

NAME: 'Olive Bank', 2 Nicolle Drive, COROMANDEL VALLEY

CURRENT USE:	Dwelling
FORMER USE:	Dwelling
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	C. mid-19 th century with later additions and alterations
LOCATION:	2 Nicolle Drive, COROMANDEL VALLEY
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CT 5824/436, Section 860, Hundred of Noarlunga
OWNER:	Private ownership
RECOMMENDATION:	Local Heritage Place



'Olive Bank', 2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley (GGA, 2021)

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DESCRIPTION:

C.mid-19th century symmetrical cottage constructed of freestone with brick quoins, surrounds and dressings. Freestone plinth to west elevation verandah. Late 19th century lean-to masonry additions to east with adjoining subsequent 20th century additions. Painted brick chimney to original hipped roof line over original cottage walls with later corrugated steel cladding. Timber casement window fittings with timber external door fittings. Later timber-framed verandah with corrugated steel cladding extending to west and north elevations. C.2010s timber-framed verandah patio with corrugated steel roof cladding to south elevation.

It is recommended that the dwelling at 2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley 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:

'Olive Bank', 2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley is of local significance as a mid-to-late 19th century cottage dwelling, likely dating to the district's early settlement and providing a strong visual contribution to the Coromandel Valley historic streetscape. The residence is closely associated with the Wait and Jones families, early Coromandel Valley settlers and residents, particularly with Ann Jones (1859-1945) who resided at the residence for at least 47 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 a mid-to-late 19th century residence dating to an early period of development for the Coromandel Valley township, providing a strong heritage contribution to the local streetscape.
 - b) it represents customs or ways of life that are characteristic of the local area; being a mid-to-late 19th century cottage dating to the early settlement of the Coromandel Valley district with various periods of extensions.
 - e) it is associated with a notable local personality or event; being strongly associated with the Wait and Jones families, early settlers and residents of the Coromandel Valley township. The residence is particularly associated with Ann Jones (nee Wait), who resided at the property for at least 47 years.
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RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 2: Regional Life in the Southern Vales

2.1 Cottages and small dwellings

Theme 4: Local Settlers and Local Entrepreneurship

4.1 Notable early local settlers and families

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

'Olive Bank', 2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley does not appear to have been identified or assessed as part of any previous heritage survey.

The cottage was briefly described in the National Trust of South Australia's 'Coromandel Walking Guide' as follows: "OLIVE BANK COTTAGE: 2 Nicolle Drive is built on land acquired by Ann Jones, wife of Edmund Jones of Glen Osmond, Labourer, in March 1898; the significance of 'Olive Bank' is not known." Michael O'Shea's publication 'Old Coromandel' describes 2 Nicolle Drive as follows: "LITTLE COTTAGE: Around a sweep in the road (Nicolle Drive), there is a splendid example of early Colonial architecture of the 1880s. Although this home is quite well preserved, it appears to be unoccupied. The first owner of this home was Mrs. Edwin Elliott (nee Wait)."

Current research has identified Lands Title records dating to March 1898, when the allotment was acquired by Ann Jones, wife of Edwin Jones. Ann Jones (nee Wait) (1859-1945) was born in Coromandel Valley, the daughter of William & Mary Wait, prominent early settlers and historical figures within the local district. Ann married Edwin Elliott Jones (1859-1892) in 1880; the couple is recorded as having resided in Coromandel Valley, Clarendon, Glen Osmond and Goodwood respectively. Jones was described as a day labourer, moving from place to place wherever he was able to find employment. Edwin Jones died of meningitis in October 1892, leaving Ann and eight young children.

Ann is recorded as having returned to Coromandel Valley around this time. Ann acquired 2 Nicolle Drive in 1898, retaining the residence until her death in 1945; a documented association of 47 years. Ann has been described as a hard worker, taking in washing and doing housework to keep her family of seven (following the death of a daughter in December 1892) until each child left the household. Descendants of Edwin & Ann Jones are described as having made considerable contributions to the development of Coromandel Valley.

