

District Council of

ROBERTSTOWN

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE LOWER NORTH



Department of Environment and Planning

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE LOWER NORTH

(REGION 8 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

PART TWO

15. D.C. ROBERTSTOWN

ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEETS

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HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8
Item Ref. No. 1

ITEM NAME:
Former or other Former Apoinga Hotel

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The Apoinga Hotel is the last substantial relic of the formerly thriving smelting township of Apoinga (see separate sheet - Apoinga smelter site).

Much of this building survives intact it seems, although the principal facade is obscured by creeper. In this facade are a number of French doors with half paned glassing and there is a large cellar. Part of the walling is half timbered, the remainder being of sandstone rubble. Timber shingles/palings remain below the present corrugated galvanised iron cladding.

LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
Section 1594
Hundred Apoinga
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6630-II
54 30890 624030

SUBJECT

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PERIOD
State

Study Area
1837-54

REFERENCES

Noye, "Chronicle of history", pp.13-14 and "Dictionary of Local History", p.4.

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 292 Negative No. 1
Direction of view to SE



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

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

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PROJECT
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Item Ref. No. 2

ITEM NAME: Apoinga Shelter Site
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

These remains consist of slag heaps, piles of fire bricks, numerous depressions in the ground and what would appear to be the base of the fluming stack. These are the relics of a highly significant industry; the first smelting of copper ore in the Lower North. Burra ore was at first carted to Adelaide and thence to overseas smelters. Messrs. Penny and Owen decided to establish a South Australian smelter. They were attracted to Tothill's Scrub (Apoinga) because of the forest of gums available for fuel. In 1848 the smelter was built, valued at £10,000. In 1849 the first copper was produced (some months before Burra's smelter) and the newspapers hailed "a new era in metallurgy".

By 1851 fifty tons of high quality copper per week were being produced, with four furnaces in constant use. The works by then supported a population of about 100, living in Apoinga. The town included an hotel (see separate sheet), shops and about thirty houses. Most of the workers were wood-cutters. When South Australian mines were first deserted for the Victorian goldfields, the Apoinga works continued, as there was ore enough to smelt and the men were under contract. But the men dumped much of the good copper so that receipts dropped, the works closed and they were free to leave. The smelter was re-used only for a short period some years later, and Apoinga has been long deserted.

REFERENCES

Noye, "Dictionary of local history", p.4;
Noye, "Apoinga - first smelter in the north", in "Chronicle of history", pp.13-15

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 291 Negative No. 15
Direction of view to E



LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
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Hundred Apoinga
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
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54 30930 624010

SUBJECT

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PERIOD
State

Study Area
1837-54

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☒
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☐
STRUCTURE ☒

PHYSICAL CONDITION
Archaeological site

STATUS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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Item Ref. No. 3

ITEM NAME: Former Stony Gap School and Bible
Christian Chapel
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This building probably dates from the early 1860s (the Gazetteer describes a Government School of 30 pupils at Stony Gap). It was also used for Bible Christian services and was probably leased by the Government from the congregation.

LOCATION
Address Turner's Road
Town Stony Gap
Postcode
Section 92
Hundred Apoinga
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6630-II

SUBJECT

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PERIOD
State

Study Area
1855-68

REFERENCES

Bailliere's, South Australian Gazetteer..., p.238

Verbal Ian Auhl, 1982
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH
Direction of view

Film No.

Negative No.

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

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State ☐ (B) Local ☒

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PROJECT
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Item Ref. No. 4

ITEM NAME: Former Apoinga D.C. Office
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This small structure constructed of sandstone rubble has buttressed walling and a chimney topped in stone. Possibly initially a school, the first meeting of the District Council of Apoinga was held there in 1873. The building later became the Council offices, until the amalgamation with the District Council of Robertstown in 1932.

The building is a picturesque local landmark and one of the district's earliest surviving buildings.

