

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-82	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures	Ref. No. 6628-11150
	Item "ANGOVE HOUSE" (formerly "Holden House" and "Arowie") KENSINGTON PARK	Status -
Age 1871	Subject Original Use: 0302 Single Dwelling Present Use: 0506 Secondary School	Style Italianate

History

Architecture

Environment

	E	VG	AG	FP	NA
<b>Context</b> Representative of the suburban family residence of a wealthy South Australian industrialist in the heyday of his prosperity (1870's)			X		
<b>Person/Group</b> Associated with James Alexander Holden, founder of Holden and Company, the well-known S.A. motor body firm, his family, including wife Mary, later Matron of the S.A. Girls' Reformatory, and son Henry James, also of Holden and Co. and Mayor of Kensington and Norwood etc.		X			
<b>Also associated with</b> pioneer S.A. Educator Dorothy Angove, headmistress of Girton Proprietary School for Girls.					X
<b>Architect/Builder</b> No known architect or builder.					X
<b>Design</b> Two storey, symmetrical, Italianate house with tiered verandah and balcony to two sides, supported by paired timber posts with stylised capitals and carved timber brackets.				X	
<b>Construction</b> Walls of roughly hewn, random coursed stone with smoothly cut stone quoins, hipped roof clad with corrugated galvanised iron. Double hung windows and French doors with rendered surrounds. Tiled verandah.			X		
<b>Interior</b> Not inspected.					X
<b>Representation</b> A number of similar age, style and scale houses can be found within the area.				X	
<b>Continuity</b> Set well back from Holden Street, it is the only building of this vintage within the immediate complex and of similar scale to surrounding development on two of three sides.				X	
<b>Local Character</b> Compliments but does not significantly contribute. Disguised by large trees.			X		
<b>Landmark</b> No landmark qualities.				X	
<b>Alterations</b> Externally, verandah has been enclosed, to northern side with brick and stone addition. Removal of timber balustrade to balcony and replacement with wire mesh.			X		
<b>Condition</b> In good condition.			X		
<b>Compatibility</b> Present use as music and art centre for school is					

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### Supplementary Information

### History and Sources

Kensington was the first eastern suburb of Adelaide to be built, before Norwood and Kent Town. When James Alexander Holden purchased fifteen acres of Section 300 at Kensington Park in 1866 for 509 pounds, the area consisted of "gentle, well-grassed undulations and parklike but heavily timbered areas, well-watered by streams flowing down from the nearby hills and running down to the Torrens River." (N. Buttfield, 1979, p. 55).

James Holden was by that time already well-established as a successful businessman, having arrived in South Australia c. 1852 at the age of seventeen. At first he had worked as a book-keeper with F.H. Faulding, but by 1856, with the arrival of a legacy from England, he was ready to begin his own leather business, (the area he had immigrated from, Walsall in Staffordshire having been a celebrated centre of English leather-working for centuries). J.A. Holden and Co. first leased premises in King William Street, later (1872) moving to Rundle Street (the site of present-day Birks the Chemist) and (1878) Grenfell Street. The Company had started -

"repairing carriages and wagons as well as selling and repairing saddles and harness and trading in all kinds of leather goods, ironmongery and horse gear. Business continued to increase with Adelaide's rising population and with the appearance of more and more 'carriage folk' among the wealthy squatters and merchants". (ibid p. 61).

Soon the Company began renovating coaches and making bodies and fittings for them. All its products bore the trademark "Holdfast".

Thus James Alexander Holden laid the basis for the industry which was to grow rapidly under his son Henry at the time of the Boer War, when the Company supplied thousands of sets of saddle and harness to equip the mounted soldiers, and during World War I, when the portentous decision to manufacture car bodies was made in response to prohibition of imports by the Australian Government. (It was James' grandson, Edward, who concluded the deal with General Motors in the early 1920's which led to the expansion to the factory site at Woodville).

James Holden and his wife Mary (he had married in 1857) had produced six children by 1871, necessitating the building of a seven-room house in that year on the Kensington

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Gardens property. This was the beginning of "Arowie House", also called "Holden House" and, later, "Angove House". According to Dame Nancy Buttfield's biography of the family (she being a grand-daughter of James Holden), by 1875 the house had ten rooms, the ninth and last of their children being born in 1877. Reflecting James' increasing prosperity, the house was further extended in 1876, so that "ultimately a twenty-roomed stone mansion and gardens with detached cottage made their appearance in the council records, at an annual assessment of 150 pounds on a valuation of 3,000 pounds (ibid pp. 56-57) and the garden was developed with a fernery, glass houses, an artificial lake and tennis courts.

