
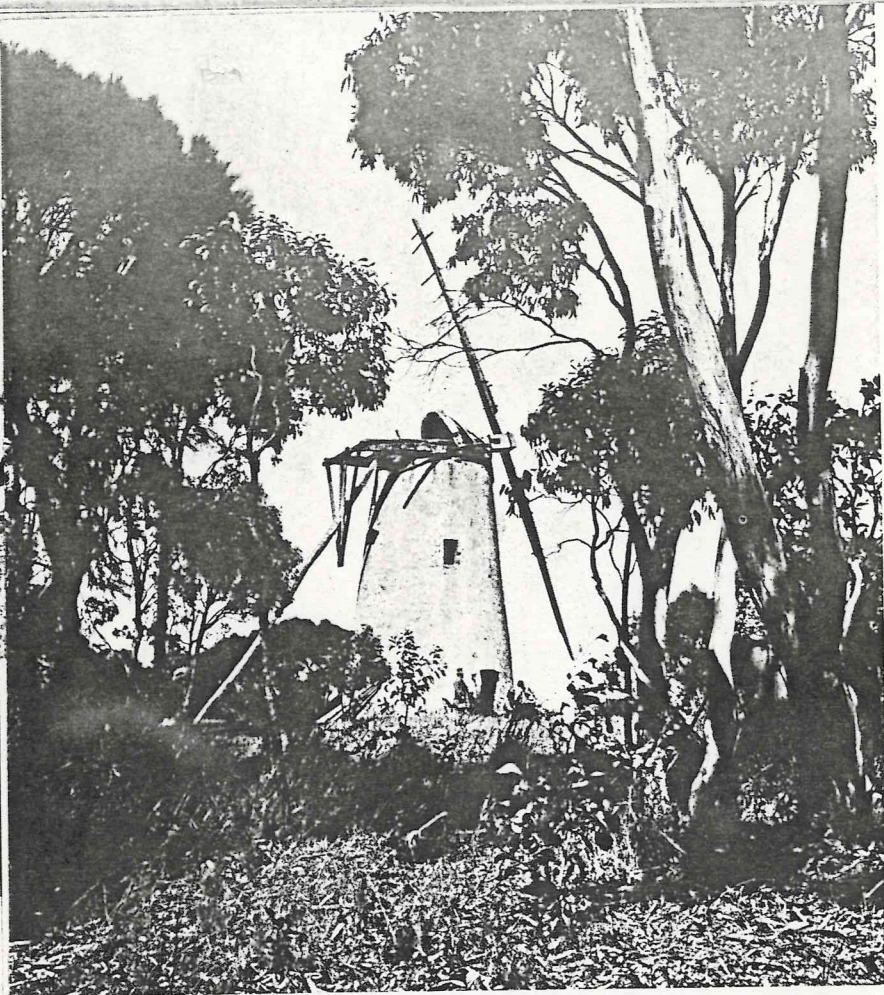
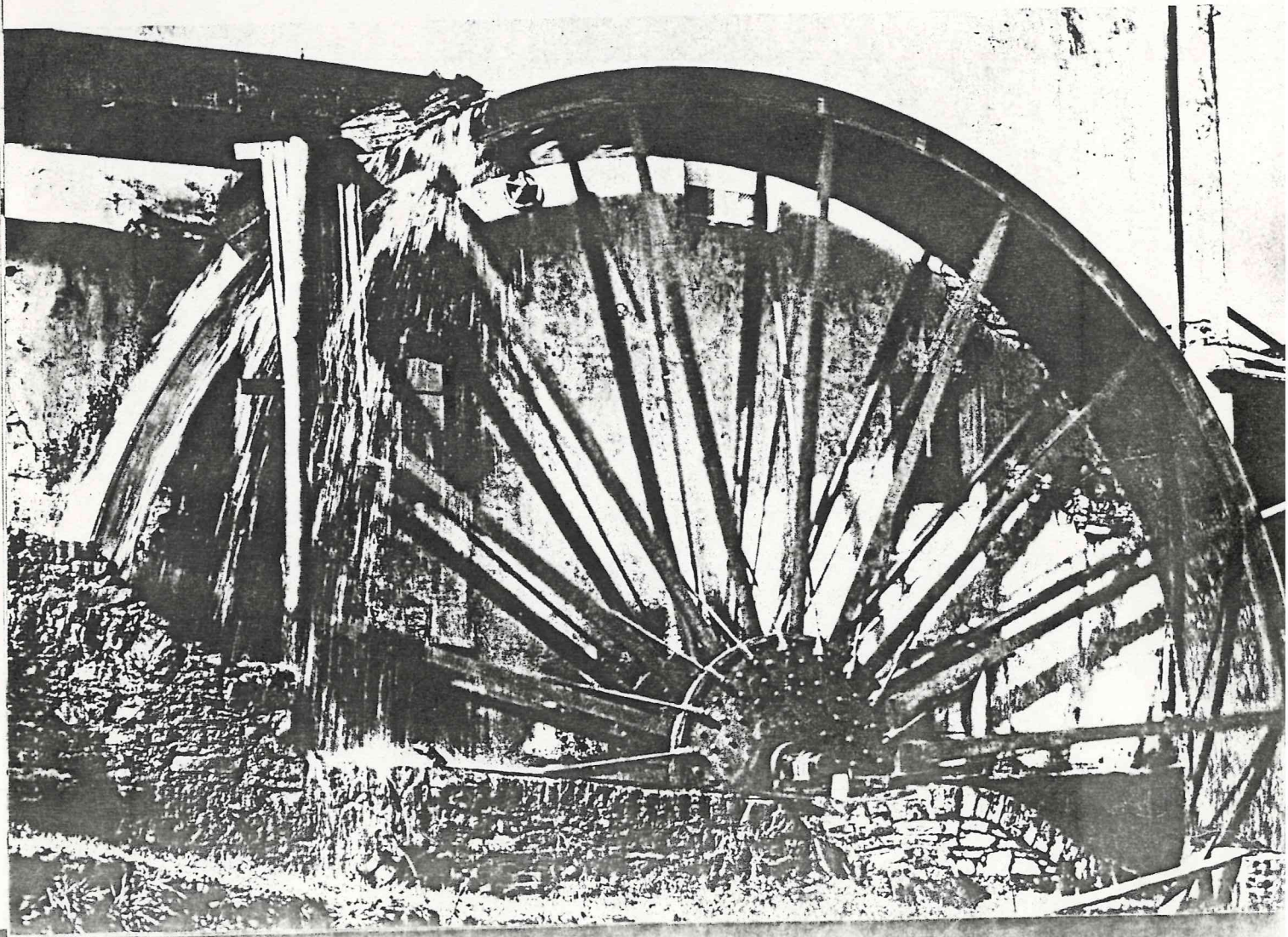