LOCATION
Address

Town Apoinga
Postcode
Section Pt. 272
Hundred Apoinga
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6630-II
54 31320 624730

SUBJECT
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3.3

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1855-68

REFERENCES

Robertstown centenary;
S.A. Archives, "Robertstown"

Verbal Dudley Ruediger, 1981
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 292 Negative No. 2
Direction of view to S



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

RECOMMENDATION
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Item Ref. No.5

ITEM NAME: Burra Creek Gorge
Former or other World's End Gorge

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

A picturesque and well-known rocky gorge, this area has long been used as a picnic spot. Numerous photographs taken there by visitors since the late nineteenth century attest to its popularity.

LOCATION
Address World's End
Town
Postcode
Section Rec.Res.244
Hundred Bright
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6730-III
54 31800 625450

SUBJECT

1.5

PERIOD
State

Study Area

REFERENCES

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☒
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☐
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION ☐

Archival photographs Auhl, Burra and district. A pictorial memoir, pp. 104, 205

PHOTOGRAPH Auhl, Burra..., p.205 (1905)

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

RECOMMENDATION

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HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

PROJECT
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Item Ref. No. 6

ITEM NAME: "World's End" Station ruins
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is an extensive complex of ruins, including the home-
stead, men's quarters, underground tank and stone garden
walling. World's End is typical of the large pastoral
stations which were established in isolated parts of the
Region during the first period of settlement. Donald
McDonald had taken up the World's End Run by 1853, and the
surviving ruins appear to date from this period.

The picturesque site has also long been associated with the
popular picnic spot Burra Creek Gorge, which is overlooked
by World's End.

LOCATION
Address World's End
Town
Postcode
Section 77
Hundred Bright
County
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S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6730-III
54 31840 625450

SUBJECT
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PERIOD
State

Study Area
1837-54

REFERENCES

Ngaiawang Folk Province, p.89

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☒
PHYSICAL CONDITION
Ruin

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 265 Negative No. 13
Direction of view to N



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

RECOMMENDATION
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Item Ref. No. 8

ITEM NAME: Swing Bridge
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The wrought iron swing suspension bridge with timber deck, hangs between two large red gums. Unusual features are the cantilevered walkways, circumnavigating the large gum trunks at each end of the bridge.

The bridge was erected by the Apoinga Council c. 1892, for use by children to reach the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the World's End School (1889) north of the Burra Creek.

Although the original approach steps and a simple cable hung section to the north are missing, the original wrought iron structure of the main span remains and is a rare if not unique heritage item.

LOCATION

Address Burra Creek
Town World's End
Postcode
Section Rec. Res. 244
Hundred Bright
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6730-III
54 32030 625450

SUBJECT

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4.10

PERIOD

State

Study Area
1885-1904

REFERENCES

Auhl, Burra and district..., p.77

Verbal Mrs. J. Rooke, 1982

Archival photographs Mrs. J. Rooke; Film 266, Neg. 5

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING

STRUCTURE ☒

PHYSICAL CONDITION

Good, incomplete

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 266

Negative No. 1

Direction of view to W



STATUS

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

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Item Ref. No. 12

ITEM NAME: "The Gums" Station complex
Former or other "Burra Creek Run"

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Robert James Martin McBride began his career as a pastoralist by purchasing the leasehold of 200 square miles, called the Burra Creek Run, in 1859. Situated on the Murray Flats and adjoining the North West Bend Station, McBride renamed the property "The Gums" (large, now dead, gums mark the wide extent of Burra Creek floodwaters). McBride fenced, sank wells and erected buildings and settled there for about 20 years: it is likely that the substantial homestead and the outbuildings date from his occupation, c.1859, or the early 1860s.

The property was bought by Thomas Henry Pearse in 1895, and continued to be held by the Pearse family.

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Address

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Section 121
Hundred Bunday
County
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S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6730-II

SUBJECT
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PERIOD
State

Study Area
1855-68

REFERENCES

Auhl, Burra and district..., p.50;
Bailliere's South Australian Gazetteer..., p.290;
Cyclopedia of S.A., pp.460, 462

Ian Auhl, 1982 (Pearse family will be writing
Verbal history)
Archival photographs Auhl, p.50 (homestead, c.1910)

PHOTOGRAPH Auhl, Burra and district..., p.50

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

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

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Item Ref. No.15

ITEM NAME: Former Church and School
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The foundation stone of this building was laid on 30th August 1871. It was built as a Bible Christian Chapel on land previously owned by Malcolm Spence and was used as a church only until 1880 although remaining in Bible Christian use until 1886.

