District Council of SNOWTOWN

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

17. D.C. SNOWTOWN

ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEETS


Adelaide, 1983.

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**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Underground tank

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This large stone lined underground water catchment was constructed by the pastoral lessee, John Ellis (lease 124) prior to the resumption of the land by the government in the late 1860s. The area of 22 acres including the tank was dedicated as Water Reserve No. 2 in 1889 and later leased to the Cummins family, who settled on nearby land in 1871. The tank is of irregular shape and approximately 10 metres long and 2 metres deep. It is in sound condition and an unusual surviving relic of the pastoral era of the district.

**REFERENCES**

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.9, 57-58

Verbal M.L. Burns, 1981

Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Jones, Snowtown..., p.58

Sketch by Miss Marie Cummins.

**PROJECT**

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No. 1

Office Use

ITEM No.

DOCKET No.

**LOCATION**

Address

Town

Postcode

Section 795

Hundred Barunga

County

L.G.A. Snowtown

S.H.P. Region 8

A.M.G. Ref.6530-IV

54 23870 627410

**SUBJECT**

4.1

4.9

**PERIOD**

State

Study Area

1855-68

**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

S.A. Highways Dept.

Instit. of Engineers

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local

PREPARED BY

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1982
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This circular stone tank is a typical but neglected example of the district's early water storage facilities. It is situated close beside the former major north-south stock route and main road, now National Highway One.

**REFERENCES**

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 578 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
S.A. Highways Dept. □
Instit. of Engineers □

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State □ (B) Local □
PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Despite the lack of water in this area, pastoralists took up occupation from the 1840s, the first being Capt. John Ellis (1845). His lease 124 was a vast 251 square miles and was run from the head station at Barunga. This (the present homestead) was described by the Surveyor General, Goyder in 1864 as a "substantial 9 roomed stone house and cellar, newly built..." It was built in the early 1860s.

Nearby stone outbuildings built at the same time include a blacksmith and carpenter's shop (later trapshed and station store). The present stone shearing shed was built as shearers quarters, permanent staff rooms, dormitory and dining rooms, during the 1880s.

When this and adjacent land was resumed and sold in and after 1869 most of it was bought by John Maslin and Robert Barr Smith and worked as one grazing property, called the Hummocks Station. The present homestead became the head station and Maslin's residence.

Sold in 1918 and resurveyed in 1920, the Hummocks Estate became one of the most successful soldier settlement projects after World War I.

REFERENCES

Jones, Snowtown... pp.7, 9, 296-298, 301,302, 306-307; S.A. Archives, Research Note 531; 1324/180

Verbal
Archival photographs Jones, p.297 (homestead), 301 (shearers' quarters)

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 578 Negative No. 3
Direction of view to S (shearing shed)
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

Salt-licks for stock are made from the salt from this lake; these go all over the State and Interstate. It is called Saldis, and is made by McNamara.

Mrs. M. Jenkins' grandfather, Mr. Lemon, lost an old white horse in the lake when it was sucked down by quicksand on the western side.

**REFERENCES**

Jones, *Snowtown...,* pp.230-38, passim

Verbal Mrs. M. Jenkins, M. Burns, 1981
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 260  Negative No. 9
Direction of view to SE

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed
National Trust
CL RL File
Other
S.A. Highways Dept.
Instit. of Engineers

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State (B) Local
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This square ironstone tank was probably constructed by the pastoral lessee, John Ellis (lease 124) prior to the resumption of the land by the government in the late 1860s. John Ellis' head station "Bumbunga" was situated nearby on section 569. The tank is a landmark beside the Main North Road and an interesting relic surviving from the pastoral era of the district.

REFERENCES

Jones, Snowtown..., p.9;
Nicholls, By the waterhole, p.2

Verbal Robert Turner, 1981
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 578 Negative No. 4
Direction of view to NW
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This large salt lake is a dramatic landmark lying near Highway One at Lochiel, with its unusual pink colouring and wide expanse.

The shallow lake's potential as a salt site was recognised as early as 1868, although a lease was not taken up until 1881. This was worked by evaporation at the northern end of the lake (evaporation pans, furnaces, tank and men's quarters were located on sections 646 and 652). By 1883 production was 6 to 8 tons of salt per day.

