

**LAWRENCE, Roderick RESEARCH COLLECTION**  
**Architecture Museum, University of South Australia**

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**SERIES 139, 141, 142**

**BIOGRAPHY**

Roderick Lawrence was awarded a Bachelor of Architecture (First Class Honours) from the University of Adelaide. He then gained a Master of Letters from Cambridge University in and a Doctorate of Science from the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne. While employed at the University of Geneva he returned to South Australia in 1986 as a Research Fellow. He worked with staff across all tertiary institutions in South Australia, including Don Johnson (Flinders University), Don Langmead (University of South Australia) and Gavin Young (South Australian Centre for Settlement Studies) on his research project 'Colonial Houses and Domestic Life in South Australia from 1836 to 1900'.

His research interests include urban ecology, housing, health and quality of life in cities. Lawrence has served as a consultant to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and was a scientific advisor to the World Health Organization (WHO) programs on Housing and Health and the Healthy Cities project. From 1998 to 2003 he was chairperson of the Evaluation Advisory Committee of the WHO–EURO Healthy Cities project. He is currently Professor at the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences at the University of Geneva. Since 1997 he has been an Associate Member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

**SOURCES**

<http://www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/html/0335221505.html> online, accessed 19 October 2010

**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

The Lawrence collection consists of measured drawings of the historic cottages at Truro Street, Burra in South Australia's mid north which are known as the Paxton Square Cottages. It also consists of photocopies of architectural drawings of the South Australian Gas Company properties at Port Adelaide, Brompton and Port Pirie and copies of original drawings of cottages which employees of the SA Railways could rent as part of their condition of employment built between 1880-1924.

**PAXTON SQUARE COTTAGES, BURRA**

**S139**

The series consists of ozalid and measured drawings of the historic cottages at Truro Street, Burra in South Australia's mid north which are known as the Paxton Square Cottages.

**COTTAGES BELONGING TO SA GAS CO, 1865-1934**

**S141**

This series consists of photocopies of architectural drawings of SAGAS CO properties at Port Adelaide, Brompton and Port Pirie.

**HOUSES BELONGING TO SA RAILWAYS 1880-1924**

**S142**

This series consists of copies of original drawings of cottages which employees of the SA Railways could rent as part of their condition of employment.

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**Paxton Square Cottages, Burra 1984**

**Series 139**

This series was donated by Dr Roderick J Lawrence, Ecole Polytechnique, Lausanne, Switzerland on June 20th 1986. Dr Lawrence was engaged in research of South Australian housing as a Research Fellow working with D.L. Johnson at Flinders University.

The series consists of ozalid and measured drawings of the historic cottages at Truro Street, Burra in South Australia's mid north which are known as the Paxton Square Cottages. These cottages are historically important because of their connection with the colonial Burra Copper Mines which were instrumental in helping South Australia become financially secure as a colony and in the foundation of several large fortunes for Adelaide's leading families.

Built in a square, the cottages are a typical example of cottage architecture built for the common worker during the 1850's. They are now a heritage item and are restored to their original condition.

The architects responsible for the drawings are, Berry, Polomka, Riches and Gilbert and were drawn up during 1984.

For further ozalids on the same subject see Series 140.

<u>Series No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
S139/1/1	Ozalid floor plans and rear elevation cottages 5-11 scale 1:100 0.5x0.5m
S139/2/1	Measured drawing side elevation cottage 11, 0.25x0.25m
S139/3/1	Measured drawings interior of cottage 26, five enlarged photocopies 0.25x0.25m
S139/4/1	Measured drawings interior of cottage 27, 0.25x0.25m
S139/5/1	Measured drawings interior cottage 28, 0.25x0.25m
S139/6/1	Measured drawing front elevation cottage 32, 0.25x0.25m

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**South Australian Gas Company Properties 1865-1934**

**Series 141**

These photocopies and ozalid drawings were donated by Dr Roderick J. Lawrence, Ecole Polytechnique, Lausanne, Switzerland in 1986. Dr Lawrence was engaged in research of South Australian housing as a Research Fellow working with D. L. Johnson at Flinders University.