In addition to his other achievements in industry, James Alexander Holden can be regarded as the founder of the Adelaide Chamber of Manufactures (G. Loyau, 1885, p. 191), which he began in 1869 with a business associate, W.F. Gray. Holden was active in the church also, being associated with the establishment of the Baptist Church in South Australia and a founder of the Sunday School Union (N. Buttfield, op cit p. 8). In 1870 he helped set up a school to make education available to children whose parents could not afford to pay for their tuition (ibid p. 73). In 1872 he became involved with several members of his church in attempting to provide some form of tertiary training for young men, especially those interested in entering the Christian ministry. This in turn led to the establishment of Adelaide University (ibid p. 76).

One of Holden and Company's major industrial achievements at about this time was the supply of a large stock of equipment for the construction of the Overland Telegraph Line. However, a decline in the economy generally and severe drought combined with Holden's own ill-health, combined to create a down-turn in the business to the point of bankruptcy, leading James to hand it over to his oldest son Henry and a partner, Henry Adolf Frost, in 1885. In the remaining years of his life, James' health deteriorated dramatically, the worries of tuberculosis and increasing debts leading him to alcoholism. His family was forced to sell "Arowie" in 1887, and to support the children after his death, Mary became Matron of the Girls' Reformatory, first at Magill, then (from 1897) at the former Redruth Gaol, Burra.

By 1926 "Arowie" had passed into the hands of Girton Proprietary School for Girls and become the school boarding house and the residence of the headmistress, Mrs. Dorothy Angove, other teachers and domestic staff. It also housed the library, the headmistress' study and the tuck shop.

Mrs. Angove, married to Edward Angove of the famous wine-growing family, was widowed by World War I, and to support her family used her arts degree (a rare qualification for a woman at the time) to become the first woman teacher in prep school at St. Peter's College. Later, as headmistress of Girton she insisted that the staff wear academic gowns when teaching, introduced the House system and strongly encouraged talented girls to pursue university studies.

In 1973 Angove House, as it was known from the time of Mrs. Angove's residence, was renovated and refurbished. After Girton and King's Colleges combined to form

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Pembroke School, the upper floor became used for art and the ground floor for music study, so that the two-storey freestone building is now the home of the renowned Pembroke Choir.

Angove House then, is of State significance for its association with James Alexander Holden, prominent South Australian industrialist and his family, and Dorothy Angove, pioneer South Australian Educator, as well as for its current links with the well-known Pembroke Choir.

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HERITAGE SURVEY  
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

HERITAGE SURVEY: PART 2

Item Ref. No.

ITEM NAME: Former "Angore House" Complex  
Former or other          Pembroke School

Office Use  
ITEM No.  
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This two storeyed former residence is constructed of freestone and consists of over twenty rooms. Originally standing in fifteen acres of garden it was built in the early 1880s for James A. Holden, who had earlier been responsible for the construction of the attractive stone house at 278 Portrush Road, Beulah Park.

Holden lived here until his death in 1887. In later years the site was acquired by a leading private girls' school, Girton, and the grounds and outbuildings were converted to playing areas, classrooms and storage areas. In 1973 the school merged with the nearby King's College for boys to create an innovative and highly popular, modern, co-educational private college.

The complex remains an imposing presence in the locality and has significant historical associations with a leading business figure of the nineteenth century and with influential educational movements of the twentieth.

LOCATION

Address    18 Holden St.  
Town       Kensington Park  
Postcode   5068  
Section    300  
Hundred    ADELAIDE  
County  
L.G.A.      BURNSIDE  
S.H.P. Region 2  
A.M.G. Ref.