Despite being described as "a splendid example of early Colonial architecture of the 1880s" the construction date of the earliest parts of the cottage are currently unknown. The eastern 'lean-to' rooms appear to have been constructed after the western-elevation rooms; evidenced by internal stone walls to the dining room, the original hipped roof over the western rooms and varying periods of external stonework to the north elevation.

The casement windows, squat window openings and slate floor suggest construction sometime in the mid-19th century, though many local buildings documented as having been constructed in the late 19th and early 20th century also share 'anachronistic' construction methods.

Sited on a portion of Section 860, it is documented that the original Section owner Thomas Matthews sold portions of the south-western corner of Section 860 on Rowlands Hill Road to William & Mary Wait (Ann Jones' parents) in the early 1850s, though Land Title records likely pre-date the Torrens Title system. The nearby residence at 453 Main Road has been identified as the Wait family home from approximately the 1860s onwards; as the earliest Certificate of Title registration number for this property immediately precedes Jones' 1898 Certificate of Title, it would seem both houses were part of the same allotment which was subdivided in 1898.

It seems most likely therefore that William & Mary Wait are responsible for constructing the earliest two-roomed cottage at 2 Nicolle Drive sometime during the mid-19th century with later lean-to additions, possibly undertaken by or for Ann Jones and her extensive family sometime in the late 19th century. It is also possible the residence was constructed for Edwin & Ann Jones shortly after their marriage in 1880, though Edwin's employment description and numerous documented residential locations would suggest this to be unlikely.

Subsequent owners following Ann Jones' occupancy include the Blythman family (1946-1980) and the Clark family (1980-1990). The property was most recently sold in 2011; a covered patio has been added to the south since this time.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The form and materials of all surviving masonry fabric to the original four-roomed residence (attributed as a two-roomed mid-19th century cottage with later 19th century additions), including all walls, plinth, chimneys, window & door openings, quoins, surrounds and dressings. The form of early casement windows is considered of significance and is included in the listing, though current replacement materials are not included in the listing. The original roof form and corrugated steel cladding, comprising a hipped structure over the original cottage with lean-to additions, is considered of significance and is included in the listing, though current replacement materials are not included in the listing.

All later additions and alterations, including the later timber-framed corrugated steel-clad north and west verandah, are not included in the listing. The incorporation of a simple timber-framed, corrugated steel-clad verandah to the west elevation, as documented in historic photography, is however included in the listing.

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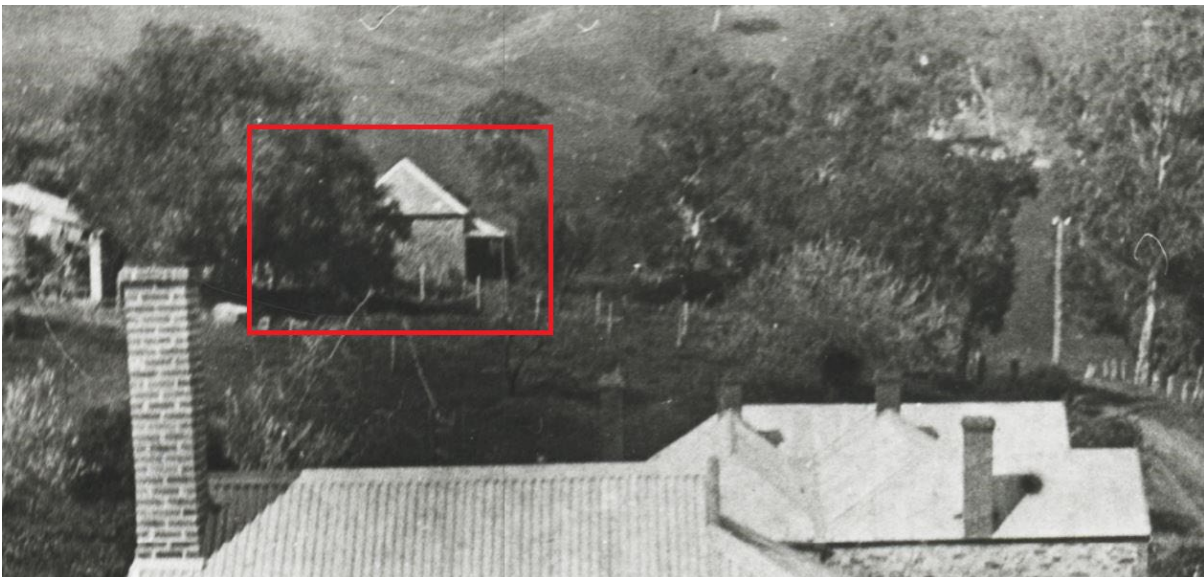
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SITE MAPPING:



