

NAME: Dwelling & outbuilding, 1527-1531 Main South Road, O'HALLORAN HILL

CURRENT USE:	Dwelling
FORMER USE:	Dwelling
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	Mid-19 th century (c.1850s) with later additions and alterations
LOCATION:	1527-1531 Main South Road, O'HALLORAN HILL
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CT 5523/609, Section 128, Hundred of Noarlunga
OWNER:	Private ownership
RECOMMENDATION:	Local Heritage Place



C.1850s dwelling at 1527 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill (GGA, 2021)

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DESCRIPTION:

c. mid-19th century cottage dwelling (possibly c.1850s) constructed of masonry with brick quoins and surrounds, areas of peeling external paint. Hipped roof over two-roomed structure with later slate cladding, now in process of restoration. Skillion roof to lean-to additions with early brick chimneys. Original casement timber windows and doors, later timber framed, corrugated steel-clad verandah to west elevation. Significant early internal fittings include early stone flooring, early fireplace elements including stoves, etc, matchboard ceilings to lean-to additions. Later timber decking additions to east elevation.

c.mid-19th century outbuilding (possibly c.1850s) constructed of masonry with areas of external render, now in somewhat poor condition. Timber framed hipped roof with projecting masonry eaves and corrugated steel roof cladding. Later painted timber door to south elevation.

Later site elements not deemed of heritage significance include c.20th century brick outhouse and late 20th century brick residence with corrugated steel roofing extending to verandah to all sides, as well as late 20th century steel sheds.

It is recommended that 1527-1531 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill 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:

The cottage dwelling and associated outbuilding at 1527-1531 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill are of significance as a highly-intact example of a mid-19th century farming dwelling with associated infrastructure. The c.1850s dwelling retains a high degree of original fabric both internally and externally, providing a highly-intact example of mid-19th century construction with minimal later alterations or additions. The dwelling and outbuilding were constructed by and are strongly associated with the Tapley family, the original settlers of the Tapley's Hill area from approximately 1840 onwards. The Tapley family retained the property from the mid-19th century until 1941; an association of nearly 100 years.

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 an early mid-19th century dwelling and associated outbuilding constructed as part of the Tapley family's 'Rosenberg' farm, the original settlers of the Tapley's Hill district from the 1840s onwards.

b) it represents customs or ways of life that are characteristic of the local area; being a highly intact example of a mid-19th century dwelling and associated outbuilding for the district; most other examples dating from this period have now been extensively modified or are in dilapidated condition.

d) it displays aesthetic merit, design characteristics or construction techniques of significance to the local area; being an excellent example of mid-19th century residential and farm building

construction within the Southern Vales, retaining a high degree of integrity with original features evident both internally and externally.

e) it is associated with a notable personality or event; being strongly associated with the Tapley family, the original settlers of the Tapley's Hill area. The residence and outbuilding were owned by the Tapley family from construction in the mid-19th century until 1941, a significant association of nearly 100 years.

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 2: Regional Life in the Southern Vales

2.1 Cottages and small dwellings

Theme 5: Food Production in the Southern Vales

5.1 Self-contained and self-reliant farming complexes

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The heritage significance of 1527-1531 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill was first assessed as part of Hassell Consultants' 1988 City of Happy Valley Heritage Review. Attributed as most likely constructed between 1836-1845, very little historical information was provided by the 1988 Survey. The 1988 Survey noted that the house was reputed to have previously formed part of the Tapley family's large estate in the district, though this claim was unsubstantiated by rate assessments at the time of assessment.

Current research has identified Lands Title records dating to November 1887 which document the ownership of Mary Tapley (1835-1893) widow of James Morford Tapley (1819-1881). Son of Thomas and Mary Tapley, the Tapley family established the 'Rosenberg' farming estate at Tapley's Hill by approximately 1840, having arrived in South Australia from England in 1838. James is documented as having taken over the family farm at Tapley's Hill following his father's retirement in the 1850s. In 1854, James married Mary Sharpe, the couple living at 'Rosenberg' and having ten children before James' death in 1881. While constructed on the Tapley family's 'Rosenberg' estate, an exact construction date of the mid-19th century dwelling now comprising 1527-1531 Main South Road has not been confirmed. As a 'double' wedding occurred in 1854 (James and his brother John were both married at the O'Halloran Hill Church of England on 28th September 1854), it is possible the dwelling was constructed as a family home for John Tapley and his wife.

