

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	REGISTER OF STATE HERITAGE ITEMS ITEM EVALUATION SHEET BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES		Office Use: File No.				
	ITEM: HOUSE, "LUDLOW HOUSE" CUDLEE CREEK ROAD, GUMERACHA.		Comp. Ref.				
PERIOD 1837-1851	THEME PRIMARY INDUSTRY - GRAZING: HOUSING						
COMPONENT	COMMENT		GRADING E VG AG FP NA				
<u>History</u>							
1. Context	Connected with the early history of the Gumeracha area and the first era of operations of the South Australian Company in the State.		*				
2. Person/Group	Owned and built by the S.A. Company as a home for their first sheep station manager, Samuel Reeves, in the Gumeracha area, and also as a "centre of operations".			*			
3. Event	William Giles, third Colonial manager of the S.A. Company from 1841, spent the summer of 1841-42 with his family at Ludlow House.				*		
<u>Architecture</u>							
4. Architect Builder	William Prescott (C.A. Perry?)		*				*
5. Age	Completed 1841		*				
6. Style	Colonial		*				*
7. Design	Attractive two storeyed building with perimeter French windows on upper level. Happens that a verandah originally surrounded the building below the original eaves.			*			
8. Construction	Walls of random stone work with dimensioned voussoirs to arches. Roof now corrugated galvanised iron.			*			
9. Interior	No major structural changes have been made but most ceilings and lower level walls have been clad with masonite or similar material.				*		
<u>Environment</u>							
10. Continuity							*
11. Local Character	Of importance in continuing the rural character of the area.			*			

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12. Landmark	Not a visually conspicuous building but well known historically	E	VG	AG
<u>Integrity</u>				N
13. Alterations	Alteration to the roof shape and structure in the mid 1930s has greatly changed the external appearance. Other major changes have been made to the internal staircase and upper level (external) joinery. A wall to the former office has been removed.			*
14. Condition	Building is in reasonable structural condition although badly affected by damp at the lower level.			*
<u>Capability for Reuse</u>				
15. Compatibility	Present use is compatible with current land use and zoning.			*
16. Adapability	Medium degree of adaptation			*
17. Interpretation	Medium degree of interpretation			*
RARITY/SCARCITY				
STATUS:	National Trust CLASSIFIED	National Estate REGISTERED ITEM	Other	
EVALUATED BY		DATE		
REVIEWED BY		DATE		
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE CATEGORIZATION		DATE		

GUMERACHA HERITAGE SURVEY

Survey Place No: GU 43

Site Description: Homestead, 'Ludlow House'
Cudlee Creek Road,
GUMERACHA SA 5233

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Architectural -

Large two storey house constructed of random stonework with quoins on a gently sloping site. Hipped corrugated galvanised iron roof with vented gables. Verandahs encircle the house. The openings are generally symmetrically arranged with the lower floor windows having flat arched heads.

This building is important because it is an early example of a well built and architecturally designed country residence. It is a rare example of tangible evidence of the South Australian Company's operations, and endeavours to set and maintain high architectural standards.

Historical -

'Ludlow House', "was started in 1840 by the South Australian Company under the supervision of their architect, William Prescott", but, ... "Prescott's men were still working at the house in April, 1841". Thus, 'Ludlow House' or 'Timnath' as it was called then after the locality in which it was situated (the township of Gumeracha did not exist) was built over the period (mid) 1840 - (mid) 1841. It functioned as the "head station" of the SA Company's sheep properties in the Timnath area and also as the family home of the Company's first station manager, Samuel Reeves. The Reeves family occupied 'Timnath' until the end of September 1845, when Samuel's contract with the SA Company expired and was not renewed. "The Manager of the Cattle Section, W.B. (William Beavis) Randell (of Kenton Park homestead) was appointed to manage the Sheep Section as well, but he resigned from the Company in December, 1845".

'Ludlow House' was retained by the SA Company until late 1850 when it removed all its sheep from stations on Special Surveys to Mount Barker due to these areas being unprofitable. "Ludlow House, Timnath, Gumeracha" was then leased to Messrs. Thomas and Henry Joyce who were mixed farmers. The house was advertised as a "commodious dwelling house, containing eleven apartments, and a large garden of fruit trees in full bearing, with stable, stockyards etc..." The Joyce family worked the farm until 1892, "when Messrs. Fred Symonds and Frank Coad in partnership conducted a large dairy. In 1908, when several of the SA Company's farms were sold by auction, 'Ludlow' was purchased by Mr WJ Hannaford, of Mt. Bera". The house remained in the Hannaford Family until 1981. 'Timnath' was apparently renamed 'Ludlow House' by William Giles who took over as manager of the SA Company from David McLaren in 1841. He spent the summer of 1841-1842 at 'Timnath' so that his family could escape the heat in a cooler climate, and evidently gave the name 'Ludlow' to the house in memory of the late Earl Ludlow whose estate had repaid a debt of £1,000 owed to his own late father.

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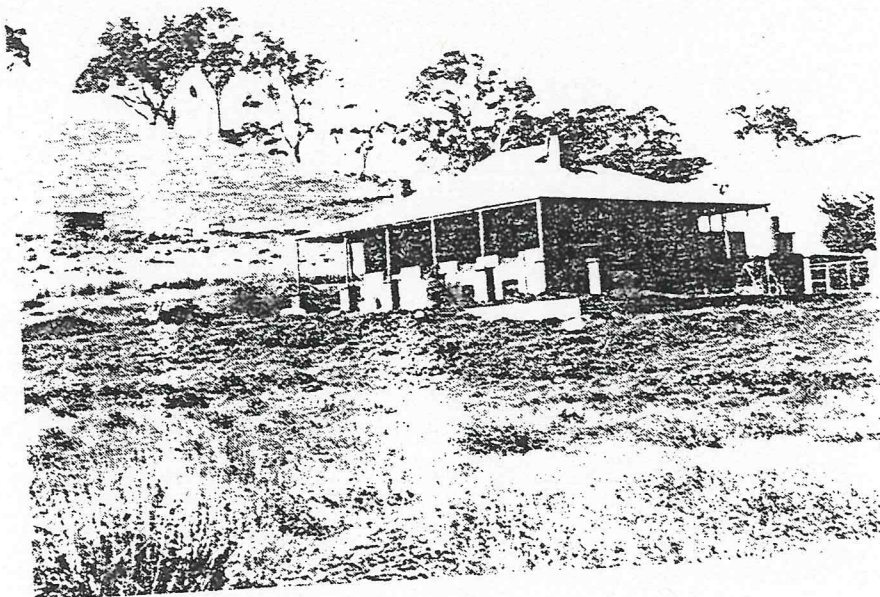
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'Ludlow House' is connected with the first expansionary period of the SA Company, in which newly surveyed country was taken up for pasturing and general agricultural development. The house was the focus of the Company's operations in the Gumeracha area until 1850 and was also associated with the first period of European settlement in the district.

References:

State Heritage Branch File No.10515.



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Location:

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AMG Reference:

3041 614.330

Description:

Stone House

Land Description:

Allotment	12
Section No.	6069 & 6070
Hundred of	Talunga
Certificate of Title	3967/175

LGA:

District Council of Gumeracha

Owner:

Mr & Mrs G J & J M Clark
Ludlow House
C/- PO Gumeracha SA 5233

Heritage Status:

State Heritage Register, Registered No 10515
National Trust of South Australia, former Classified List
No. 1918
Register of the National Estate, Registered No 007496

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