

ITEM NAME (Former Names) : Police Station and Courthouse
ADDRESS : Main Road, Clarendon, Lot 623
CT : 105/184
ORIGINAL OWNER : SA Government
USE (Former Uses) : Police station and courthouse
ZONING : Unzoned - Clarendon Township Policy Area
CONSTRUCTION DATE : 1868-1869
HISTORICAL PERIOD : 1865-1884
HISTORICAL THEME : Government
ARCHITECT : W H Abbot
BUILDER : George Sara & Sons

HERITAGE ENDORSEMENTS : National Trust of SA Reg No. 233, Classified List.
State Heritage Register, No. 10451 Status -
Registered, 24/7/80. Registered item of National
Estate.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE :

Architecture/Environment :

The building, of asymmetric composition is single-storeyed and is constructed of random rubble with first quality facework sandstone to strings, quoins and the surrounds to openings. The abstraction of Gothic Revival detail in the form of trefoils, quatrefoils, crenellated chimney tops, corbelled gutter supports and iron finials is given substance by the picturesque massing of the whole with its steeply pitched gabled roof clad in corrugated galvanised iron. The entrance to the courthouse is via a flight of steps leading to a paired opening in finely dressed sandstone. The entrance is elaborate, with crisp mouldings and a central column with foliated capital and stop chamfers. The windows to the courthouse have stop chamfers and are paired under shouldered flat heads. The interior is consistently Gothic in form with large oak trusses and quality wrought iron work. The windows to the residence and elsewhere are twelve-paned double-hung and have dressed sandstone surrounds. The original cells remain with brick vaulted roofs and the stables are at the rear of the block. In 1979 the building was renovated with additions being constructed mainly within the confines of the exercise yard bounded by the yard walls at the rear of the residence and courthouse. The old laundry/bathroom was demolished and new services introduced adjacent to the cell yard. The kitchen was substantially renovated and re-roofed. Window frames were restored or copied and new doorways were formed in the residence to rationalise planning and some original openings bricked up. Skirtings, frames and joinery details generally were designed to match existing work. A new opening was formed to the cell yard and steps included.

