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Portrait of George Taylor
[Art Gallery of South Australia, 20102Ph6]



Disrict Court hearing, Wayland [architect/builder]
v George Taylor for unpaid work
[Adelaide Times, 8 May 1851]

WAYLAND v. TAYLOR—For 16l 18s 7d, work and labour done.

Defence, excessive charge.

Walter Hunter, architect and builder, stated that the prices charged in the account produced were very moderate. Plaintiff and his son pointed out the work to witness; it was well done.

By Mr Fenn—Had no other means of ascertaining that the work plaintiff showed witness was done by him than by his statement.

By the Court—The work was at the Exeter Hotel. Mr Radford lived there.

William Wayland, plaintiff's son, said he worked with his father at the building in question. Witness showed the work to Mr Hunter; it was the same as that charged for.

Mr Fenn for the defendant called

J. Y. Wakeham, who said he was requested by defendant to meet a person to value the work. Wayland did not appoint a valuer; he went with witness and pointed out the work at the Exeter Hotel. Witness took down a valuation of every item at the time. Plaintiff's bill described some sashes which were not there.

By Mr Cullen—The sash was charged 2s 6d. Plaintiff had overcharged four outside doors. There were nine outside doors, when there were only six openings.

Mr Cullen said the defendant did not deny the work being done.

In reply to his Worship, Mr Wakeham said his valuation was 7l less than the plaintiff's charges.

George Halbert, carpenter, said the prices were excessive.

Judgment for the plaintiff 12l 18s 7d, each party to pay their own costs.

Sale of the Exeter Hotel, 30 April 1902
[Express & Telegraph, 1 May 1902]

IMPORTANT PROPERTY SALE.

TWO HOTELS SOLD.

At the Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon Messrs. F. W. Bullock & Co. offered for sale by auction a number of freehold properties, including hotels and well-known business premises. The Exchange-room was crowded, and bidding was keen as far as the hotels were concerned, although the prices realised are said to be low. In respect to suburban properties it was exceedingly difficult to get a bid, and only one was sold.

The Exeter Hotel, in Rundle-street, including the jeweller's shop adjoining, which is occupied by Mr. Ochneral, was the first lot put up. It is part of the estate of the late Mr. George Taylor. The hotel contains a large bar, four parlors, dining-room, 13 bedrooms, cellars, bathrooms, pantries, &c. The land comprises portion of town acre No. 34, measuring 45 ft. to Rundle-street, by a depth of 90 ft. along George-street. The sale was subject to a lease having eight years to run at £7 per week and rates and taxes. Bidding was started at £5,000, and was raised by £100 bids to £6,300, at which figure it was knocked down to Mr. C. H. Nitschke, of the United Service Hotel.

First description of the Exeter Hotel, 1851–1852 [Adelaide City Council, Assessment Book, 1851–52]

Book of Assessment for the Limits of the City of Adelaide,					in conformity with the Ordinance of Council No. 13, 1848.									
No. of Assessment	Name of Occupier	Letter or Landmark	Name of Owner	Description of Property Estimated	No. of Acres	Situation or Name of Street	Site Annual Value	Amount of rate chargeable for rating monthly	Amount brought in	Amount to be Collected	Amount Collected	Amount	Amount not receivable	Remarks
227	Robert Rutherford		George Taylor	Exeter Hotel - 11 room two story brick house cellar and brick back house stable and large yard.	3 1/2	George Street	1850	5 2 0						

J. Smillie, *Descriptive Australia and Federal Guide*, 1890

EXETER HOTEL, Adelaide.—This house has been established fifty years, and has been rebuilt at a large expense. It is two stories high, built of stone, and contains 22 rooms, including private sitting-rooms and parlours, which are all lofty and commodious. One very attractive feature of the house is the balcony, from which can be seen Mount Lofty and surrounding hills; also fine view of the city; and on the roof is a platform, which affords a magnificent view of all surroundings. Since being rebuilt the house has undergone a thorough renovation, and is well fitted up for the reception of visitors, boarders, and the travelling public, and ranks among the leading hotels on Rundle-street. The house is conducted by Mrs. Jahn, assisted by her son, Rudolph Jahn. Mrs. Jahn is a native of Germany, and came to this colony in 1856. We may mention that the above-named lady has had long experience in her present occupation.

Exeter Hotel "new building", August 1888

[*Express & Telegraph*, 27 August 1888]

We are informed that a rather serious accident occurred on Sunday evening to Mr. Harkas, tentmaker, in Rundle street, he having fallen through the floor joists of the new building which is being erected for the Exeter Hotel. He was conveyed to his home, where medical attendance was secured.

