

NAME: Carmelite Monastery**PLACE NO.:** 14274**Address:** 380 Glen Osmond Road, Myrtle Bank, SA, 5034**Land Description:** Lot 50, Section 270, Hundred Adelaide**Certificate of Title:** 5901/729

ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:**Description:**

The residence is treated in the modern domestic Gothic style of architecture and is of a religious character. It is constructed of Mitcham stone throughout with sandstone dressings, a central tower, terracotta mouldings and bluestone plinth. The front elevation is broken up with gables surmounted with Latin terracotta crosses and arcaded verandah with entrance porch. The building occupies a position on the higher grounds of the property which adjoined the former estate of Sir Thomas Elder.

Also known as the Carmelite Convent, the building was originally used as the residence of the Roman Catholic Archbishops of Adelaide. The second Archbishop of Adelaide, Archbishop John O'Reily purchased the grounds in Glen Osmond and commissioned Albert Selmar Conrad to design the house, for which he undertook to pay out of his own income. Conrad was a notable and well-travelled Adelaide architect of the Federation period who completed a number of diocesan works for the Roman Catholic Church.

Archbishop O'Reily moved into the residence in mid-1897 and his intention was for the house to be handed over to the archdiocese as a permanent home for the spiritual head. The house continued to be used in this manner until 1935 when it was passed over to the Carmelite nuns.

Substantial changes have occurred to the appearance of building from the entrance, as it has been incorporated into the new convent chapel.

Statement of Heritage Value:

The Carmelite Monastery is of considerable historical significance because of its original use as the residence of the Roman Catholic Archbishops of Adelaide. It is of additional importance as the convent of the contemplative order of Carmelite nuns, who took over the house in 1935. The original house still stands but its architectural integrity has been compromised by numbers of additions (City of Unley Heritage Survey 1985 Re-Assessment).

Relevant Criteria (Under Section 16 of the *Heritage Act 1993*):

- (e) *It demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particularly construction techniques or design characteristics; as an excellent example of domestic Gothic style architecture.*
- (g) *It has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance, as it was used as the residence of the early Catholic Archbishops of Adelaide. The building was established and paid for by the second Archbishop of Adelaide, Archbishop John O'Reily who played a major role in the advancement of Catholicism across South Australia.*

The building was also a major early work of Adelaide architect, Albert Selmar Conrad who completed a number of diocesan works for the Roman Catholic Church.

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EXTENT OF LISTING:

The building and curtilage. Later additions and alterations as a result of the construction of the chapel are not included.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Carmelite Monastery at 380 Glen Osmond Road, Myrtle Bank, remain as an entry in the State Heritage Register.

REFERENCES

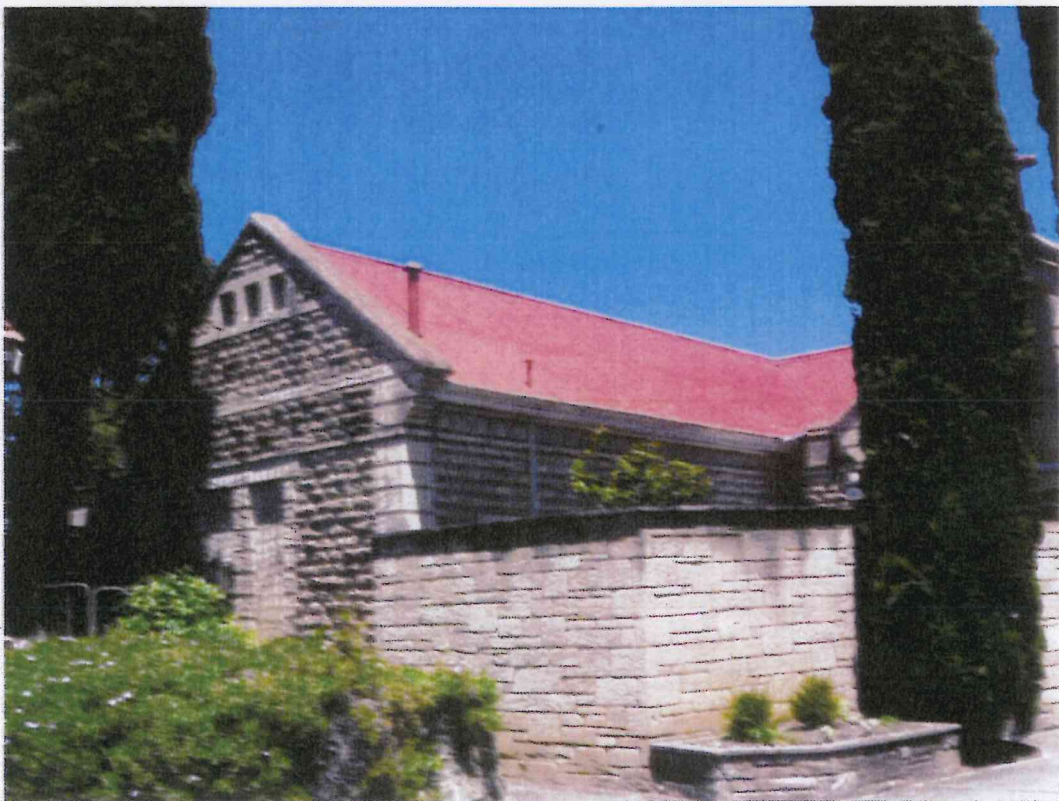
- *City of Unley Heritage Survey Re-Assessment, Donovan & Associates, 1985*
- *From our Broken Toll: South Australian Catholics 1836-1906, Margaret Press, 1986*
- *Albert Conrad's scrapbook, held at the offices of McDougall and Vines and obtained by Kate McDougall in discussions with Albert Conrad's son, Neville Conrad.*