While in the ownership of John and James Farley, it was rented as a school by the Education Department from 1890 for approximately four years, after which the enrolment moved to West Robertstown School.

LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
Section 129W
Hundred English
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref.6729-IV

SUBJECT

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PERIOD
State

Study Area
1869-84

REFERENCES

Verbal Dudley Ruediger, 1983
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM

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

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. Negative No.
Direction of view

STATUS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

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Item Ref. No. 16

ITEM NAME: Former Shop
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is a well-preserved example of an early twentieth century shop front. The building is constructed of stone and brick.

LOCATION Address

Town Point Pass
Postcode
Section 176
Hundred English
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6729-IV

SUBJECT

4.6

PERIOD State

Study Area
1905-28

REFERENCES

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 295 Negative No. 5
Direction of view to N



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

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PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8
Item Ref. No.17

ITEM NAME: Stolz's Hotel
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The hotel is of typical low-set simple construction with parapet. It appears to date from the 1870s, which was the period of closer settlement in this district.

The hotel also forms part of an historical streetscape, lying alongside the attached shops (item no. 18) and in turn, the half-round storage shed (no. 19).

LOCATION

Address

Town Point Pass
Postcode
Section 182
Hundred English
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6729-IV

SUBJECT

4.6

PERIOD

State

Study Area
1869-84

REFERENCES

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 295 Negative No. 3
Direction of view to SE



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

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Item Ref. No. 19

ITEM NAME: Storage Shed
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Despite having been unsympathetically enlarged, this shed retains its distinctive half round galvanised iron roof. Such buildings are now scarce in the Region.

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S.H.P. Region 8
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State

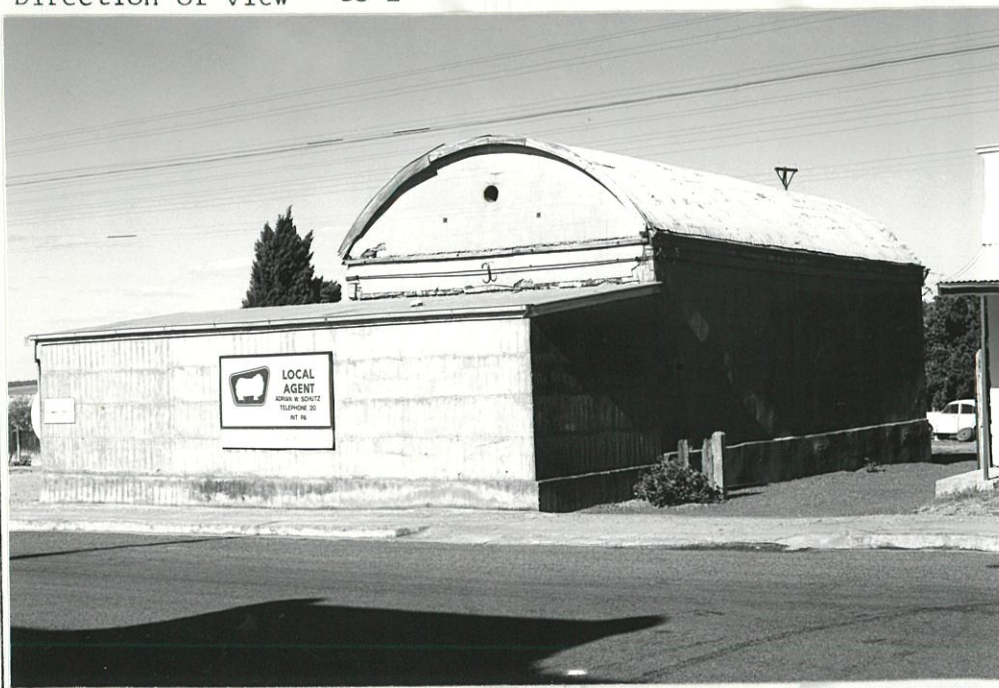
Study Area

REFERENCES

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 295 Negative No. 4
Direction of view to E



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

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Item Ref. No. 19(a)
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Illustration also shows
Item No. 18.