SUBJECT    2.1  
              2.6

USE

PERIOD  
State

Study Area  
                  1881-1920

REFERENCES

Local History Collection Files (KGP 1 SU Rs)  
Warburton, pp. 246, 254

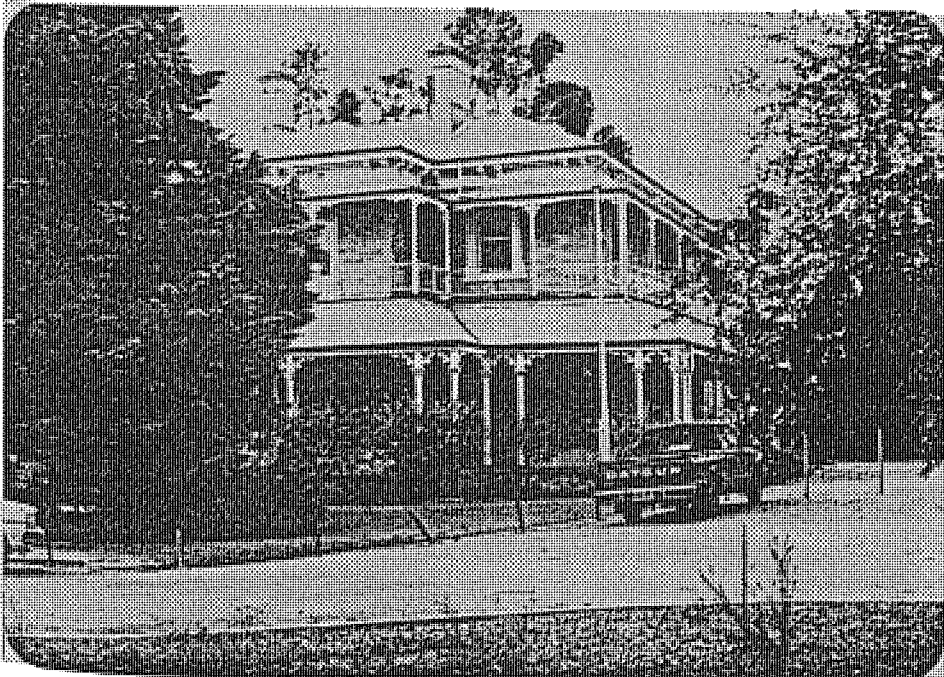
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TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature   
          Historical site   
          Historical Gdn.   
BUILDING   
STRUCTURE   
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH

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STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Items  
Reg.  Interim L   
Nominated  
National Estate  
Reg.  Proposed L   
National Trust  
CL  RL  File   
Other

LAND TITLE

4034/635

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State  (B) Local

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Date:            1987

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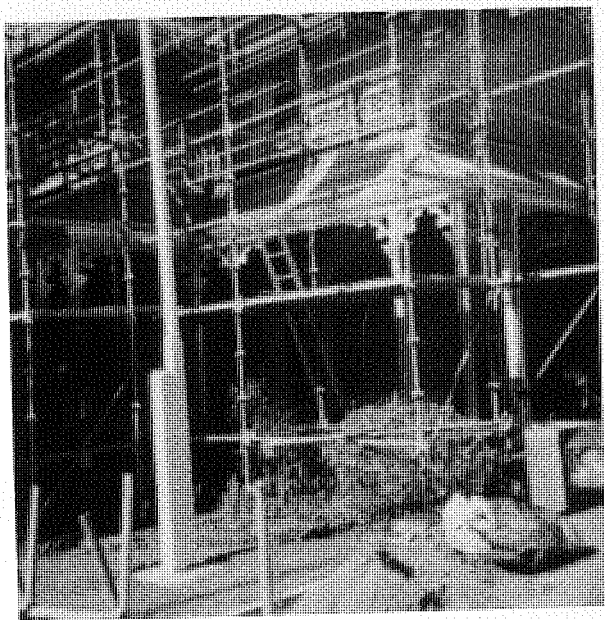


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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE ACT, 1978

*Entry of Items on the Register of State Heritage Items*

PURSUANT to the provisions of the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978, I, Susan Mary Lenehan, Minister for Environment and Planning and Minister for the time being administering the said Act, hereby give notice that I have entered on the Register of State Heritage Items the items described in the schedule hereunder.

Items listed in the schedule were previously placed on an Interim List in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978. Excepting items owned by the Crown and those within the area of the corporation of the city of Adelaide, the remaining items listed in The Schedule are subject to Part V of the Planning Act, 1982. That Act requires that no development, including demolition, conversion, alteration of, or addition to any item, is permitted without the written consent of the relevant Planning Authority. Items within the area of the corporation of the city of Adelaide are subject to the provisions of the City of Adelaide Development Control Act, 1976.