Site of 2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley (Planning SA SAPPA)

HISTORICAL IMAGES:



C.1916 photograph of Coromandel Valley township looking south, 2 Nicolle Drive highlighted within red box (SLSA B 32116)



C.1915 photograph of 2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley, looking south (SLSA B 57578)



Illustration of 'Olive Bank', 2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley (Michael O'Shea, Old Coromandel, 1979).

OTHER IMAGES:



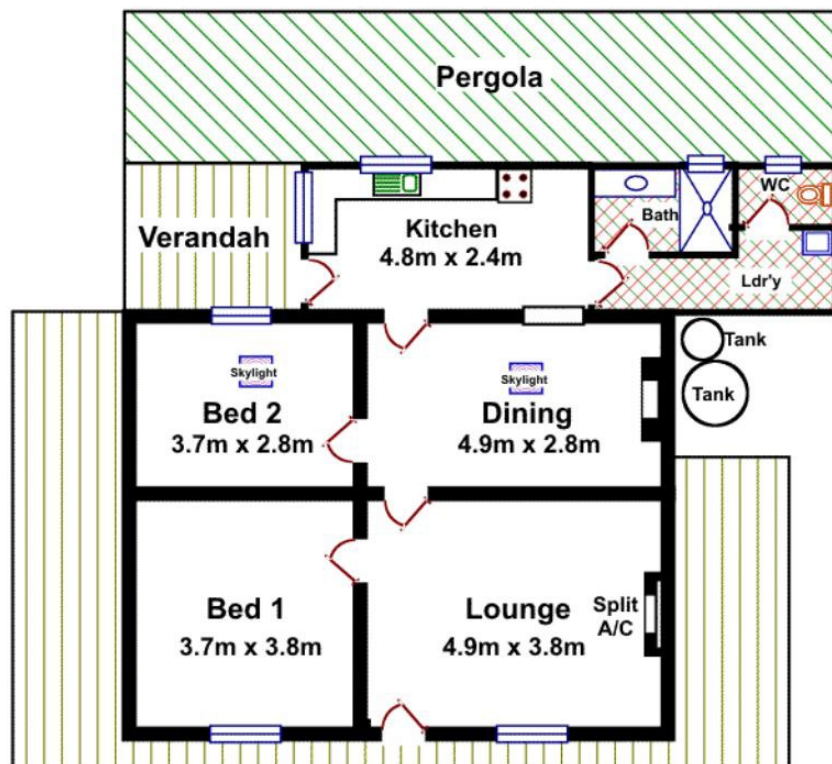
West elevation of 2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley (<https://www.domain.com.au/property-profile/2-nicolle-drive-coromandel-valley-sa-5051>, accessed 20/1/2022).



2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley looking north-east (<https://www.domain.com.au/property-profile/2-nicolle-drive-coromandel-valley-sa-5051>, accessed 20/1/2022).



Former external walls to the dining room looking west, (<https://www.domain.com.au/property-profile/2-nicolle-drive-coromandel-valley-sa-5051>, accessed 20/1/2022).



November, 2011

2011 Floorplan of 2 Nicolle Drive, Coromandel Valley; original mid-19th century cottage comprising Lounge and Bedroom 1 (<https://www.domain.com.au/property-profile/2-nicolle-drive-coromandel-valley-sa-5051>, accessed 20/1/2022).