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FORMER NAME:	<i>Archbishop's residence</i>
DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:	<i>Domestic gothic style masonry building</i>
DATE OF COMPLETION:	1897
REGISTER STATUS:	Description: <i>Confirmed</i> Date: <i>27 September 1990</i>
CURRENT USE:	Description: <i>Religious</i> Dates: <i>Construction to present</i>
PREVIOUS USE(S):	Description: <i>Religious</i> Dates:
ARCHITECT:	Name: <i>Albert S. Conrad</i> Dates: <i>1897</i>
BUILDER:	Name: <i>George Hudd</i> Dates: <i>1897</i>
SUBJECT INDEXING:	Group: <i>Religion</i> Category: <i>Monastery</i>
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:	Description: <i>Unley</i>
LOCATION:	Street No.: <i>380</i> Street Name: <i>Glen Osmond Road</i> Town/Suburb: <i>Myrtle Bank</i> Post Code: <i>5034</i> Region No.: Region Name:
LAND DESCRIPTION:	Title Type: <i>Certificate</i> Volume: <i>5901</i> Folio: <i>729</i> Lot No.: <i>50</i> Section: <i>270</i> Hundred: <i>Adelaide</i>
AMG REFERENCE:	Zone: <i>54</i> Northing: <i>6128350</i> Easting: <i>284650</i> Map Sheet No.: <i>6628</i> Map Scale: <i>1:100000</i>
OWNER:	Name: <i>Carmelite Nuns Incorporated</i> Address: Town/Suburb: Post Code:
PHOTOGRAPH:	Film No.: <i>Unknown</i>

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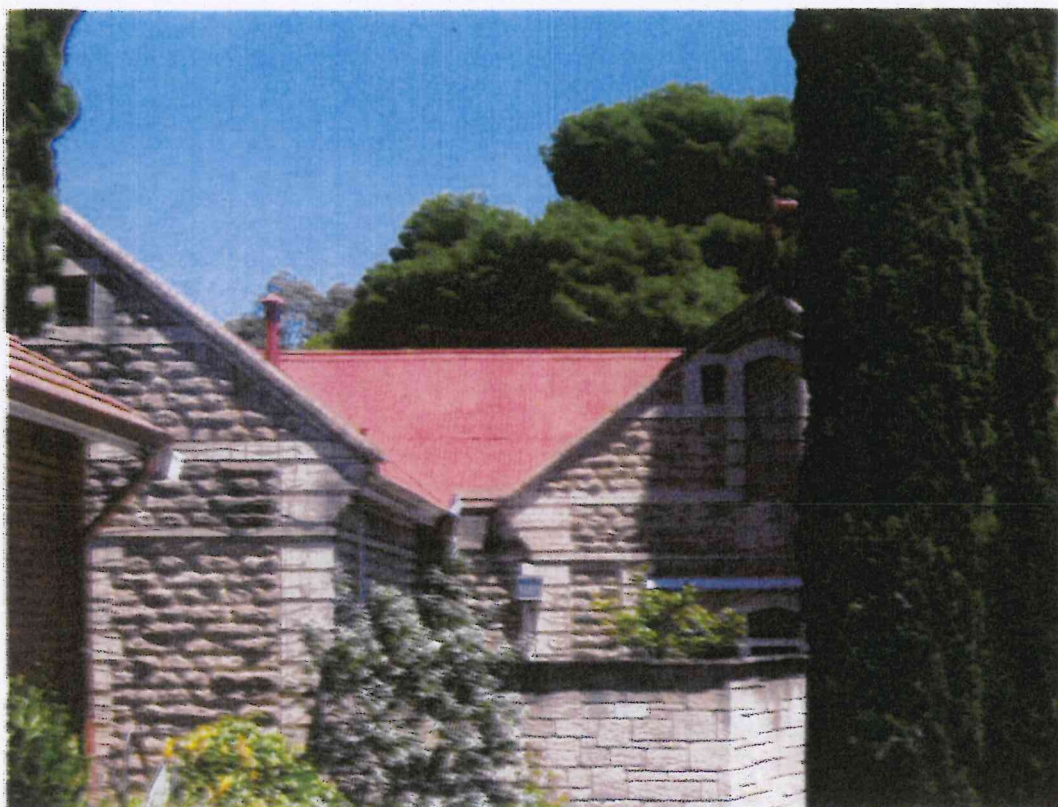
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Current views of Carmelite Monastery

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Religious ceremony at Archbishops House, Myrtle Bank
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