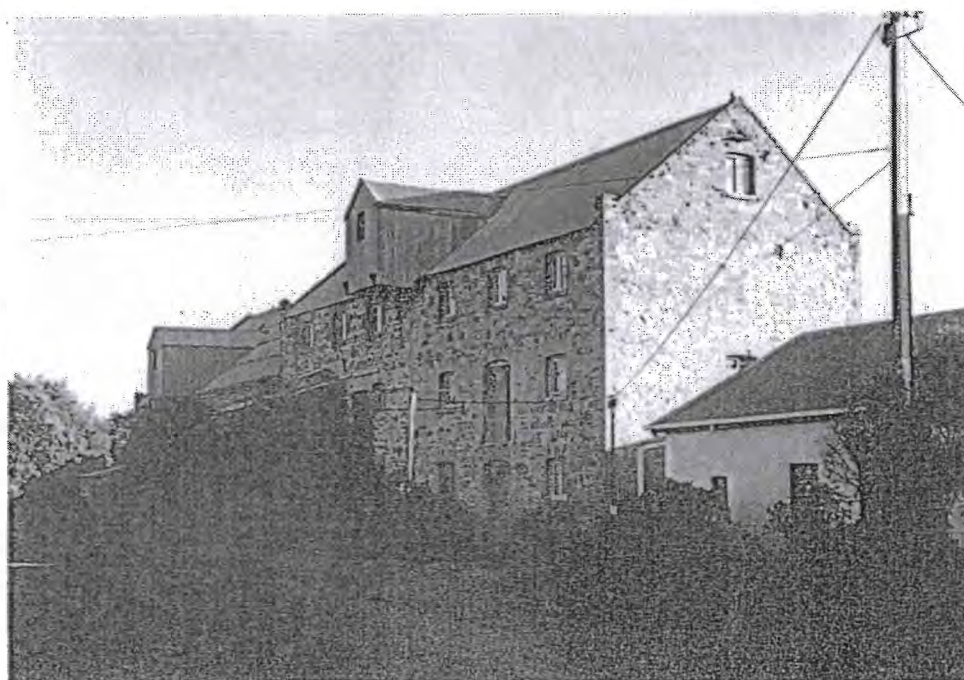
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Archival photographs Tolley, p.43 (1869, 1910)

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION ☐

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 1216 Negative No. 14



STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. ☒ Interim L ☐
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. ☒ Proposed L ☐
National Trust
CL ☒ RL ☐ File ☐
Other ☐

LAND TITLE
C.T. 4078/12

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

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Due to the large interior spaces the mill was also used for civic functions. On 23 April 1869 when the railway line from Middleton to Strathalbyn was opened the town's residents celebrated with a luncheon held in the mill's storeroom. The mill was sold in 1889 to Fred Ellis for 1,000 pounds.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: This early mill was the largest on the South Coast and is a fine example of industrial architecture.

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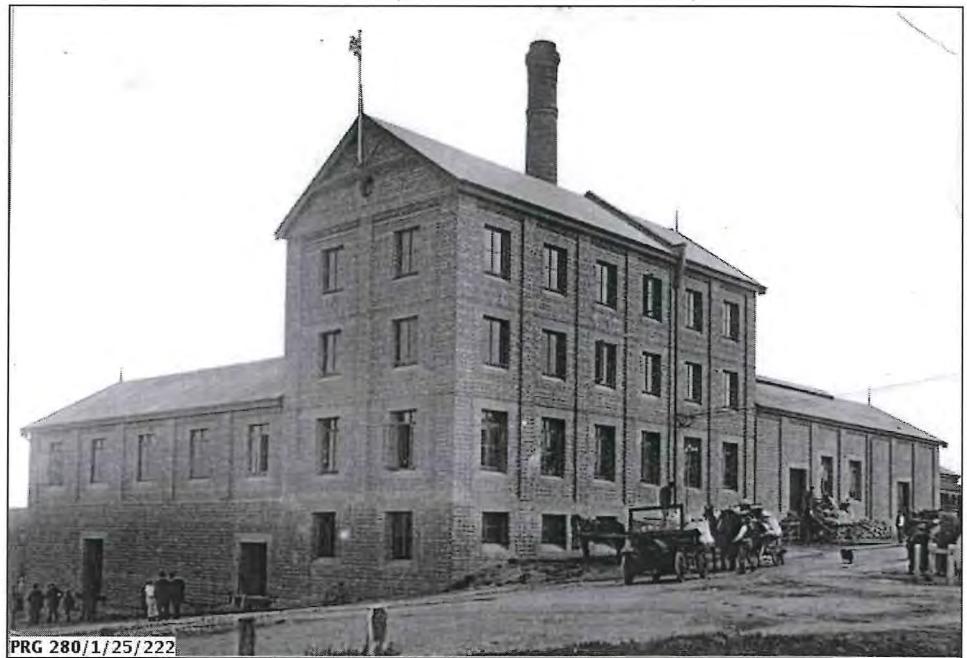


