

NAME: Dwelling, 4 Oval Road, OLD REYNELLA

CURRENT USE: Dwelling
FORMER USE: Dwelling
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: C.1915 with later additions and alterations

LOCATION: 4 Oval Road, OLD REYNELLA
LAND DESCRIPTION: CT 6188/678, Section 523 & 524, Hundred of Noarlunga

OWNER: Private ownership

RECOMMENDATION: Local Heritage Place



4 Oval Road, Old Reynella (GGA, 2022)

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DESCRIPTION:

C.1915 symmetrical cottage constructed of masonry with brick quoins, surrounds and dressings. Early timber entrance door and window elements. Original hipped and gabled roof form with later corrugated steel cladding. Early timber gable ventilators to roof apex. Original timber verandah structure with early timber posts, later replacement corrugated steel roof cladding. Concrete paving to verandah floor to all sides of c.1915 building. C. mid-1920s additions to immediate east of c.1915 building. Later additions to south elevation dating to late 20th century. Site currently includes large carport to north elevation with dense foliage currently obscuring façade from street viewing to the north.

The Planning and Design Code's Old Reynella Historic Area Statement (Onka3) describes low-scale, rectilinear symmetrical and asymmetrical cottages with Victorian stylistic influences constructed between c.1840s-1920s as being the primary historical built form of significance within the Historic Area. 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella, constructed from 1915, presents as a good example of this typology for the local district while being a verified work of notable local builder Henry Martin Jones.

It is recommended that 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella be included on the South Australian Heritage Register as a Local Heritage place.

A delineation of significant historic fabric is provided in the Extent of Listing.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

4 Oval Road, Old Reynella is of significance as a good example of a c.1915 symmetrical cottage of low-scale, rectilinear form with Victorian stylistic influences; the key characteristics of the primary historical built forms of the Old Reynella Historic Area Statement (Onka3). The residence is a verified work of builder Henry Martin Jones (1869-1928), who is understood to be an important local builder for the Old Reynella district in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

RELEVANT CRITERIA (As defined in Section 67(1) of the PDI Act 2016):

- a) it displays historical, economic or social themes that are of importance to the local area; being a c.1915 symmetrical cottage of low-scale, rectilinear form with Victorian stylistic influences, matching the key characteristics of the primary historical built forms of the Old Reynella Historical Area Statement (Onka3). The residence is also a verified work by builder Henry Martin Jones, said to be a notable builder of the local district in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- b) it represents customs or ways of life that are characteristic of the local area; constructed in 1915 and representing key characteristics of the Old Reynella Historical Area Statement's (Onka3) identified primary built forms; being a symmetrical cottage of low-scale, rectilinear form with Victorian stylistic influences with later c.1920s additions. The residence is also one of few verified works by builder Henry Martin Jones, described as a notable builder of the local district in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

e) it is associated with a notable local personality or event; being strongly associated with builder Henry Martin Jones (1869-1928) who constructed the residence as his own dwelling in c.1915. 4 Oval Road is one of few currently verified works by Jones, who is described as having been a prominent local builder in the Old Reynella district in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 2: Regional Life in the Southern Vales

2.1 Cottages and small dwellings

Theme 4: Local Settlers and Local Entrepreneurship

4.4. Early local builders and contractors

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The heritage significance of 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella was initially assessed as part of the 1979 Noarlunga Heritage Study. The 1979 Study noted that insufficient historical information regarding the residence was available at that time, though the house was said to have been built by a builder who walked from Clarendon to do the work. The property was subsequently assessed as part of the 1996 Noarlunga Local Heritage Inventory. The 1996 Survey identified that the house was believed to have been built in c.1915 by Henry Martin Jones (1869-1928), a prominent local builder of the Reynella district. The 1996 Survey found significance in the property's association with Jones, providing biographical notes of Jones' life. The residence was also then described as an important feature in the historic township of Old Reynella.

