

NAME: Dwelling, 191 Port Road, ALDINGA

CURRENT USE:	Commercial premises
FORMER USE:	Cottage dwelling
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	c.1875 with later additions and alterations
LOCATION:	191 Port Road, ALDINGA
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CT 5382/333, Section 399, Hundred of Willunga
OWNER:	Private ownership
RECOMMENDATION:	Local Heritage Place



Cottage at 191 Port Road, Aldinga (GGA, 2021)

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DESCRIPTION:

C. 1875 cottage constructed of masonry with brick quoins and surrounds. Early slate paving with later replacement timber framed verandah with corrugated steel roof cladding and decorative cast iron brackets. Original hipped roof form with early brick chimney to west elevation. Roof clad in later replacement corrugated steel. Early masonry lean-to additions to immediate north of cottage, retaining early slate paving. Internal exposed masonry to former exterior walls and timber framed ceiling to east lean-to additions. Later mid and late 20th century additions adjoining early lean-to additions to immediate north.

Early freestone masonry well to immediate west of former cottage, now with concrete capping. Significant fig tree dating to site's early history adjoining masonry well. Early 20th century corrugated steel rainwater tank adjoining fig tree with brick piers, now in dilapidated condition.

It is recommended that the former cottage and associated masonry well and fig tree at 191 Port Road, Aldinga 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 former cottage, masonry well and early fig tree at 191 Port Road, Aldinga are of significance as excellent representative examples of the early development of the Aldinga township (formerly known as Downingsville) in the mid to late 19th century. One of relatively few early surviving residences from this period, the former cottage retains a high degree of original fabric.

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 one of relatively few surviving early residences associated with the development of the Aldinga township (formerly known as Downingsville) from the mid to late 19th century.
 - b) it represents customs or ways of life that are characteristic of the local area; being an early surviving residence dating to the district's early developments from the mid-19th century, retaining a very high degree of original fabric.
 - g) in the case of a tree, it is of special historical or social significance or importance within the local area; being identified as a significant tree dating to the site's early history.
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RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 2: Regional Life in the Southern Vales

2.1 Cottages and small dwellings

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The earliest identified Lands Title records associated with the former cottage at 191 Port Road, Aldinga date back to January 1872 when the original allotment was acquired by Charles Forrest of Aldinga, blacksmith. Several mortgages were placed on the property in March 1872, December 1876 and in May 1880; it is believed that one or more of these mortgages likely related to construction works. The Sands & McDougall Directory of 1876 is the first to identify Charles Forrest as a resident of Aldinga, suggesting construction by this time.

The property was sold to Benjamin Foster, farmer of Port Gawler in 1881; Sands & McDougall directories identify Foster as an Aldinga resident from 1883. Following Foster's death in 1892, the property remained with Foster's descendants until transferral to the Cheminant family by 1922, remaining within the family until 1951. The property changed hands frequently throughout the 20th century, including two periods of rear lean-to additions being constructed during the mid-20th century onwards.

In addition to the c.1875 cottage, a masonry well (now with concrete capping) and a significant fig tree are located to the immediate west the cottage and appear to date to the property's early history. The former cottage is currently used as commercial premises.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The form and materials of all surviving masonry elements to the former cottage, including all walls, window and door openings, brick chimney and slate paving. External cement rendering is considered unsympathetic in nature and is not included in the listing and should be removed.

The original roof form is considered of significance, as is the use of corrugated steel cladding, though replacement materials are not included in the listing.

The south elevation verandah form is considered of significance, as is the use of timber framing and corrugated steel cladding, though replacement materials are not included in the listing.

Mid to late 20th century brick and timber-framed additions to the immediate north of early lean-to additions are not of significance and are not included in the listing.

The form and materials of the early masonry well (excluding concrete capping) are of significance and are included in the listing. The early fig tree is considered of significance to the history of the site and is included in the listing.

REFERENCES:

CT 162/46; 2187/141; 2850/194; 3767/39; etc.
Sands & McDougall Directory, 1876, p.130.
Sands & McDougall Directory, 1883, p. 178.