By 1910 there were at least 3 lease-holders scraping thousands of tons of salt when the lake dried up (usually December). The Australian Salt Company was established in 1913, with works north of Lochiel. The salt was refined at Pt. Wakefield.

The Company, liquidated c.1922, was replaced by the present Australian Salt Company, formed in 1924. Since 1930 this Company has held all the lake leases and operates from the works established north of Lochiel by the original Company (little, if nothing of the original salt works survives). Lochiel itself developed slowly with the industry, its survival in the 20th century being almost totally dependent on the salt harvesting.

**REFERENCES**

Jones, *Snowtown...*, pp.10, 230-238, 317;
Nicholls, *By the Waterhole...*, pp.7, 16-21

Archival photographs Jones, p.233; Nicholls, pp.17-20

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 578  Negative No. 5

Direction of view to S
South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The lake also has a long history of other uses, for example, there are fresh water wells all around the edge of the lake, which encouraged early pastoral settlement. Also of particular interest is the use of the island (near the top end of the lake) as a burial place. Mrs. Longmire (the publican's wife) who died in 1865 is reputed to be buried there and it was still in use in 1880. Mr. E. Thomas was told by his mother she went to funerals on the island (about 90 years ago). As horse and dray could not cross the salt, pall bearers had to carry the coffin, resting it occasionally on two chairs also carried along. About 1900 Mr. Thomas (aged c.10 years) found 14 depressions in the ground on the island, which he assumed were graves.

REFERENCES

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 578
Direction of view to N
Negative No. 7

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed
National Trust
CL RL File
Other
S.A. Highways Dept.
Instit. of Engineers

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date:

LOCATION
Address
Town
Postcode
Section
Hundred
County
L.G.A.
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref.

SUBJECT

PERIOD
State
Study Area

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION
PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8
Item Ref. No. 9(b)
L.G.A. Snowtown

Film No. 578
Negative No. 6
Direction of view to N

Film No. 262
Negative No. 14
Direction of view to E
**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Lake View Hotel  
Former or other Traveller's Home

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**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

While the facade of this old hotel has been "modernized", the original building survives (the outside walls: the interior division walls of pug were replaced with stone and the hotel has been altered and extended frequently).

"Longmire's Inn" was for many years the only sign of civilization at this locality, having been licensed in 1863 by Hiram Longmire, officially known as the "Traveller's Home." Aptly-named, the inn was sited by Longmire at the intersection of two stock routes, which had been developed by use during the early pastoral era. It was also the intersection of tracks from Kadina to Clare and Port Wakefield to Crystal Brook and "many unscheduled calls were paid... by teamsters who were carting copper from Burra Mines via Salt Lake to Port Wakefield for shipping." The original inn contained 8 rooms, behind which was a store, stables and yard. When Lochiel was surveyed in 1869 these buildings were the only ones in the vicinity, and were chosen as the north-east corner of the town. The inn had been erected with permission on leasehold land, and so was now (1870) resumed and sold by the government. The name was changed to "Lake View Hotel" in 1909.

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**REFERENCES**

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.37, 39, 40, 118, 121-122;  
Nicholls, By the Waterhole..., pp.5, 28-29 (quote, p.28)

Verbal Michael McCormack, 1982  
Archival photographs

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**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 578  
Negative No. 8

Direction of view to SW

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**LOCATION**

Address Lot 20 Frances Tce.  
Town Lochiel  
Postcode  
Section  
Hundred Cameron  
County L.G.A. Snowtown  
S.H.P. Region 8  
A.M.G. Ref.6530-III  
54 23740 624220

**SUBJECT**

4.6

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**PERIOD**

State  
Study Area  
1855-68

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**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature  
Historical site  
Historical Gdn.  
Building  
Structure

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**


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**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items  
Reg. InterimL  
Nominated  
National Estate  
Reg. Proposed L  
National Trust  
CL RL File  
Other  
S.A. Highways Dept.  
Instit. of Engineers

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**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State  
(B) Local X

**PREPARED BY**

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS  
Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

"Apparently, the need for such a building did not arise until the early 1900's, as a public meeting was not called until March 1909 to consider ways and means of erecting an Institute and Hall". This hall was built in 1910 by Martin Brothers of Kadina, and it was opened in 1911. The building is a typical small public hall, of limestone and brick, with several subsequent additions (including a section commemorating the State Centenary, in 1936, and a 1978 section).