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Negative No. 15
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Film No.
Negative No.
Direction of view

Film No.
Negative No.
Direction of view

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Item Ref. No. 20

ITEM NAME: Former Point Pass School
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This building appears to date from the 1870s. It has been well-maintained and with St. Peters Church (item no. 21) forms part of an interesting historical group.

LOCATION
Address

Town Point Pass
Postcode
Section 181
Hundred English
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
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PERIOD
State

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REFERENCES

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 294 Negative No. 14
Direction of view to S



STATUS

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

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PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8
Item Ref. No. 21

ITEM NAME: St. Peter's Lutheran Church and
Former or other Manse

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is a good, well-maintained example of the small Lutheran Churches built by deeply religious local communities. It was probably built during the 1870s, about the same time as Immanuel Church (see separate sheet).

The Church is neatly constructed of local stone, and with its adjacent manse and cemetery, forms a significant heritage group.

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Address

Town Point Pass
Postcode
Section 181
Hundred English
County
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S.H.P. Region 8
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PERIOD
State

Study Area
1869-84

REFERENCES

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 294 Negative No.12
Direction of view to E



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

RECOMMENDATION
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PROJECT
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Item Ref. No. 22

ITEM NAME: Immanuel Lutheran Church Complex
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This building complex is a major feature both in the town and in the Lutheran heritage of S.A., as it was the foundation site of the well-known Immanuel College.

The substantial Church was built in 1876, replacing the first Church built by the congregation in 1871. The Church is of stone, with a spire which is unusual in this area. The manse was completed in 1878 (until then the pastor and his wife had lived in the vestry).

D.H. Lemke built the organ in 1876, this being one of the few Lemke organs in its original site.

A large school (demolished: the dormitory and boarding house building survives) was built to serve the congregation in 1883 and was established as Immanuel College by Pastor Leidig in 1895. This College also trained teachers for Lutheran Day Schools. The College was transferred to North Adelaide in 1922, and to its present site at Novar Gardens in 1957.

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Address

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SUBJECT

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PERIOD
State

Study Area
1869-84

REFERENCES

Brief outline of the history of the Lutheran Church, Point Pass, 1869-1969;
National Trust, 837;
Ngaiawang Folk Province, pp.201-205;
Naylor, S.A. Pipe Organs, p.17

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 294 Negative No. 6
Direction of view to E



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

RECOMMENDATION

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Item Ref. No. 22(a)

L.G.A. Robertstown

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(College)

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Negative No.
Direction of view

Film No.
Negative No.
Direction of view

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PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No. 24

ITEM NAME: House
Former or other Ruediger House

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the first houses built in Robertstown area, the "town" having grown about a store and residence from about 1874. Mining families moved into the surrounding area during the early 1870s, as the Burra mines began to produce less copper. Other settlers - mostly German - moved north from the Barossa.

This is a typical stone farmhouse of that early '70's period and for that district.

LOCATION
Address

Town Nr. Robertstown
Postcode
Section 125
Hundred English
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6730-III

SUBJECT

2.2

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1869-84

REFERENCES

Ruediger family history;
Robertstown Centenary;
S.A. Archives notes on Robertstown

Verbal Dudley Ruediger, 1981
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☒

STRUCTURE ☐

PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No.

Negative No.

Direction of view

STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Items

Reg. ☐ Interim L. ☐

Nominated ☐

National Estate

Reg. ☐ Proposed L. ☐

National Trust

CL ☐ RL ☐ File ☐

Other

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PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No.26

ITEM NAME: House
Former or other Rieschech Saddlery

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This building was established as a saddlery and bootmaker's workshop in 1882 by Rieschech. An experienced leatherworker named Maloney was employed there. The building was later run as a general store by Mr. Westphalen and then also by Mr. Westphalen as a butter factory. In 1908 an award was won at the London Trade Fair for his butter. The store closed in c.1914 and has been occupied as a residence since then.