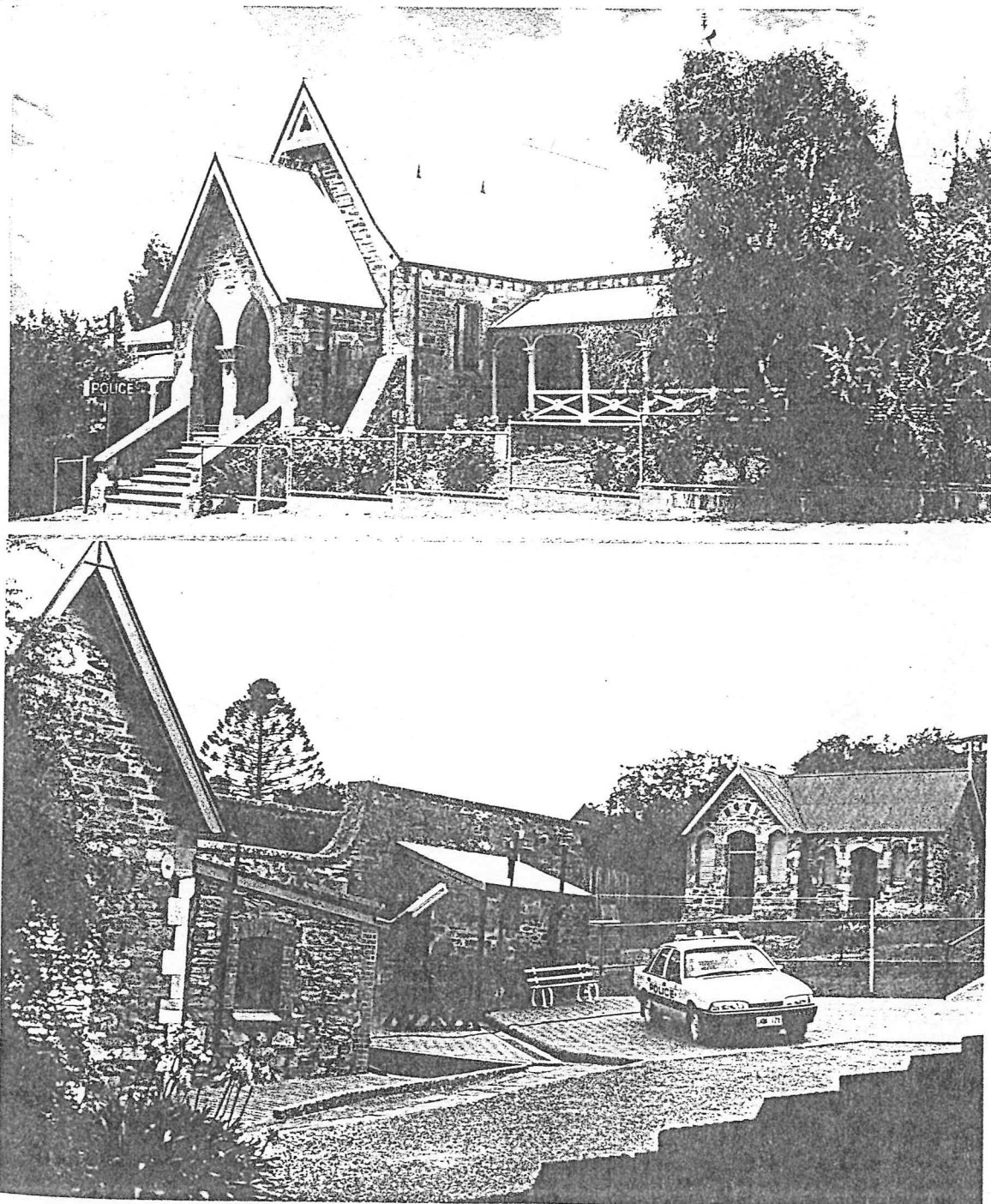
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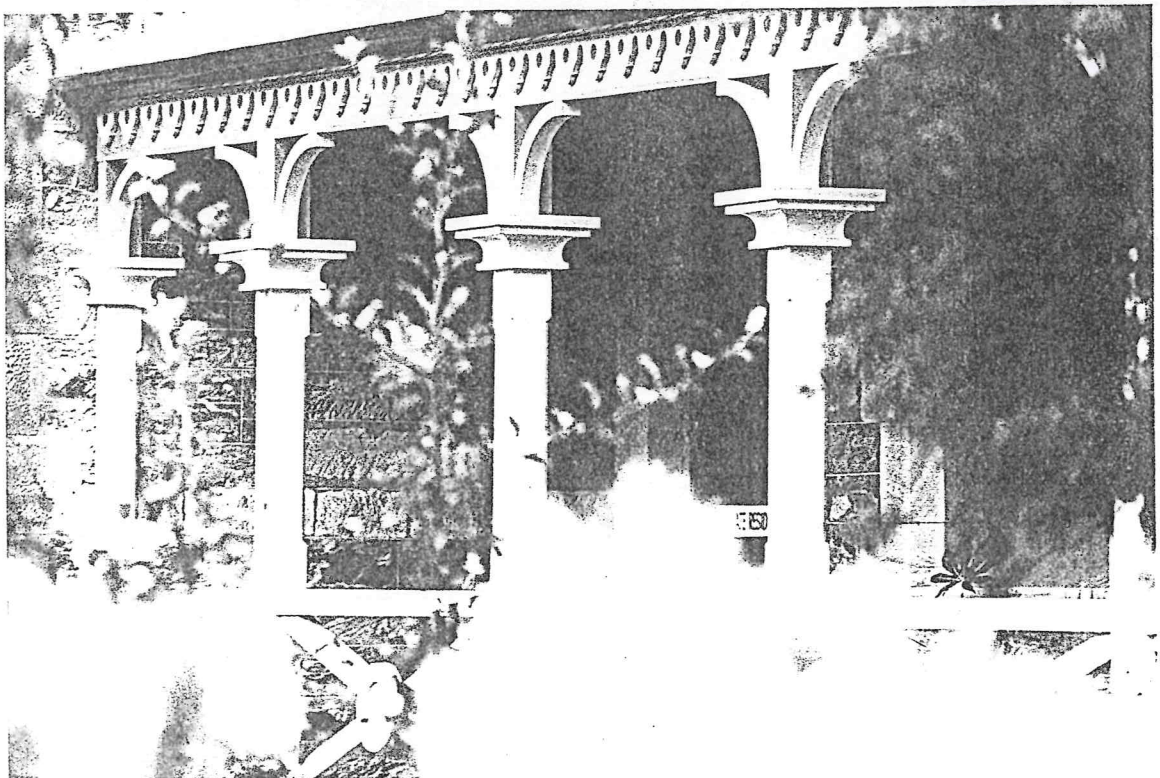
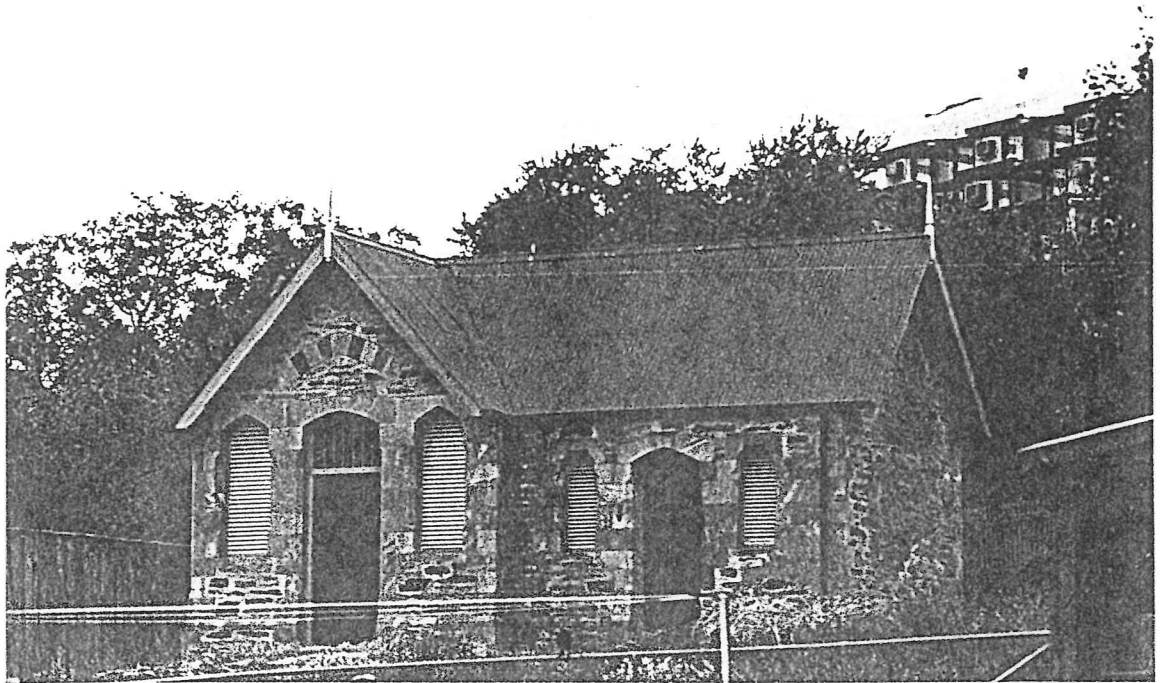
In April 1864 a public meeting at 'Kondoparinga' proposed to petition the House of Assembly for a Police Station and Courthouse at Edenbridge (the Meadows). Whilst it appears this petition was unsuccessful, the tender of George Sara & Sons for the building of the police station and courthouse in Clarendon was accepted in 1868. The building was completed on 17 May 1869.