**REFERENCES**

Jones, Snowtown..., p.122;
Nicholls, *By the Waterhole...*, pp.25-26

Verbal
Archival photographs Jones, p.123 (1910)
HEIRITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The limestone and brick shop has retained its original form and doors and windows, and is a typical country general store, which has since its construction provided a wide variety of goods and services for the town.

The town of Lochiel was slow to start developing, and there was no general store established there until the 1880s. The present store was built in 1910 by J.H. Nicholls. As late as 1939 store provisions were brought by sea to Port Wakefield and then by road. A large cellar (to the north of the shop) was built for use as a butter factory by Nicholls around 1900.

The shop also acted as post office, telephone exchange and bank agency. "Almost everything that the early settler required was sold at the store".

The separate residence (on lot 11) was built for the storekeeper in 1902 by a Balaklava builder, M. Clements.

REFERENCES

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.118-121;
Nicholls, By the Waterhole..., pp. 23, 29-30 (land quote)

Verbal
Archival photographs Jones, Snowtown, p.120 (c.1910)

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 578  Negative No. 13
Direction of view to W

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State  (B) Local X

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Date: 1983
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<td>This small, typical State School was built in 1927 on donated land. It was located a short distance from its predecessor (see separate sheet), which had been privately built and was deemed too small, dark and ill-ventilated by school inspectors. The third Sunny Hill school built, of stone and brick accommodated about 30 local children, but was eventually closed (in 1969) due to the declining rural population which has characterised the entire state.</td>
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HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE
This history of this building and the subsequent school building (see separate sheet) is a faithful reflection of the histories of the large number of small schools which were established in town and countryside not only in the Snowtown district but throughout the region. Generally classes were first held in private houses; they were then shifted to small schoolrooms often provided by the landowner; these in turn were succeeded by "proper" schools established by the Education Department, which, with declining attendances, were closed in their turn.

Mr. R. Cowley provided a room for a school at his farmhouse in 1895, which was named Sunny Hill School in 1896. He built this school room as a separate stone building in 1905. It has only two windows and was very dark inside. Despite this it was used as a school until the third Sunny Hill School was opened in 1924 (see separate sheet). Many social functions were also held in this 1905 building, including fundraising functions during World War I.

REFERENCES
Jones, Snowtown..., pp.128-129, 99;
Nicholls, By the Waterhole..., pp.42-43

Verbal Michael McCormack, 1982
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH Jones, Snowtown..., p.128
HERITAGE SURVEY
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Farm Complex
Former or other "Uplands"

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This property was amongst the first sections in the Hundred of Cameron to be sold in 1869. Along with sections 1, 10 and 11 it was purchased by John Henry Curnow and it is believed that the present buildings date from this period. The property was later owned by Robert Uppill and named "Uplands" by him. The farmhouse is an excellent example of the early vernacular construction of the district, including rooms of pug and pine as well as pug and stone. An interesting feature is the large number of massive stone chimneys which were constructed progressively as the small homestead grew. Of additional interest to the complex is a large oval shaped stone lined underground tank.

REFERENCES

S.A. Archives 1324/180
Nicholls, By the Waterhole..., p. 6

Verbal Ron Catford, 1982
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 578 Negative No. 15
Direction of view to SW

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8
Item Ref. No. 16

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

LOCATION
Address
Town
Postcode
Section 13
Hundred Cameron
County
L.G.A. Snowtown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6530-III
54 24100 623640

SUBJECT
2.2
4.10

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1869-84

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.

BUILDING
STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION
Fair

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim
Nomination
National Estate
Reg. Proposed
National Trust
CL RL File
Other
S.A. Highways Dept.
Instit. of Engineers

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State [X] (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
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HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This property was first purchased by G. Herbert in 1874. The present building is believed to date from that time. It was later owned by Robert Uppill and named "Treloar" by him. The farmhouse is an excellent example of the early vernacular construction of the district. It consists of a pug and pine building of two rooms with a large stone chimney at each end. The structure is in original form and in fair condition, being a scarce example in the Region of this form of construction.

REFERENCES

Verbal Ron Catford, 1983
Archival photographs

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
S.A. Highways Dept.
Instit. of Engineers

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Snowtown Uniting Church

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The Snowtown Methodist Church was opened 9 September 1909. It was built and designed by C.H. Coltman (the organist and choirmaster) on the site originally occupied by the flour mill of Duffield & Co.

