

ITEM NAME: *Fitzroy House***Description:**

A two-storey house on the scale of a colonial 'mansion', constructed of coursed sandstone. Quoins and surrounds to openings are of brick and there are moulded reliefs above windows and entrances. The Fitzroy Tce facade has prominent window bays extending to both stories and topped with a latticed parapet. Moulded, ornate gables rise above these bays. The house floor plan is of a t-shape. The main entrance is off Braund Rd and is enclosed by a portico.

Historical Summary:

Section 2065 was first granted to John Thorngate of Gosport, England in November 1839 and after the death of the last member of the Thorngate family in 1868, it became the property of Emanuel Churcher.

Few records remain of the origins of Fitzroy House. It was built in the late 1880s, probably by Sir Josiah Henry Symon, who owned the house in 1890 and until at least 1910. Symon was an extraordinarily good lawyer, a Q.C., an active politician and an ardent supporter of the Federation League, and was elected to the Senate in the first Commonwealth elections.

He owned the Auldana vineyards and Manoah at Upper Sturt. However, from the research available Fitzroy House was apparently built as his town house. The architect of the building is at present unknown.

Heritage Significance:

A superb piece of late nineteenth century architecture and arguably of the finest of its style in South Australia. Sir Josiah Symon was an eminent figure in late nineteenth—early twentieth century South Australia. His political expertise and his fine legal and literary mind made their mark on society.

The character of the house, its connection with Symon and its landmark character on the parklands frontage combine to make it an item of State significance.

References: PROSA, Dept Lands, notes on subdivisions, GRG35/584/1324/17
City of Prospect rate assessment books
H.T. Burgess, The Cyclopaedia of South Australia, vol. 1, p. 176

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Address: 20 Fitzroy Tce

Town: Fitzroy

Postcode:5082

Section: 2065 pts 8–11

Hundred: Yatala

County: Adelaide

L.G.A.: Prospect

S.H.P. Region: 2

A.M.G. Ref.

Subject: 2.2

Use:

Period—State: 1884–1900

Period—Local: 1870–1900

LAND Natural Feature:

LAND Historical site:

LAND Historical Gdn.

BUILDING: X

STRUCTURE:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Reg. of State Her. Items: Int. 37

National Estate:

National Trust:

Other:

LAND TITLE: CT 205262

RECOMMENDATION— State: X

Local:



Prospect Heritage Survey—Item Site Plan

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