Current research has identified Lands Title records dating to August 1915 when the site was acquired by Henry Martin Jones of Reynella, mason. No mortgages records suggestive of construction works were placed at this time, though it is understood that Jones had recently married and constructed the house at this time as a residence. The Sands & McDougall directory of 1916 is the first to record a 'Jones, H. M., cntrctr (contractor), Reynella', suggesting that indeed Jones constructed the house as a residence for himself and his new family at this time. The 1915 allotment retained land now associated with the adjoining residence at 68 Corn Street, though this site was subdivided from the site of 4 Oval Road in November 1920. Following Jones' death in 1928, 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella was retained by the Jones family until 1938. It is understood that eastern projecting bay is later additions undertaken to the c.1915 residence. The physical fabric of these additions suggests construction in the 1920s; aerial photography dating to 1936 indicates its existence at this time. Subsequent owners include Grainger Hubert Jervis (1938-1971) the McLellan family (1971-) among others. The property was most recently sold in 2017; photography dating to this period indicates extensive internal modifications throughout the 20th century. Extensive renovation works are being undertaken by the current owners at the time of writing.

Henry Martin Jones (1869-1928) is described as having built many homes and buildings of the Old Reynella township, though relatively little information relating to the actual extent of Jones' work was available at the time of writing. Born in Kangarilla, Henry is described as having left school at the age of 10 years, becoming a stone mason and bricklayer. Henry is said to have walked from his home at Kangarilla to build some of Old Reynella's house, including his own home at 4 Oval Road. Henry died in 1928 and is buried in the Happy Valley cemetery. While little verified information is currently available, buildings currently attributed to Jones within the Old Reynella district include Reynell's chimney and distillery, the former Reynella Oval grandstand (now demolished) and residences at 26, 66 & 68 Corn Street, in addition to 213, 235 & 241 Old South Road.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The form and materials of all surviving masonry fabric to the c.1915 residence and c.1920s additions including all external walls, quoins, surrounds and dressings, chimneys and window & door openings. Surviving early timber window and door elements are considered of significance and included in the listing. The form of the hipped and gabled roof is considered of significance, as is the use of corrugated steel as the roof cladding material. Current replacements elements are considered stylistically appropriate but are not historic fabric and are not included in the listing.

Early timber fabric relating to the apex ventilators is considered of significance and is included in the listing. The form and materials of early timber posts to the verandah are considered of significance and are included in the listing. Photography dating to 1979 indicates the incorporation of timber brackets and friezes at this time, it is recommended that these elements be reinstated as part of any sympathetic external restoration works. The use of corrugated steel cladding to the verandah is considered stylistically appropriate for the dwelling and is included in the listing, though current replacement materials are not historic fabric and are not included in the listing.

All later additions and alterations, including recent south elevation additions, are not included in the listing.

REFERENCES:

1979 Noarlunga Heritage Study, Identification No. RE 10
1996 Noarlunga Local Heritage Inventory, Item No: RE 10
CTs 1035/151; 1182/121; 1363/70; 4070/536; etc.
Sands & McDougall Directories, 1915, 1916.

SITE MAPPING:

Site of 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella (Planning SA SAPPa)

HISTORICAL IMAGES:



Site of 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella in 1936, note completion of c.mid-1920s bay additions to immediate east of c.1915 residence (ICSM Historical Aerial Photography, Film Number MAP1941, Run 2, Frame 6279, dated 3rd April, 1936. <https://imagery.aerialphotography.fsdf.org.au/>, accessed 19/05/2021).



C.1979 photograph of 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella (1979 Noarlunga Heritage Study)



C.2017 photograph of c.1915 portion of 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella (<https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-sa-old+reynella-124858466>, accessed 19/5/2022).

OTHER IMAGES:



Primary façade of the c.1915 portion of 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella (GGA, 2022).



Joint between 1915 building and c.mid-1920s additions, looking east (GGA, 2022).



Primary façade of 4 Oval Road, Old Reynella, demonstrating 1915 and c.mid-1920s portions of the building. Façade currently obscured from street viewing by dense foliage (GGA, 2022).