Previous to this another, smaller, Bible Christian Church had served the populace, from as early as 1880, on lot 58.

The present Church, as well as the nearby Catholic Church are imposing landmarks in Snowtown.

**REFERENCES**

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.203-7;
S.A. Archives, Research Note 531

Verbal
Archival photographs Jones, p.204

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 262 Negative No. 11

Direction of view to N

**LOCATION**

Address: Lot 161
Town: Snowtown
Postcode: 
Section: 
Hundred: Barunga
County: 
L.G.A.: Snowtown
S.H.P. Region: 8
A.M.G. Ref.: 6530-III

**SUBJECT**

2.5

**PERIOD**

State Study Area: 1905-28

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.

BUILDING

STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

Good

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate Reg. Proposed L
National Trust CL RL File
Other
S.A. Highways Dept.
Instit. of Engineers

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State (B) Local

**PREPARED BY**

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1981
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The foundation stone, 11 Aug. 1935, was laid by Archbishop Andrew Killian of Adelaide, opening in 1936. The architect was Mr. Jory, who did all such work for the Roman Catholic Church at that time. The builder was H.R. Barber of Adelaide at a tender price of £3,115 the money having been raised over a period of several years of sports and social events and donations (to replace the old Church).

This attractive Church is a rare example in the region of a major brick building. Its exterior appears largely intact but the interior was updated in the early 1970s, the main section affected being the sanctuary.

This and the nearby Uniting Church are imposing landmarks in Snowtown.

**REFERENCES**

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.207-9

Verbal
Archival photographs Jones, pp.209, 210 (interior)

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 262  Negative No. 8

Direction of view to W

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim. Nominal
National Estate
Reg. Proposed
National Trust
CL RL File
Other
S.A. Highways Dept.
Instit. of Engineers

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State
(B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1981
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This is a typical weatherboard house; probably built for McLeod, a wheat buyer, c. 1905 (Mrs. E. Thomas remembers it being built when she was a small girl).

**REFERENCES**

Verbal Mrs. E. Thomas, R. Turner, 1981
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 262  Negative No. 5
Direction of view to W
**ITEM NAME:** House  

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This house was built in 1923 in small fluted galvanised iron, with four rooms. The cost was £460.

It was first built for Mrs. M. Jenkins and her late husband and is a good example of houses of its type, many of which cannot be as precisely dated.

**REFERENCES**

Verbal Mrs. M. Jenkins (owner), 1981  
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**  
Film No. 262  
Negative No. 1  
Direction of view to N

**LOCATION**

Address: Lot 219  
Town: Snowtown  
Postcode:

**PERIOD**

State: Study Area  
1905-28

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND  
Natural feature  
Historical site  
Historical Gdn.

STRUCTURE  
X

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

Excellent

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items  
Reg. Interim  
Nomination

National Estate  
Reg. Proposed

National Trust  
CL  RL  File

Other

S.A. Highways Dept.  
Instit. of Engineers

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State  
(B) Local

**PREPARED BY**

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1981
A Heritage Survey Item Identification Sheet for the Snowtown Memorial Hall & Institute.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The Hd of Barunga was surveyed and proclaimed in 1869; the township itself was not surveyed and proclaimed until 1878; thereafter a brief and rapid development occurred in the late 1870s to early 1880s, when nearly all the nineteenth century shops and public buildings were erected.

The Institute was established in 1880; extant building opened in September 1881; builders Tate & Stephens; main function of the original was as a library: it held 500 books in 1882; additions 1885, 1895 and 1911; the new library erected in 1911 was demolished in 1925 to make way for the Memorial Hall. This was opened in May, 1925 by Maj. W.F. McCann. From 1895 until 1903 the District Council met in the Institute room, built in 1895.

**REFERENCES**

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.164-165, 155-60;
S.A. Archives, Research Note 531;
S.A. Archives 1324/80

Verbal
Archival photographs Jones, pp.164, 157, 160, 165

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 260 Negative No. 13
Direction of view to SE

**LOCATION**

Address Lots 139-140
Town Snowtown
Postcode
Section
Hundred Barunga
County
L.G.A. Snowtown
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6530-III

**SUBJECT**

2.6

**PERIOD**

State
Study Area
1869-84;
1929-present

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

Good

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim Her. Items
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed Her. Items
National Trust
CL RL File
Other
S.A. Highways Dept.
Instit. of Engineers

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State X (B) Local

**PREPARED BY**

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1981
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The D.C. of Snowtown was proclaimed in 1887, when there were probably about 250 inhabitants; it was then "noted chiefly as being the centre of an excellent farming and grazing country." (Aldine History).