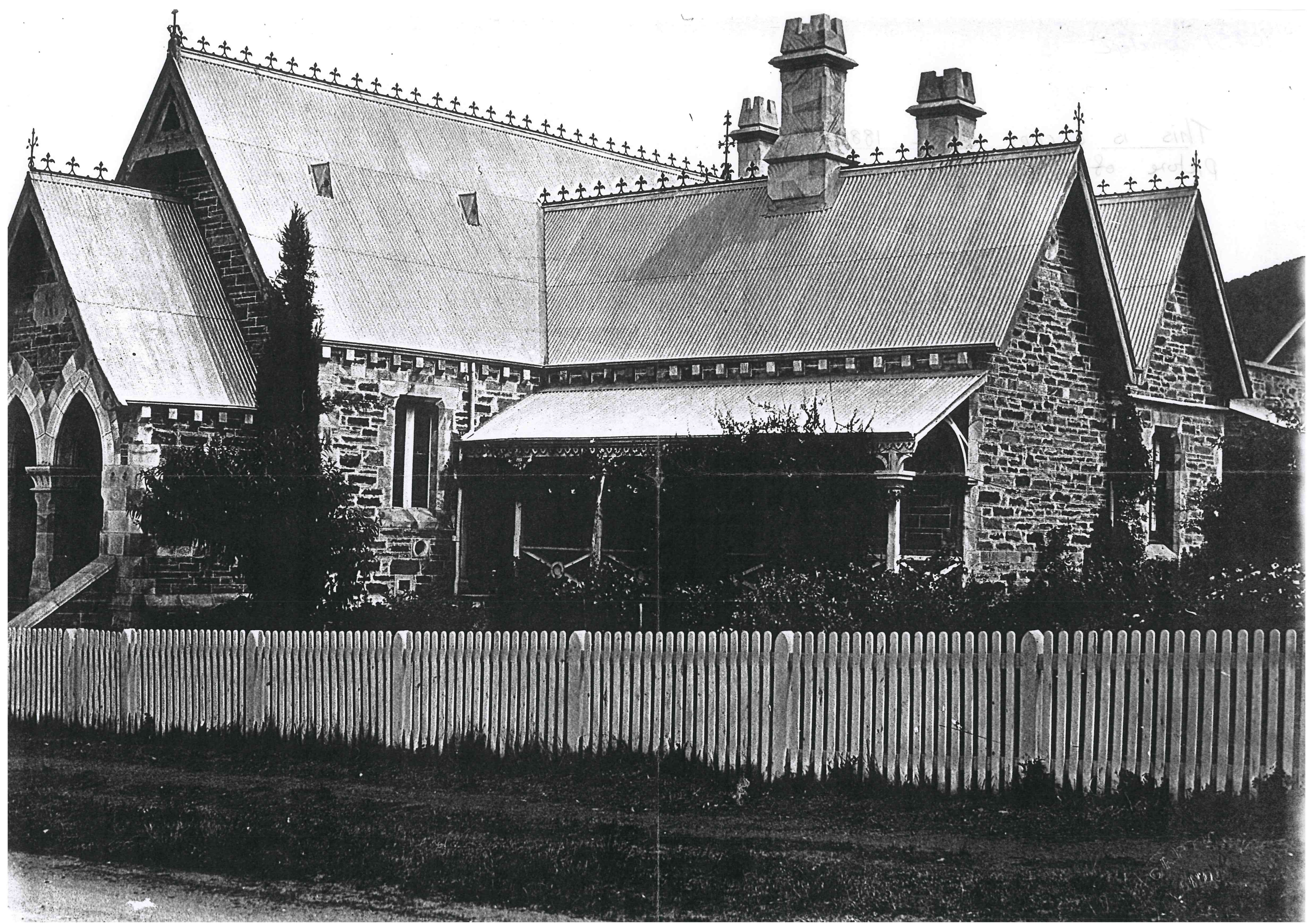
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Heritage Listing Recommendation : State Heritage Register