They are photocopies of architectural drawings of SAGAS CO properties at Port Adelaide, Brompton and Port Pirie. They include plans and drawings of the cottage and gates at the Port Adelaide works (Oct 1865), cottage at the works at Chief Street Brompton (Aug 1918, Nov 1919), map of Section 1103, 100 of Port Adelaide (July 1877) and residence at the Port Pirie works (Nov 1934).

Scales vary as does the quality of the copy.

Series No.	Description
S141/1	Consists of 3 photocopies of chimney and cottage, Adelaide Nov 7, 1865. Architects H. Hibbs, R. Foster, J. Ramsay, T. Hope.
S141/1/1	Workman's cottage, S.A. Gas Co, Pt. Adelaide. Oct 1865 Scale 3/16 inches:1 foot 0.5x0.5m
S141/1/2	Dry Creek stone wall and entrance gates for front of works at S. A. Gas Co, Pt Adelaide. Oct 1865. Scale 1/8inch:1 foot 0.5x0.5m
S141/1/3	Elevation of chimney and section of chimney at S.A. Gas Co works Pt Adelaide. Oct 1865. Scale 1/4inch:1foot. DRG 105 0.5X0.5m
S141/2	Consists of plans for proposed addition to no 30 Chief St, Brompton. Aug 7, 1918. Engineer JN. Durtin. DRG 2068
S141/2/1	Ground plan of 10 roomed house with verandahs and store etc. Scale 1/8inch:1foot.
S141/2/2	Side elevation house. Scale 1/8inch:1foot
S141/2/3	Section A and B of house. Scale 1/8inch:1foot
S141/2/4	Block plan of Chief St and Second St showing Acre 88. Scale 1inch:2chains.
S141/3/1	Diagram showing position and measurement of southern moiety of section 1103,100 of Port Adelaide. Shows Hargraves, Collins, Clarence, Napier, Wellington Streets and Government Road, surrounded by the townships of Farnham, Bath, Fisherville. July 7, 1877. Specially licensed surveyor Mr. Hamilton. Scale 1inch:1foot. 0.5x0.5m
S141/4/1	Consists of 1 sheet of ozalid drawings of proposed residence at works, Port Pirie. Shows plan, elevations for front, back, both sides. No 2351 Nov 26, 1934. Drawn by T.J. Scale 1/8inch:1foot. 1x1m.
S141/5/1	1 sheet poor quality ozalid drawings of new offices, weighbridge and site at lot 74, Brompton. Nov 24, 1919. Engineer J.W. Durtin, contractors

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James Hingosons. Contract 10. Shows elevations, sections, site plan,  
and floor plan Scale various. 1x1m

S141/6/1 1 sheet ozalid drawing for reconstruction of residence at Port Pirie works  
Nov 11, 1934. Engineer J.W. Durbin. Drawn by T.J.  
Scale 3/16inch:1foot and Scale 1/2inch:1foot. No 2349.  
1.5x1.5m Shows floor plan of house, front and side elevations, sections.

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**Houses, South Australian Railways**

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Some material is undated but dates given cover the period 1880-1924. All the material was photographed from original material. The plans reflect a period of growth and consolidation for the railway system of South Australia when employees were given accommodation for themselves and their families as part of their conditions of employment.

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| S142/1/1    | Letter from P.C. Laidler, Property Manager to School Social Sciences, Flinders University Nov 5, 1985 concerning index to Railway houses. Stored with numerical index. 0.25x0.25M  |
| S142/2/1-44 | Numerical index to South Australian Railways houses, Adelaide Division and Murray Bridge Division. Fair quality. 44 A4 sheets  |
| S142/3/1-   | Photographic print from 35mm micro film of passenger station and station masters residence, Mitcham. Shows elevations towards township of Mitcham railway line and on ends. Ground plan of passenger station April 1880. Contract no 76/80 Scale 3/16inch:1foot. 31x58cms  |
| S142/4/1-   | Photographic print from 35mm micro film of plans to convert railway cottages of 3 rooms to 4 rooms. Includes front elevation, sections, block plan and out buildings. Cottages at Karoonda, Bridgewater, Mantung, Reynella, Melton, Mc Laren Vale, Noarlunga, Willunga, Snowtown, Redhill. Aug 1900. No 19395/269. Scale 1inch:4feet. 31x58cms |