

GAWLER HERITAGE STUDY: STAGE 1
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

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Hignett & Company

ITEM NAME

Current: MARTINDALE NURSING HOME

Historical: "MARTINDALE" (House)

ITEM NUMBER

125

DATE

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

Built 1872, architect G.S. Kingston. (Original rear section - two-storey front section an extension in 1895 by Hall).

Original owner Emil Thorup, who established a chemists business in Gawler in 1850s. Later (1879-1908) owned and occupied by James Martin's nephew, John Felix Martin who was a partner in the firm James Martin & Co. and Chairman of Directors on James Martin's death, and active in the community affairs of Gawler. Converted into nursing home 1966-67.

Building of stone with ornate cast iron balustrade, balcony posts and iron lattice work. Extensive use of timber panelling inside. Original section Grecian style with colonades with arched windows. Later addition simpler, featuring semi-circular headed arch (main entrance) with keystone and stone blocked. Half-timbered gable has finial and attractive brackets. Later addition concealed many of original features. Original flat lead tray roof rendered dressings.

LOCATION

Street No:

Allotment: 300-305

Section:

Hundred:

Street: Duffield

Town:

LGA:

Postcode:

State Hist.Pres.

Region:

HISTORICAL THEME

Theme: Extension of

Subtheme: Settlement

HISTORICAL PERIOD

State:

Study Area: 1871-1900

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural Feature

Historical Site

Garden

BUILDING Individual

Group

STRUCTURE Complete

Relic

REFERENCES:

Written: National Trust 49; News Review 23 November 1979; Coombe 300, 338.

Vocal:

Archival Photographs:

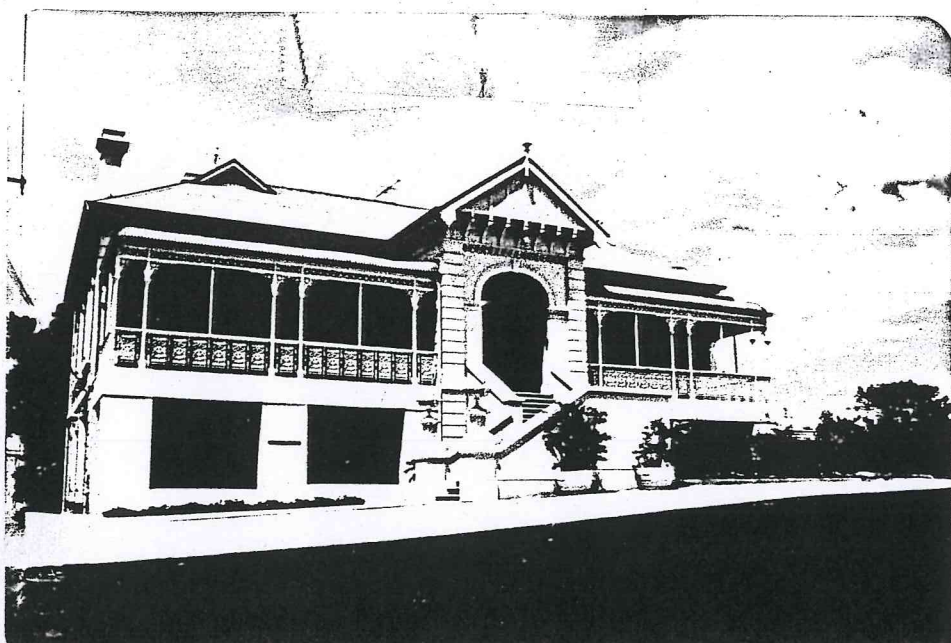
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STATUS

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Heritage Items

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Civic Trust

N.P. & W.L.S.

Council

Australian Heritage

Engin. Record

Other

MAP

Scale:

Source:

MARTINDALE, GAWLER

After the initial pioneering phase, settlement in Gawler began to consolidate into a distinct township during the 1850s, based on the surveyed plan of William Light 1839. Areas of land were subdivided for settlement, including Section 4 which belonged to William Paxton. Paxton had previously purchased it from Henry Dundas Murray. William Paxton sold portions of sections 301 to 305 to Emil(e) Thorup in 1866 and 1868. Thorup was a manufacturing chemist who had settled in Gawler sometime in the late 1850s and set up a business in Murray Street.