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TITLE

DESCRIPTION

DATE

Size of Master Image

New flour mill in South Australia

The premises of a the River Murray Milling Co. flour mill near the Murray River in South Australia
1920

3032 x 2073 pixels, 6.0 MB

Former Laucke Flour Mill Angaston 1215

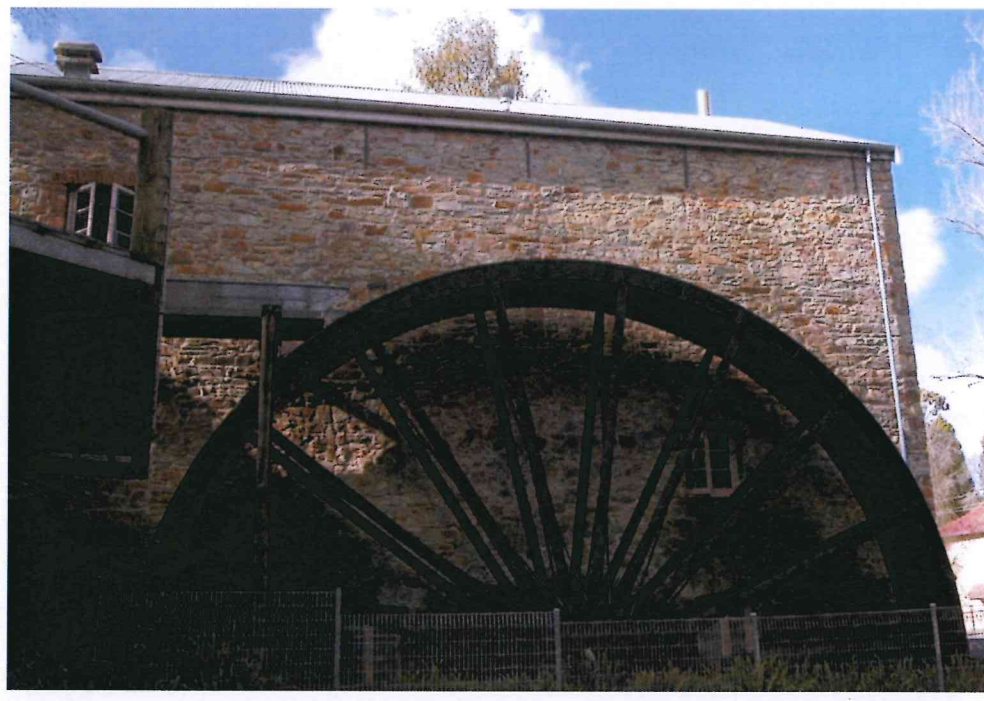


Angas Mill (former Laucke's Mill)
27 Commercial Rd Strathalbyn.

