

NAME: Former Dwelling, 252 Main Road, MCLAREN VALE

PLACE NO.: Local, HID 5196

CURRENT USE:	Commercial premises
FORMER USE:	Former settler's cottage
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	C. mid-19 th century (1850s-1860s)
LOCATION:	252 Main Road, MCLAREN VALE
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CTs 6121/2, Section 135, Hundred of Willunga
OWNER:	Private ownership
REGISTER STATUS:	Local, HID 5196



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DESCRIPTION:

Mid-19th century cottage constructed of freestone rubble with lean-to additions and three early brick chimneys with later extensions. Original gable roof profile and verandah profile formerly clad in slate, later thatched roofing, now clad in corrugated steel sheeting. Early timber verandah structure remains. Early timber cellar doors to verandah with early slate paving. C.1970s additions extending from lean-to additions to Chalk Hill Road, late 20th century/early 21st century additions to north and west elevations. Rendered and painted masonry wall to Chalk Hill Road, previously identified well and trough now removed from site. Small recent outbuilding to site north of former cottage.

It is recommended that 252 Main Road, McLaren Vale be retained on the Heritage Register as a Local Heritage place.

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

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

252 Main Road, McLaren Vale is of local heritage significance as a prominent early building for the district, identified as a former coach stop and waystation dating to the mid-19th century. An important streetscape element for the township, the property is associated with Thomas Hardy and his descendants, important local winemakers for the Southern vales region.

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 significant early coach stop and waystation for the district dating to the mid-19th century.

e) it is associated with a notable local personality or event; being owned and associated with Thomas Hardy and his descendants, prominent local winemakers within the Southern vales region.

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 2: Regional Life in the Southern Vales

2.5 Small town commercial infrastructure

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The City of Onkaparinga's 2007 survey identified that the mid-19th century building at 252 Main Road, McLaren Vale is a former coach stop and waystation thought to have been erected in the late 1850s/early 1860s; originally with an adjoining wing to the west and a skillion roofed rear lean-to, now demolished. The 2007 survey also identified the structure was built on land developed as the township of Bellevue, developed by Richard Bell from 1854.

Current research identifies the earliest Land Title details as dating to 1870 when the allotment was acquired by the South Australian Insurance Co. Ltd, who leased the property until April 1875 when the allotment was acquired by Robert Lowe of Noarlunga, carrier. Lowe placed a mortgage in April 1875 (discharged March 1878) which may relate to construction works; possibly either the existing structure or possibly additions to the western elevation (evident in early photography, now demolished).

The property was acquired by prominent local vintner Thomas Hardy in 1882, reputedly as a base for the stabling of work horses. The Hardy family retained the property until 1970, when the property was redeveloped into McLaren Vale's first restaurant and gallery with additions undertaken to eastern side of the former cottage and a wash-up room to the west. Used for commercial premises since this time, the property has been subject to extensive development in the late 20th and early 21st century though the primary form of the early cottage remains clearly visible.

A substantial masonry fence to Chalk Hill Road, now rendered and painted, appears to date to at least the early 20th century and is evident in photography dating to 1937 (see historical photos). A former well previously identified with the site is now believed to be associated with the adjoining property at 5 Chalk Hill Road. A trough previously located to the property's eastern boundary was recently damaged by traffic and has been removed.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The form and materials of the surviving mid-19th century cottage, including masonry walls, surviving early lean-to additions, three brick chimneys and roof form and verandah forms. Timber cellar door, slate paving and early timber structural elements to verandah are also included in the listing.

Replacement roof and verandah cladding (currently comprising corrugated steel) is not included in the listing. All later additions dating after 1970, including east additions to Chalk Hill Road and later 20th/early 21st century additions are not included in the listing. The masonry fence to Chalk Hill Road is also not included in the listing.

REFERENCES:

Historical CTs 140/114; 1643/47; 3693/65; etc.

City of Onkaparinga, 2007, Local Heritage Register, Place No. 165, pp 1-3.

Verbal and written notes provided by owners Benjamin & Jovanka Khoury, 2021.

SITE MAPPING:

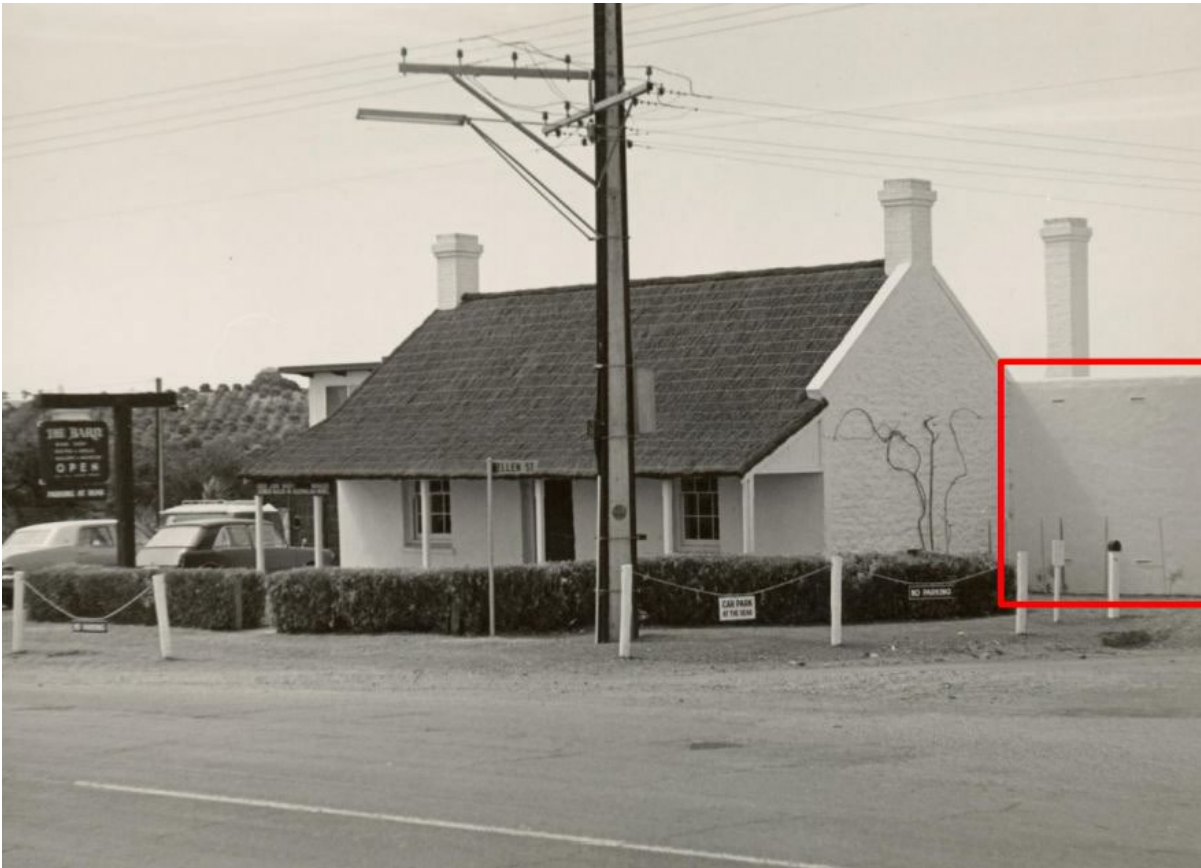


C.1937 aerial photograph, (MAP 1941, Frame 6306, 4th March 1937, <https://imagery.aerialphotography.fsdf.org.au/>, accessed 31/8/2021)

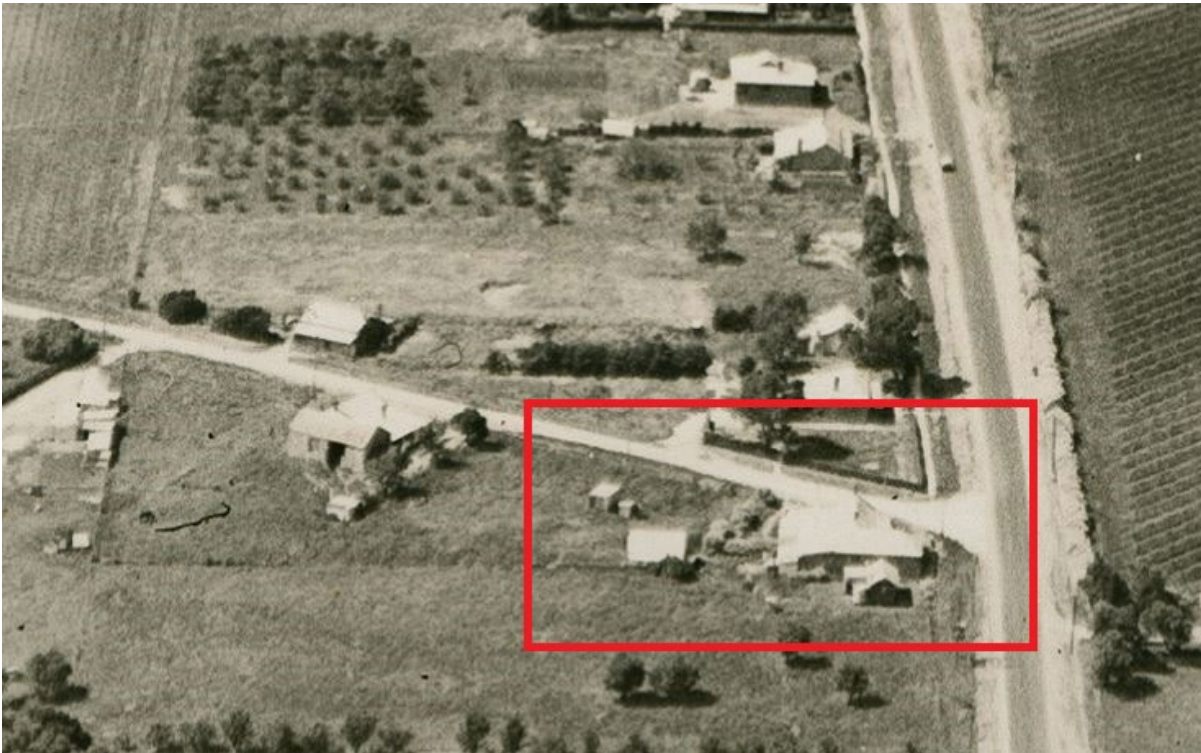
HISTORICAL IMAGES:



C.1900 photograph of 252 Main Road, McLaren Vale (SLSA B 39125)



C.1970 photograph of 'The Barn', 252 Main Road, McLaren Vale, red outline shows additions undertaken at this time (SLSA B 21048/1)



C.1937 aerial photograph (SLSA B 7239)

OTHER IMAGES:



Former cottage at 252 Main Road, McLaren Vale (GGA, 2021)



Later 20th century additions with early masonry chimney, looking east (GGA, 2021)



Slate paving and timber hatch entrance to cellar, facing Main Road looking south-east (GGA, 2021)



Rendered masonry boundary fencing along Chalk Hill Road frontage, looking north-east (SLSA B 7239)