## THE SCHEDULE

Name	Address
Corporation of the City of Adelaide West Terrace Cemetery .....	West Terrace, Adelaide 5000. That area of land delineated in the First Schedule to the West Terrace Cemetery Act, 1976.
Educational Building—Bragg Laboratories .....	North Terrace, Adelaide 5000. University Reserve, Hundred of Adelaide.
Shop—Butcher Shop .....	288A-290 Rundle Street, Adelaide 5000. CT 4304/714, Lot 51, TA32, City of Adelaide.
District Council of Barmera Loveday Internment Camp Site .....	Thiele Road, Loveday 5345. 74/0700/0168, Section 168, Hundred of Loveday.
Corporation of the City of Burnside Dwelling .....	40 East Terrace, Kensington Gardens 5068. CT 3529/9, Part Lot 274, Section 270, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	14 Kennaway Street, Tusmore 5065. CT 1685/126, Lot 17, Section 291, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	50-52 Kensington Road, Rose Park 5067. CT 4201/66 and 67, Part Section 262, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	323 Portrush Road, Toorak Gardens 5065. CT 1957/139, Part Section 275, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	30 Rochester Street, Leabrook 5068. CT 4009/667, Part Lot 39, Section 298, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	1-3 Rodger Avenue, Leabrook 5068. CT 4146/165, Part Lot 57, Section 299, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	2 Rodger Avenue, Leabrook 5068. CT 4306/976, Part Section 299, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	4 Rodger Avenue, Leabrook 5068. CT 4306/977, Part Section 299, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	5 Rodger Avenue, Leabrook 5068. CT 4305/241, Part Lot 8, Section 299, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	6 Rodger Avenue, Leabrook 5068. CT 4308/919, Part Section 299, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	7 Rodger Avenue, Leabrook 5068. CT 4150/379, Part Lot 8, Section 299, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling .....	8 Rodger Avenue, Leabrook 5068. CT 4308/918, Part Section 299, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling and Garden—'Undelcarra' Complex and Garden .....	13 Undelcarra Road, Burnside 5066. CT 3610/6, Lot 16, Section 320, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling—Two Attached Houses .....	54/56 Kensington Road, Rose Park 5067. CT 1169/38, Part Lot 59, Section 262, Hundred of Adelaide.
Dwelling—'Ringmer' Complex .....	2 Ringmer Drive, Burnside 5066. CT 4074/64, Lot 209, Section 903, Hundred of Adelaide.
Eating House—'The Colonial', former store .....	10 Mount Barker Road, Glen Osmond 5064. CT 3815/48, Lot 157, Section 295, Hundred of Adelaide.
Educational Building—'Angove House' .....	14 Holden Street, Kensington Park 5068. CT 4034/644 and 643, Part Lot 17, Section 300, Hundred of Adelaide.
Former Dwelling—'Wooton Lea' and outbuildings .....	546 Portrush Road, Glen Osmond 5064. CT 3647/55, Lot 5, Section 294, Hundred of Adelaide.
Garden—'Soldiers Memorial Avenue' .....	Prescott Terrace, Toorak Gardens 5065. Road Reserve, Part Section 262 and Part Section 275, Hundred of Adelaide.
Garden—The Plantation .....	Alexandra Avenue, Rose Park 5067. Road Reserve, Section 262, Hundred of Adelaide.
Hospital—Queen Victoria Hospital (former Queens Home Building) .....	160 Fullarton Road, Rose Park 5067. CT 960/58, Part Lots 344 and 25, Section 262, Hundred of Adelaide.
Hotel—Former Burnside Hotel and Stable .....	33 High Street, Burnside 5066. CT 2535/107, Part Lot 1, Section 320, Hundred of Adelaide.
Hotel—Former Waterfall Gully Hotel and Stables .....	155 Waterfall Gully Road, Waterfall Gully 5066. CT 3809/77, Part Section 1002, Hundred of Adelaide.
Hotel—former 'Mountain Hut' .....	92 Mount Barker Road, Mount Osmond 5064. CT 2831/196, Lot 101, Part Section 1278, Hundred of Adelaide.
Mining Site—Magill Stone Mines .....	43-57 Wyfield Street, Magill 5072. CT 4151/214, 215, 216 and CT 4200/631, 632, 633 and CT 4286/708, 709, Lots 12, 13, 14, 112, 110, 118, 202, 201 Section 1083, Hundred of Adelaide.
Natural Feature—River Red Gum ( <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ) .....	Glynburn Road, Kensington Gardens 5068. Public Road Reserve, Section 270, Hundred of Adelaide.
Natural Feature—River Red Gum ( <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> ) .....	12 Heatherbank Terrace, Stonyfell 5066. CT 1312/38, Part Section 290, Hundred of Adelaide.
Office—Ipec Office .....	Units 1-8, 259 Glen Osmond Road, Frewville 5063. CT 4332/625-632, Part Section 265, Hundred of Adelaide.
Religious Building—Gartrell Memorial Church and Hall .....	61 Alexandra Avenue, Rose Park 5067. CT 4177/339, Sections 262 and 275, Hundred of Adelaide.