

GAWLER HERITAGE STUDY: STAGE 1  
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

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Hignett & Company

ITEM NAME

Current: UNITING CHURCH

Historical: METHODIST CHURCH

ITEM NUMBER

22

DATE

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

Built 1867-69 (foundation stone laid 19 August 1867, opened 28 March 1869 by Rev. John Watford.) Building financed by local businessman William Wincey - cost £3812. Architect James McGeorge, using local builders (Manifold and Pimlott, masons, Taylor and Forgie, carpenters. Stone quarried in Clement's quarries in Hill St.

Original building 80' x 50' x 30'. Slate roof of 6000 tiles finished at edge with iron crest-tiling.

Interior re-decorated 1955.

To be considered as part of a complex of church buildings - see also items 21, 47 and 126.

Random coursed stone, openings are pointed Gothic arched, with quad.stained glass windows above entrance and blocked brickwork. Iron finials, (Gothic pointed) lancet windows and is heavily buttressed.

LOCATION

Street No:  
Allotment: 40  
Section:  
Hundred:  
Street: Tod  
Town:  
LGA:  
Postcode:  
State Hist.Pres.  
Region:

HISTORICAL THEME

Theme: Social Life and Organisation  
Subtheme:

HISTORICAL PERIOD

State:  
Study Area: 1849-70

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural Feature  
Historical Site  
Garden

BUILDING Individual  
Group

STRUCTURE Complete  
Relic

REFERENCES:

Written: Loyau 14-15, 129; Coombe 173-83, 383-6;  
Ellis 21: 43-4

Vocal:

Archival Photographs:

RECOMMENDATION:

PHOTOGRAPH

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STATUS

Register of State  
Heritage Items  
On Register  
Interim List  
Nominated

National Estate  
National Trust ✓ 139  
R.A.I.A.  
Civic Trust  
N.P. & W.L.S.

Council  
Australian Heritage  
Engin. Record  
Other

MAP

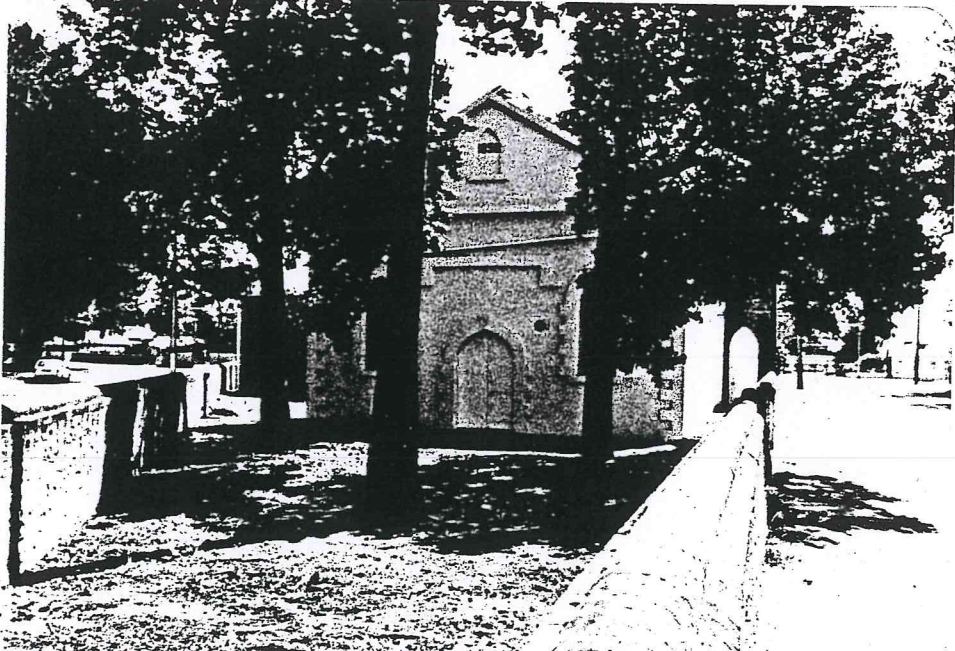
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DATE:



<u>ITEM NAME</u> Current: . . . UNITING CHURCH HALL Historical: WESLEYAN CHURCH		<u>ITEM NUMBER</u> 21
		<u>DATE</u>
<u>HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:</u> Erected 1850 (official opening September 1850) as the first Wesleyan Methodist Church in Gawler (on land purchased by members, not on the allotment reserved for it in the original town plan). Foundations dug by the first local preacher, John Jones, and his father, and most of work undertaken by the congregation.  Original building (cost £490) was 40' x 25' and seated 140. Transept added 1858 (official opening January 1859) and classrooms in 1875. Became Sunday School hall after new church built opposite in 1869 and subsequently used as a lecture hall.  Services held by Wesleyans in Gawler from 1846 in the public schoolhouse on Fotheringham Terrace.  To be considered as part of a complex of church and former church buildings (Uniting Church) - see also items 22, 47 and 126.  Main entrance is pointed gothic arch with keystone; front wall is stuccoed stone blocked, stone quoins and features small circular window random slate side wall and belfry.		<u>LOCATION</u> Street No: Allotment: 19 Section: Hundred: Street: Tod Town: LGA: Postcode: State Hist.Pres. Region:
		<u>HISTORICAL THEME</u> Theme: Social Life and Organisation Subtheme: Religion
		<u>HISTORICAL PERIOD</u> State: Study Area: 1849-70
<u>REFERENCES:</u> Written: Coombe 178; Loyau 129; National Trust 1997  Vocal:  Archival Photographs: B.19020 (sketch c.1850)		<u>TYPE OF ITEM</u> LAND Natural Feature <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Site <input type="checkbox"/> Garden <input type="checkbox"/>  BUILDING Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Group <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Relic <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>		<u>STATUS</u> Register of State Heritage Items <input type="checkbox"/> On Register <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim List <input type="checkbox"/> Nominated <input type="checkbox"/>  National Estate <input type="checkbox"/> National Trust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R.A.I.A. <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Trust <input type="checkbox"/> N.P. & W.L.S. <input type="checkbox"/>  Council <input type="checkbox"/> Australian Heritage <input type="checkbox"/> Engin. Record <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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# GAWLER HERITAGE SURVEY STAGE 2

## REGISTER NOMINATION REPORT

Date: 3/10/83	Heritage Branch	<del>10372</del> 10372 Ha
Item Name: METHODIST CHURCH HERITAGE AREA	Reference Number:	6628 10388 Ch
Item Address:	Gawler Heritage Survey	
	Stage 1 Item No. :	

### SUMMARY

This report has been prepared under Stage 2 of the Gawler Heritage Survey.

Historically, the Methodist Church Heritage Area is significant for here grouped together are the original church (1850), the new church (1869), the original manse (1858) and the new manse (c.1870 purchased by the church 1912). With the exception of the original manse all have been retained for use by the Uniting Church formed when the Methodist Church joined the Uniting Parish in 1977.

Architecturally The Heritage Area is an important extension adjacent to the South Para River and the Murray Street Heritage Area.

Environmentally The Heritage Area is based on a small group of important buildings adjacent to the South Para River.

The integrity is complete.

Area includes church and associated buildings on Tod Street. Bounded on south by the South Para River and the southern boundary of allotment 20. The western boundary is Dundas Street and northern boundary includes allotments 39 and 40.

### HERITAGE CONSERVATION BRANCH RECOMMENDATION:

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Manager

It is recommended that this item be included/not included(delete that phrase not applicable) on the Register of State Heritage Items, and that it be categorised (recommended S.A. Heritage Committee categorisation, if applicable).

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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Chairman

Assessed: Recommended

The Committee added the following riders:

- 1.
- 2.