SITE MAPPING:



Site of 191 Port Road, Aldinga (Planning SA SAPPA)



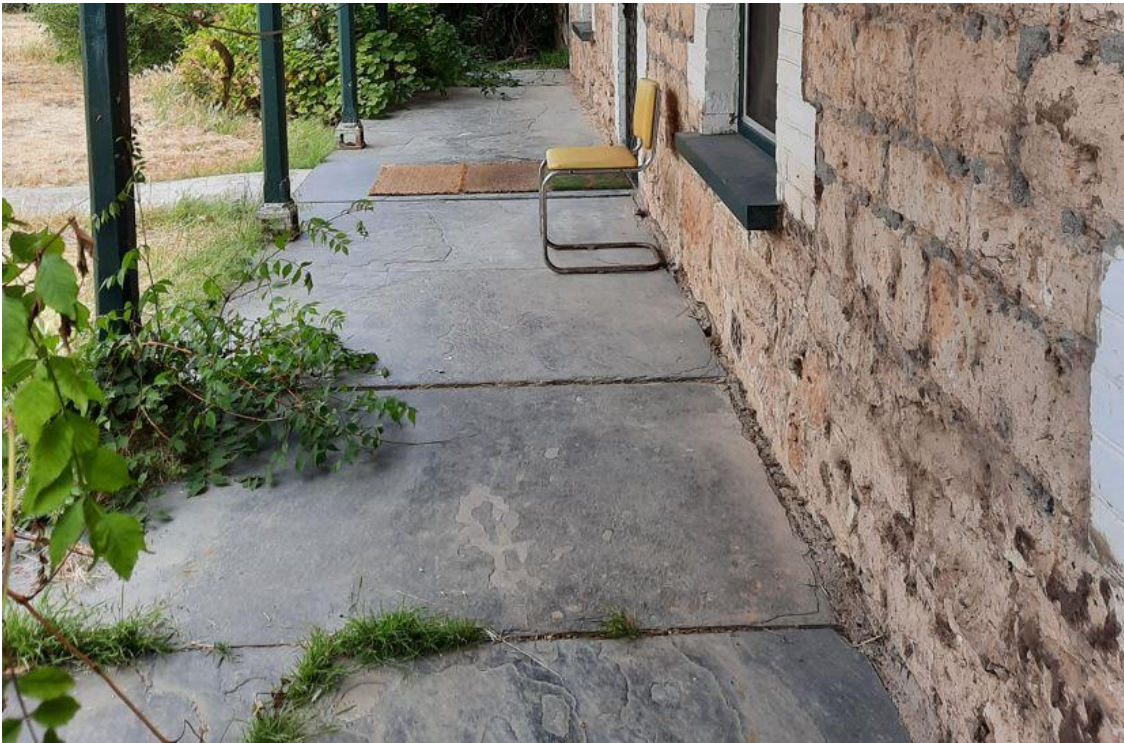
1936 aerial photograph of 191 Port Road, Aldinga, highlighting the intact nature of the residence and its important contribution as one of relatively few early surviving residences within the historic Aldinga township centre (ICSM Historical Aerial Photography, Film Number MAP1942, Run 6, Frame 6419, dated 3rd July, 1936.

<https://imagery.aerialphotography.fsdf.org.au/>, accessed 14/12/2021).

OTHER IMAGES:



Primary south elevation of former cottage at 191 Port Road, Aldinga (GGA, 2021)



Early slate paving to primary south elevation (GGA, 2021)



East elevation of former cottage, early masonry in poor condition at lower level with cement rendering from mid-level. Original iron wall plating at upper level. Late 20th century additions about early lean-to additions to the immediate north (GGA, 2021).



West elevation of former cottage, early masonry in poor condition at lower level with cement rendering from mid-level. Original iron wall plating at upper level. Mid-20th century additions about early lean-to additions to the immediate north (GGA, 2021).



Upper portion of west elevation, with external rendering and early brick chimney (GGA, 2021).



Masonry well with later concrete capping to immediate west of former cottage (GGA, 2021).



Fig tree dating from site's early history to immediate west of former cottage (GGA, 2021).



Timber framed and timber clad late 20th century additions, abutting early lean-to additions to immediate north, viewed looking south. Adjoining sheds appear to date from the mid 20th century. (GGA, 2021).



View of rear allotment looking north, plans are currently in place to subdivide and construction a number of new residences within this allotment (GGA, 2021).