REFERENCES : National Trust of SA Inventory Sheet. The Register 28 April 1864.
Stark (1979), pp 114,115. Stark (1983), p48.







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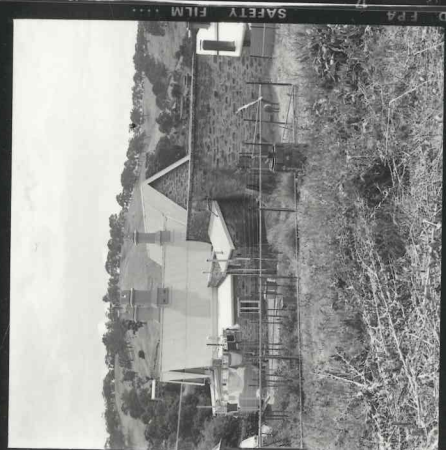
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CLARENDON POL. STN & COURT HSE. MAIN ST.

1 From North

2 Porch to Court House

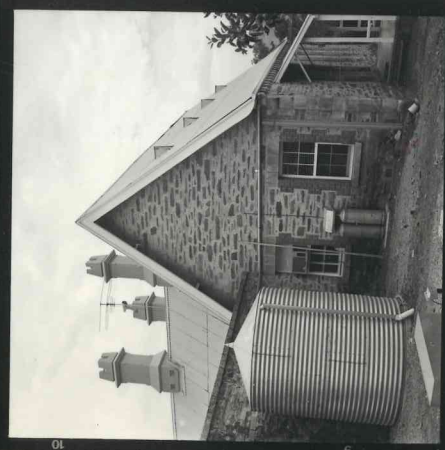
3 Rear additions from Yard

4 Stable (left) and
Hay shed (right)

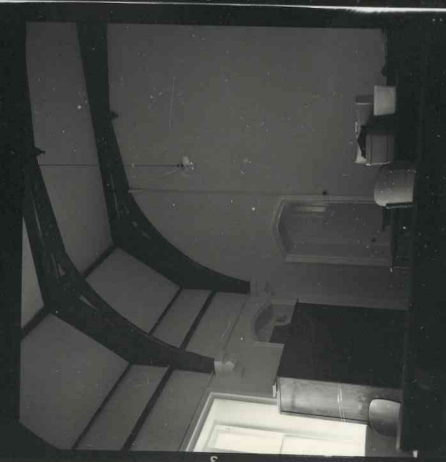
5 From West

6 Int. Stable

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7 Back of Court House

8 Stable (left) and
Hay shed (right)

9 Int. Court House

10 Int. Court House

11 Int. Court House

12 Int. Court House