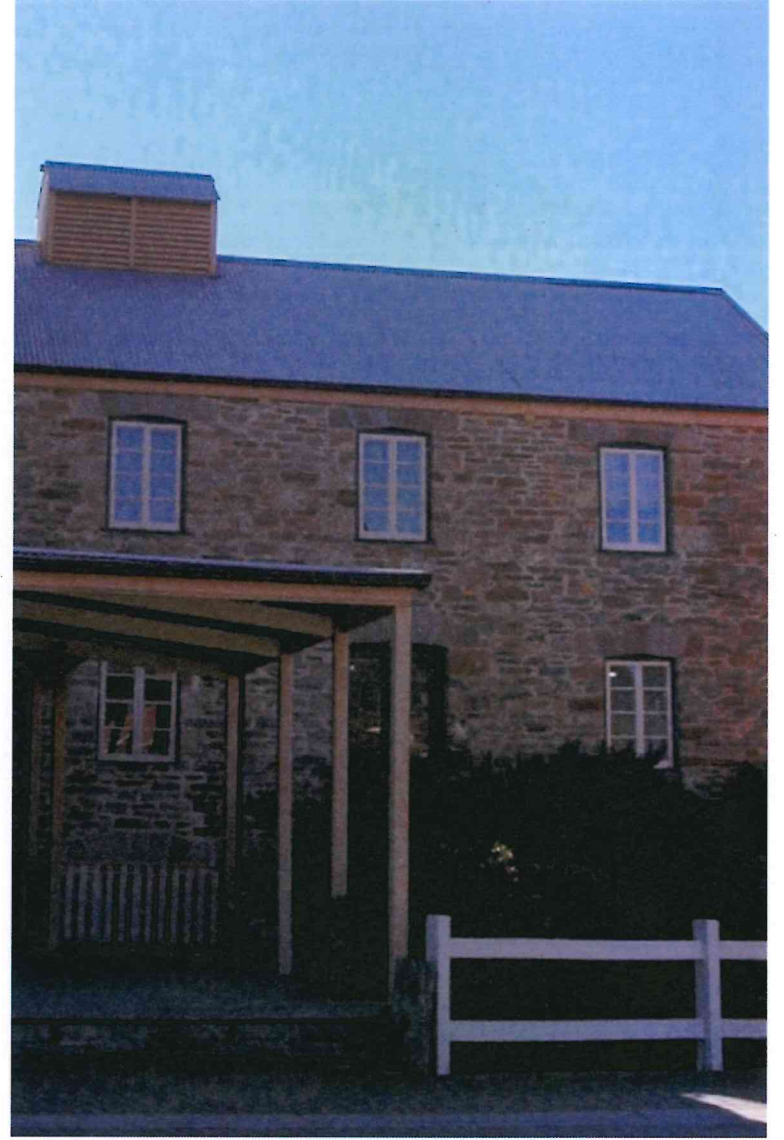


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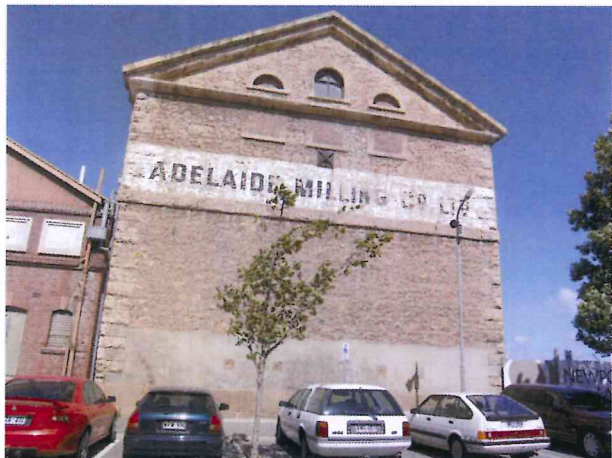
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(former Ann's Flour Mill)



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Dairies Water Museum
former Bidwood Flour Mill



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Former that's (later Adelaide
Woolly Co) Flour Mill for Adelaide



Former Adelaide Milling Co
Flour Mill Port Adelaide

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Living House Mt Burke
(former first floor Mill built by John Dunn

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Middleton Mill - stables/outbuildings (Feb 2013) 10356.