LOCATION
Address

Town Robertstown
Postcode
Section 110
Hundred English
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6730-III

SUBJECT

2.2
4.5

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1869-84

REFERENCES

Verbal Dudley Ruediger, 1983
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. Negative No.
Direction of view

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

RECOMMENDATION

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PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No.27

ITEM NAME: Eudunda Farmers Store
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Situated on a prominent corner position, this store is an excellent example of early twentieth century country stores. It appears to have been built c.1912, at approximately the same time as the new section of the Roberts store. The two stores being features of the town streetscape.

LOCATION
Address

Town Robertstown
Postcode
Section
Hundred English
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
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SUBJECT

4.6

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1905-28

REFERENCES

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☒

STRUCTURE ☐

PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 294 Negative No. 9
Direction of view to N



STATUS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No. 28

ITEM NAME: Former Shop
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This former bootmaker's shop was built c.1914 and is constructed of galvanised iron. It is a good example of such buildings erected in small country towns in the early years of the twentieth century. It forms an interesting contrast in scale and materials with the nearby Eudunda Farmers store of the same period.

LOCATION Address

Town Robertstown
Postcode
Section 122
Hundred English
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6730-III

SUBJECT

4.6
4.10

PERIOD State

Study Area
1905-28

REFERENCES

Verbal Dudley Ruediger, 1983
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 294 Negative No. 10
Direction of view to W



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

RECOMMENDATION

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PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No. 29

ITEM NAME: Former Roberts' Store
Former or other General Store; attached shops

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Roberts' store was the stimulus for and the focal point of Robertstown. As the surrounding Emu Flats area was increasingly populated during the 1860s and early 1870s, John Roberts a store-keeper of Koorunga (Burra) carted supplies to the district. He eventually established the store and house in the "town" c.1874. Postal services were started there in 1874 and the town was gazetted as Roberts Town.

The shop is an excellent example of its type: the first store has a low verandah and a largely original interior. The house is connected. The store is attached to a larger 1912 shop in good original condition, forming an interesting contrasting pair. The store remained in the Roberts family until c.1974, when it was taken over by Merv Lehman.

LOCATION Address

Town Robertstown
Postcode
Section 121
Hundred English
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6730-III
54 32260 623710

SUBJECT

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PERIOD State

Study Area
1869-84
1905-28

REFERENCES
Robertstown, p.23;
S.A. Archives, Research notes on Robertstown

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

Verbal Dudley Ruediger, 1983
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 294 Negative No. 8
Direction of view to E



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

RECOMMENDATION

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PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8
Item Ref. No.30

ITEM NAME: House
Former or other Albert Reimann House

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This building was the home of Albert Day and was built in approximately 1870, being one of the first in Robertstown. Albert Day was a blacksmith and wheelwright with his workshop at the main road corner on Section 110. Part of this still stands behind a recently constructed house.

The old house is presently owned by Albert Reimann. It is a scarce surviving example of the early dwellings of Emu Plains (later Robertstown).

LOCATION Address

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Postcode
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County
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SUBJECT

2.2
4.5

PERIOD State

Study Area
1869-84

REFERENCES

Verbal Dudley Ruediger, 1983
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐

PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. Negative No.
Direction of view

STATUS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No. 32

ITEM NAME: Farm Complex
Former or other Roedemski farm

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is an unusually complete 19th century farm group with extensive straw-roofed sheds, maintained by the present owner, who continues to live and farm in that tradition (using horses and without electricity).

The farm appears to date from the 1870s, when the district was first closely settled.

LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
Section 132
Hundred Bower
County
L.G.A. Robertstown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6730-III

SUBJECT
4.1
4.10

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1869-84

REFERENCES

Verbal Dudley Ruediger, 1982 (re owner, Harold Schmidt)
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH
Direction of view

Film No.

Negative No.

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

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