In 1887 the 'Rosenberg' farming estate was subdivided, the original homestead on Section 129 (now 1533-1541 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill) was transferred to William Shakespeare Gardner, husband of the Tapley's eldest daughter Lucy. It is understood that Mary retired to Glenelg by the late 1880s; her son Richard James Tapley is listed as co-owner and was likely responsible for management of the remaining estate, including the dwelling at 1527-1531 Main South Road, at this time. The dwelling and associated farmland was leased by Richard Tapley to various farmers until his death in 1927. The dwelling and farmland was transferred to Frank Richard Marten Tapley in 1932 who leased the property to Edward McDermott in 1933; McDermott acquired the dwelling and minor subdivided land adjoining Main South Road in 1941, ending an approximately 100 year association with the Tapley family. McDermott owned and frequently leased the dwelling until his death in 1977. The property was acquired by the Gellie family in 1982 and was most recently sold in 2014.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The form and materials of all masonry elements to the mid-19th century cottage, including all walls, door and window openings and brick chimneys. The form and materials of all early timber elements, including doors and windows, are also included in the listing. The roof form and the current use of slate cladding is considered of significance and is included in the listing. The later timber verandah with corrugated steel cladding is considered of significance and is included in the listing. The current replacement timber and corrugated steel materials are however not included in the listing. Surviving original internal fittings including slab stone flooring, original chimneys and matchboard ceilings are considered of significance and are included in the listing.

The form and materials of all masonry elements to the mid-19th century outbuilding, including all walls and openings are included in the listing. The roof form is also included in the listing, as is the use of corrugated steel cladding, though current replacement materials are not included in the listing. The use of timber external doors is considered of significance and is included in the listing though current replacement materials are not included in the listing.

All later site elements, including c.20th century brick outhouse, late 20th century brick residence and all later sheds etc., are not included in the listing.

REFERENCES:

518/62; 518/63; 617/149; 1610/167; 1774/124; 2400/143; 2474/179; 3315/66; 3407/159; 3479/190; 3543/97; 4204/21; etc.

Hassell Planning Consultants, 1988 City of Happy Valley Heritage Survey, Item No. 19, pp. 84-85.
<http://www.louisenordestgaard.com/James%20Morford%20Tapley%201819%20to%201881.pdf>,
accessed 15/3/2020.

<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/1527-1531-main-south-rd-ohalloran-hill-sa-5158>, accessed 15/3/2020.

SITE MAPPING:



Site map of 1527-1531 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill (blue marker identifies current property boundaries) red rectangles indicate the sites of 1) dwelling, 2) outbuilding (Plan SA's SAPPa).

HISTORICAL IMAGES:



Aerial photo of site of 1527-1531 Main South Road, O'Halloran Hill in 1936 (ICSM Historical Aerial Photography, Film Number MAP1942, Run 4N, Frame 6341, dated 3rd April, 1936. (<https://aerialphotography-geoscience-au.hub.arcgis.com/apps/7f5d281e06be4934b493175fd76d33da/explore>, accessed 15/3/2022).



1872 photograph of James Morford Tapley (SLSA B 8235/1/18X).



Late 19th century photograph of Mary Tapley (nee Sharpe)

(<http://www.louisenordestgaard.com/James%20Morford%20Tapley%201819%20to%201881.pdf>, accessed 15/3/2022).

OTHER IMAGES:



Mid-19th century cottage dwelling and outbuilding, looking east (<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/1527-1531-main-south-rd-ohalloran-hill-sa-5158>, accessed 15/3/2022).



Mid-19th century cottage dwelling and outbuilding, looking north (<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/1527-1531-main-south-rd-ohalloran-hill-sa-5158>, accessed 15/3/2022).



Internal fittings to the lean-to kitchen, including early stove and chimney, matchboard ceiling and slab stone flooring. (<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/1527-1531-main-south-rd-ohalloran-hill-sa-5158>, accessed 15/3/2022).



Internal fittings to lean-to room, including matchboard ceiling and early window forms and elements. (<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/1527-1531-main-south-rd-ohalloran-hill-sa-5158>, accessed 15/3/2022).