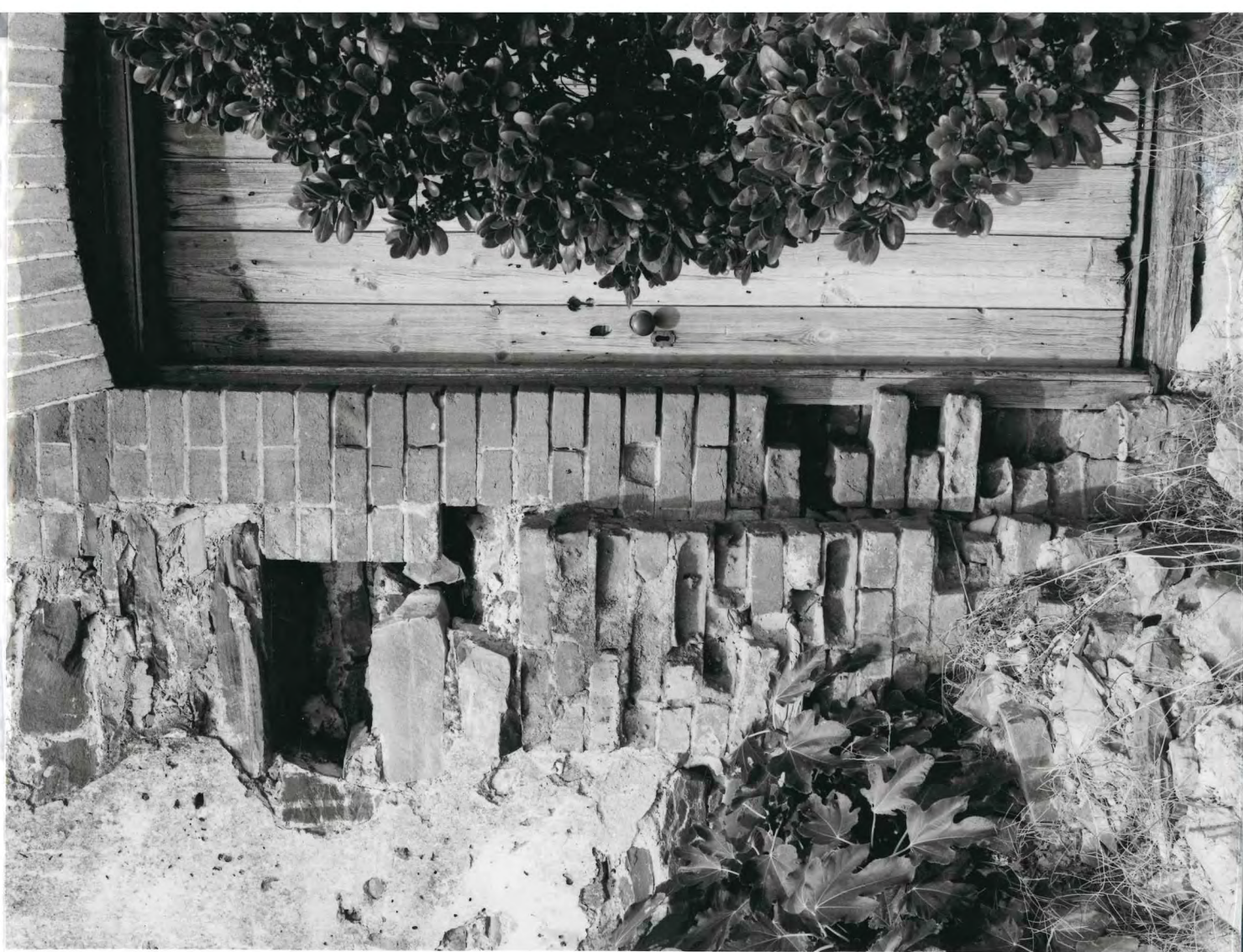




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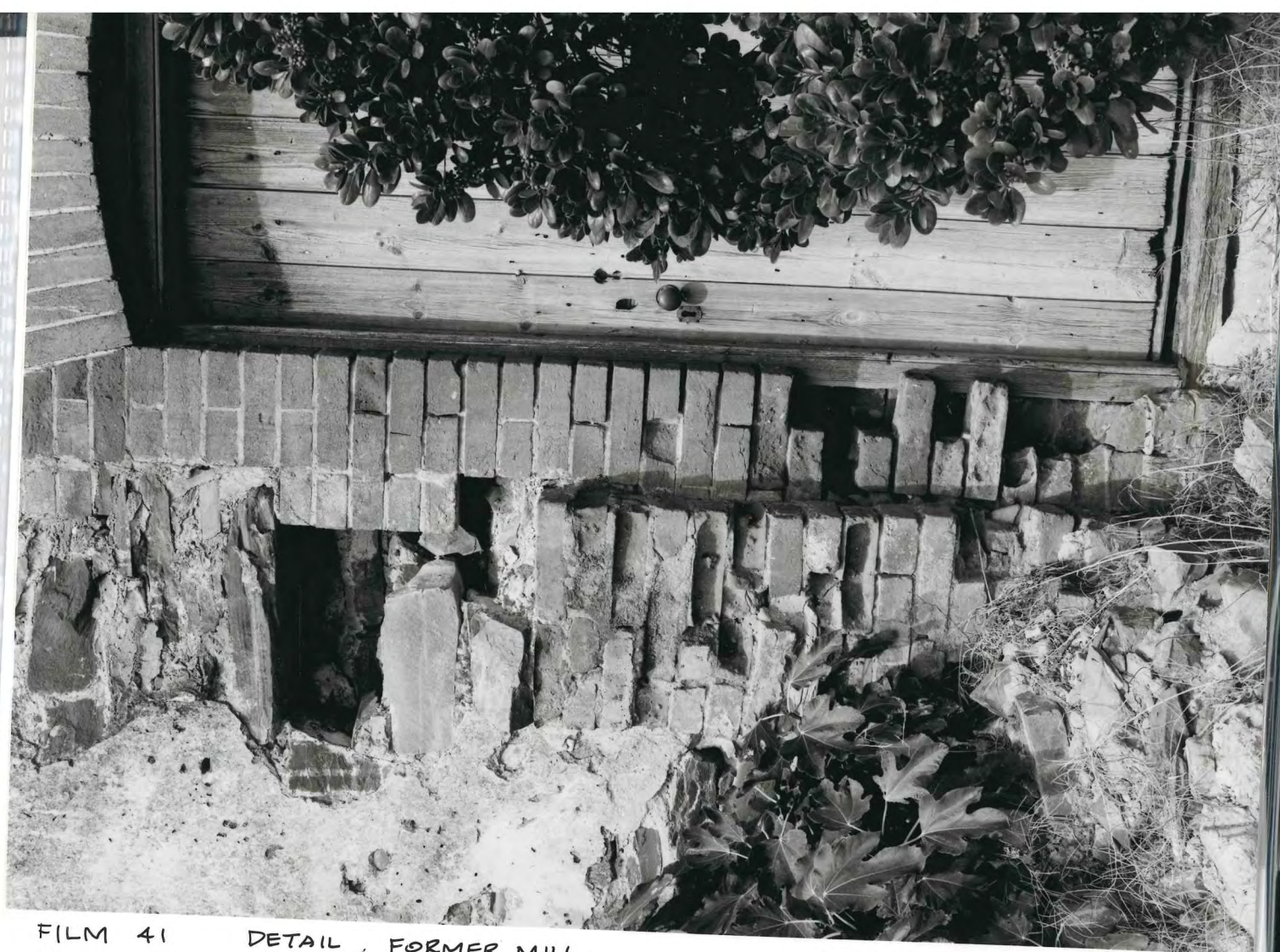