South Australian Heritage Act 1978-82	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Historic Site	Ref. No.
	Item METHODIST CHURCH HERITAGE AREA	Status
Age	Subject Urban Area.	Site Type

History

Physical

Environment

Integrity

Context	First Methodist Services conducted at Gawler by John Jones in 1848. Original Church built in 1850. New Church built in 1869. Original manse built in 1858, sold 1912 when 'Tortola' built c.1870 for William Wincery, was purchased for use as manse. The church, church hall and manse used by Uniting Church (formed 1977).	E	VG	AG	FP	NA
		X				
Person/Group	John Jones, Blacksmith and wheelwright, local preacher, also a Mayor of Gawler. William Wincery, Mayor of Gawler, 1873-4. Alfred May (May Bros. foundry) lived in Tortola House 1894-1912.	X				
Event	First Methodist services conducted 1848. Methodists joined United Parish (Congregationalists and Presbyterians) to form Uniting Church, 1977.		X			
Natural Elements	South Para River and locality.		X			
Man-Made Elements	Road layout, landscaping and buildings of Heritage value.		X			
Representation	Valuable grouping of buildings.		X			
Continuity	Close association with Murray Street.		X			
Local Character	A continuation of original Gawler layout and character.		X			
Landmark	The area is a landmark.		X			
Alterations	Few alterations to the buildings and layout have occurred.		X			
Condition	Good		X			
Compatibility	Good		X			

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-82	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures	Ref. No.
	Item  METHODIST CHURCH HERITAGE AREA	Prepared By: HIGNETT & COMPANY MARGARET MAY

### Supplementary Information

Refer to attached DIAGRAM A showing extent of the Heritage Area.

#### Items in the Area.

- 21. Uniting Church Hall, Tod Street, c. 1850.
- 22. Uniting Church, Tod Street, c. 1867-69.
- 47. House, Scheibener Tce., c. 1858.
- 126. Uniting Church Manse, Tod St. c. 1871.

### History and Sources

The first regular Methodist Church services were conducted in Mrs. Murphy's schoolroom by John Jones who arrived in Gawler in 1848 and was formally appointed leader of Gawler's Methodist congregation by Rev. D. J. Draper the following year. Jones, who then worked for James Martin, established his own business as a blacksmith and wheelwright and was a Mayor of Gawler for several years.

In 1850 the Gawler parish came under the care of Rev. J. C. Symons of Kapunda and in the same year it was decided to build a church. The congregation then numbered around 60 people. The chapel was erected, not on the land donated by the original proprietors of the township for this purpose in Victoria Terrace, but on lot 19 in Tod Street which the church purchased, considering it to be more central. The foundations were dug by John Jones and his father; the building measured 40' x 25', cost £490 and seated 140.

By 1857 the need for a larger church had become apparent. Work on the new chapel had commenced and the foundations laid when it was decided that a parsonage should be built instead. The parsonage built in 1858 in Scheibener Terrace was first occupied by Rev. Nathaniel Bennett, who was stationed at Gawler for three years. (Substantial alterations were made to the parsonage in the 1880's). Instead of continuing with the new building, a transept was added to the old church and opened in 1859.

In 1866 Rev. T. Lloyd was appointed to the Gawler circuit and plans to build a new church for the increased congregation were again made. The foundation stone of the new church was laid in August, 1867 and it was opened in March, 1869. Designed by architect James McGeorge the building was constructed by local masons, Manifold and Pinsott, and carpenters, Taylor and Forgie. Stone for the building came from Clements Quarries in Hill Street.

The original church then served as a hall, and in 1875 a two storey structure was added for the purpose of the Sunday School.

During the ministry of Rev. E. J. Piper (1910-1913) the old parsonage was sold and in 1912 Tortola House (lot 20, Tod Street) was purchased from Alfred May for £2,000 for use as a manse. Tortola House was built early in the 1870's for William



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### History and Sources

F. Wincey adjoining the cottage he had purchased in 1867. William Wincey was a timber merchant and held the office of Mayor of Gawler in 1873-74. He was treasurer of the Methodist Church for some 30 years. After his death in 1894 Tortola House was purchased by Alfred May who added the iron lacework, manufactured in the May Bros. Foundry, to the front fence.

The original Methodist Manse is now privately owned. The other buildings (church, church hall and manse) in the Methodist Heritage Area now belong to the Uniting Church - the Methodists joined the United Parish (Congregational and Presbyterian) in 1977 and now are part of the Uniting Church. All of these buildings are listed by the National Trust, the Register of the National Estate, and the Register of State Heritage Items.

### Sources:

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