The view of Martindale from Murray Street is the section of the present house which Emil Thorup had built for himself in 1872. The design of this house has been attributed to George Strickland Kingston but no specific evidence has been located for this, although the arcaded loggia is reminiscent of some of Kingston's Adelaide work.

Emil Thorup sold the house and property during 1880 and returned to his native Denmark in 1885. The next owner was John Felix Martin, and his wife Christina. John Martin was a partner and the manager of the family company of James Martin and Co. Ltd. at this time.

In 1895, the house was enlarged following plans drawn up by Mr. Hall, an architect. The house was virtually doubled in size and the entrance was changed from the west facade, which looks over Murray Street, to the north, and a large formal drive created. The style of the house was changed dramatically and it now presents a typical Victorian villa's face of cast iron verandah posts and trim and central ornate entrance doorway.

Interestingly the only architect named Hall listed in the Directories at this time was a Thomas Hall of Eglinton Terrace, Mount Gambier, who practised between 1891 and 1901.

James Martin and Co. Ltd., which had been in existence since 1848, failed in 1907 and the company and house were sold to Henry Dutton of Anlaby. The foundry and engineering works continued to function under the new ownership and J.F. Pearson was appointed general manager and resided in Martindale. In 1911 Dutton sold the house to Arthur Smith who had been Mayor of Gawler in 1906. Smith was a dentist. The Hambour family, Gawler merchants, owned the house from 1921 until 1966 when it was purchased and converted to its present use as a nursing home for elderly patients. This meant some unsympathetic alterations to the interior, particularly the room which had been the ballroom of the early section but the exterior of the house remained unchanged.

Sources:

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G.R.O. Application No. 21444

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	Item MARTINDALE - 1 DUFFIELD STREET, GAWLER.					
Age 1872; 1895 - Additions	Theme	Office 6628-10376				
Period 1852-83; 1884-1914	Subject HABITATION - HOUSE	Region Lower North				
Building Type Residence	Style EARLY-LATE VICTORIAN	Status N.E.R. N.Tr. (C.L.)				
<u>Qualitative Data</u>		<u>Grading</u>				
Component	Comment	E	VG	AG	FP	NA
<u>History</u>						
1. Context:	Martindale is a significant example of the types of homes built by leading citizens during the settlement phase and industrial phase of Gawler's development.	*				
2. Person/Group:	The house was built for Emil Thorup, a Gawler chemist, and extended and changed by John F. Martin of James Martin & Co. Henry Dutton of Anlaby, and Arthur Smith (Mayor of Gawler, 1906) were other significant owners.		*			
3. Specific Event:	Not yet established.					*
<u>Architecture</u>						
4. Architect/ Builder:	1872 - Section not yet established. 1895 - Section by Mr. Hall.					*
5. Design:	Although both sections are two storeyed, the later 1895 Victorian addition is much more ornate and pretentious with stained glass, cast iron and plaster work.		*			
6. Construction:	Stone walls to both sections with ornate plasterwork around openings and corners to 1895 section.		*			
7. Interior:	1872 Section not inspected - now used as a nursing home. 1895 Section also adapted as a nursing home - with new suspended ceiling. Grand entrance hall with timber staircase still intact.			*		
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8. Representation:	1872 building is a scarce but incomplete reminder of arcaded Mediterranean design, in the manner of Rust Hall and Beaumont House. It is however, an important two storey example with perimeter arcades. 1895 section is a good example of late Victorian design.	*				
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Environment

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9. Continuity: See "Local Character" (No. 10) below.
10. Local Character: Compatible with the dominant 19th Century character of Gawler.
11. Landmark: A prominent landmark which is clearly visible when approaching Murray Street.
12. Alterations: Externally, both sections have had few alterations. Internally, the former residence was converted into a nursing home. Major alterations include new partitions and suspended ceilings which have been unsympathetic to the original interior.
13. Condition: Building is well maintained and is in good structural condition.
14. Compatibility: Former residence now used as a nursing home.

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Supplementary Information

15. Adaptability: The flexibility of use of the building is limited due to the cellular nature of the structure, but present use will probably continue for a long time.
16. Interpretation: The building is of importance when linked to the Gawler domestic and industrial history. Its interpretative role is more passive than active because of its present, non-public use.
17. Current Situation: The building is under no known threat, and is owned by Martindale Holdings P/L.

Evaluated By

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Date

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South Australian Heritage Committee Categorization

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