The Council office was opened 1903, closed 1976 when Council moved to present premises. First Council Chambers were in the Institute (see Item sheet). Since, has been given over to Snowtown Senior Citizens Club.

REFERENCES

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.226-9;
S.A. Archives, Research Note 531;
Aldine History;
S.A. Archives 1324/80

Verbal
Archival photographs Jones, p.157

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 261 Negative No. 1
Direction of view to SE

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed
National Trust
CL RL File
Other
S.A. Highways Dept.
Instit. of Engineers

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1981
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This hotel was opened in June 1879 and extended 1902, 1913. The first owner was Richard Haselgrove. Before the opening of the Institute in 1884, the Assembly Room of this building was used for various activities: church services, public meetings, election meetings, concerts, and so on. This was the case in many new rural townships, as the hotels were frequently the largest if not the earliest publicly available buildings.

**REFERENCES**

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.150, 156, 176-7; National Trust, File No. 229; S.A. Archives, Research Note 531

Verbal
Archival photographs Jones, p. 177

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 260 Negative No. 4
Direction of view to S

**STATUS**

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

S.A. Highways Dept. Instit. of Engineers

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State X (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1981
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Joseph Turner had a store in Gawler and he came to Snowtown and opened a fruit and general store in 1878, in the extant building. As Turner made more money he expanded, building next door in 1902 (Lot 158, now Eudunda Farmers Store). Turner's fruit shop one of the first three shops built in Snowtown: the others are both now gone.

REFERENCES

Jones, Snowtown..., pp. 167, 159, 152-4;
S.A. Archives, Research Note 531;
Cyclopedia of S.A., p.481

Verbal R. Turner (Turner's grandson), Mrs. M. Jenkins, 1981
Archival photographs Jones, p.167; Cyclopedia..., p.481 (1909)

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 261 Negative No. 5
Direction of view to E
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is a typical railway complex: of main interest are the original cast-iron water points (c.1890) and the wood and galvanized iron goods shed (1893). (The original water tower has been replaced).

The Kadina to Snowtown railway was built in 1878-9 and the Brinkworth to Snowtown section was completed in 1894. Long Plains to Snowtown railway opened in 1923, making the first direct link with Adelaide.

For the early period of Snowtown's existence all goods and produce were moved via the railway alone, as roads were virtually non-existent. Snowtown came into existence purely as a railways town, and this underpinned its survival.

REFERENCES

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.60-69;
Institution of Engineers, 712, 713A and B;
Plans in Railway Plans Room, Adelaide

Verbal R. Turner, 1981
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Direction of view to S

Film No. 261 Negative No. 7
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

P.J. Williams, blacksmith, built this as a boarding house for the six or seven men he employed; P.J. Williams' shop is now owned by Elder Smith, and has been considerably altered; after Williams left, the house became a boarding house under Miss Frost.

The boarding house was probably built by Williams when he entered partnership in the large blacksmith's business with James Allan, during the 1890s. Allan had established the business in 1879 (the first in Snowtown). Possibly the house was built by Allan himself in the early 1880s.

REFERENCES

Jones, Snowtown..., pp.150, 178

Verbal Mrs. E. Thomas, 1981
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 261 Negative No. 11
Direction of view W

STATUS

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First the wattle and daub house at the back was built, in about 1890, then the front building was erected as a Plymouth Brethren Church. This building was subsequently converted for use as a bakery and typical shop windows and a verandah were added. The whole makes an interesting assemblage of shapes and styles, each clearly reflecting its original function as residence, church, shop.

REFERENCES

S.A. Archives, Research Note 531

Verbal Mrs. M. Jenkins, 1981
Archival photographs Jones, Snowtown..., p.174 (1910)

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This house was built in 1886. At the time there were over 200 residents in Snowtown, but not many of the houses dating from this period are still extant.

REFERENCES

S.A. Archives, Research Note 531; Heritage Conservation Branch File

Verbal R. Turner, 1981
Archival photographs

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