South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT HERITAGE SURVEY (STAGE ONE) ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET		PROJECT DATE 1842 Item Ref. No. 5
	ITEM NAME: NIXON'S MILL Former or other		Office Use ITEM No. DOCKET No.
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE Still standing on Windmill Hill, Mt. Barker. Oldest windmill in state, except for Dunn's mill at Hay Valley (1841). Built by F.R. Nixon, 1842, who surveyed Mt. Barker. Nixon sold to Walter Patterson in 1844. Patterson worked the mill until 1853, when he sold to F.W. Wittwer, miller of Hahndorf. Milling ceased 1864. Structure handed by owner A.E. Braendler to the public (Mt. Barker Council) 1928. Constructed of random course rubble with timber frame dome. (See Mt. Barker District Diagram 2 for location).			LOCATION Windmill Hill Address Town Mt. Barker. Postcode Section 3810 Hundred Kintho County Part Sect. 3810 L.G.A.CT. Vol 1543, Fol 71 S.H.P. Region A.M.G. Ref. 023194 6627-10497 SUBJECT Economic History PERIOD 1837-1851 State Study Area
REFERENCES "Advertiser" 1/3/79. "Mt. Barker Courier" 12/12/86, 24/12/86, 31/11/86. "Chronicle" 23/3/33. "Register" 6/11/28. Verbal Archival photographs			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
PHOTOGRAPH Film No. Negative No. Direction of view 			STATUS Reg. of State Her. Items Reg. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim L <input type="checkbox"/> Nominated <input 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 RECOMMENDATION (A) State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) Local <input type="checkbox"/> PREPARED BY Date:



In 1844 this wind-driven flour mill was built by F. R. Nixon on Windmill Hill, near Mount Barker in the Adelaide hills. It ground local grain until 1860.

The first water-driven flour mill in South Australia was erected at Bridgewater, in the Adelaide hills, in 1860. The wheel was constructed in Glasgow, and has a diameter of thirty-six feet. It used 6,500 gallons of water per minute—equal to seventeen tons per pressure—supplied from a dam built in Cox's Creek in 1859. The mill still stands, but has not turned for many years.



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THIS WINDMILL WAS BUILT BY FR. NIXON IN 1842
WHO SOLD IT TO WALTER PATERSON IN 1844. IT WAS
WORKED BY HIM UNTIL 1853, WHEN IT WAS SOLD TO
F. W. WITTWER. IT CEASED OPERATIONS IN 1864
AND WAS DONATED TO THE PUBLIC IN 1928 BY
A. E. BRAENDLER.

TABLET PRESENTED BY WALTER PATERSON'S GRANDCHILDREN