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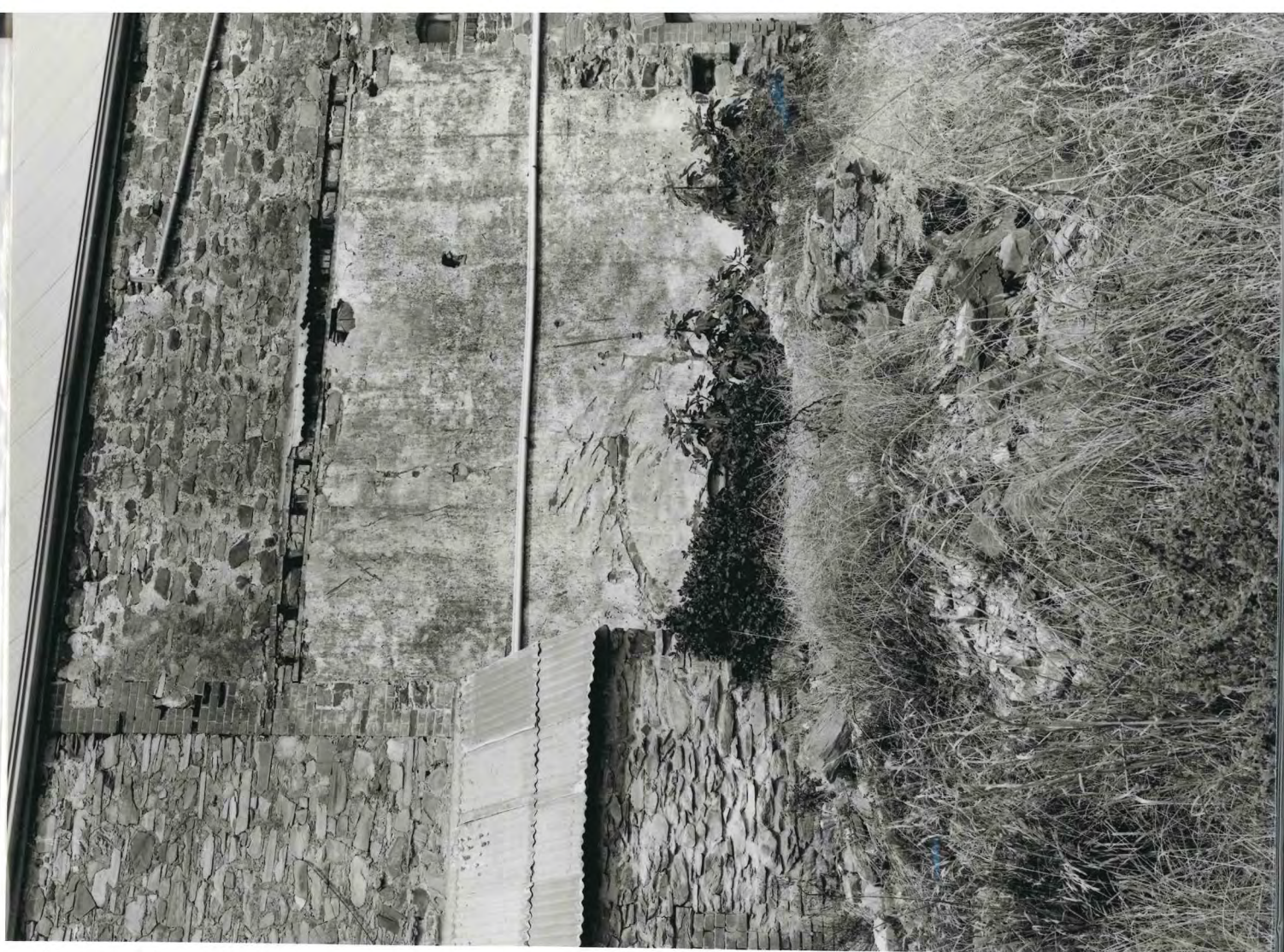
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MIDDLETON MILL FROM EAST

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WEST WALL OF MIDDLETON MILL

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