New saloon bar, 1927

[*Advertiser*, 24 March 1927]

EXETER HOTEL,
RUNDLE-STREET.
TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until noon of **THURSDAY, 7th April**, for the **ERECTION** of a **NEW SALOON BAR** at the **EXETER HOTEL, Rundle-street, Adelaide**, for **J. B. Barrie, Esq.**
 Plans and specifications may be seen at my office.
 No tender necessarily accepted.
CHRIS. A. SMITH, Archt.
776wco95 44, King William-street.

Robert Radford granted a publican's license, 12 March 1851

[*South Australian Register*, 13 March 1851; Glover was the landlord of The Stag]

NEW GENERAL LICENCES.
Robert Budford, Exeter Hotel, Rundle street.
Opposed by Mr. Smith at the instance of Mr. Glover, and
supported by Mr. Fenn. Granted.

Advertisement of opening of the Exeter Hotel, April 1851

[*South Australian Register*, 20 April 1851]

EXETER HOTEL,
Rundle-street (East of Tavistock Buildings.)

ROBERT RADFORD begs respectfully to inform his friends and the public that he has opened the above newly-built Hotel, and hopes by a strict attention to business, catering for the comfort of his customers, moderate charges, and supplying all articles of his business of the best kind, to merit a share of their patronage. The accommodations for Boarders will be found of the best description, the bedrooms are lofty, each ventilated, and retired from the business part of the house. Persons arriving in the colony or from the interior are particularly invited here. Parties requiring a large room, with the use of a balcony in front for public or private purposes, may be accommodated. The Stabling is superior, and open for the purposes of Livery, Bait, Training, Breaking to Saddle and Harness, &c., under the sole management of R. Radford.

N.B.—Horses bought and sold, and Saddle Horses to Let on commission.

A good Ordinary every day at 1 o'clock.

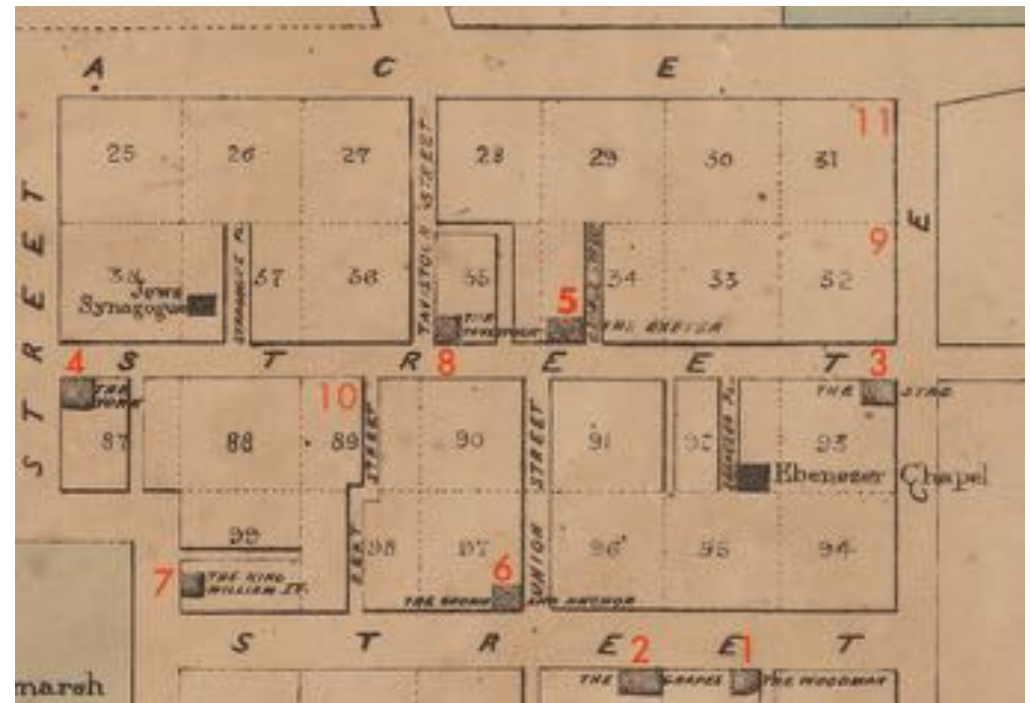
Location of the Exeter Hotel and neighbouring public houses, 1861

[*'Delisser' Map of Adelaide*, 1861; State Library of South Australia C 183]

The Exeter Hotel is located on 'Town Acre 34', on the corner of Rundle Street and George Lane (possibly named after George Taylor), now Vaughan Place.

The closest pubs to the Exeter, in order of initial 'licensing', were:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 Woodman (1839, now Producers) | 6 Crown & Anchor (1853) |
| 2 Grapes (1840; demolished) | 7 King William IV (1856; now Griffins) |
| 3 Stag Inn (1849) | 8 Tavistock (1857; demolished) |
| 4 York (1850; demolished) | 9 East End Market (1858; ?) |
| 5 Exeter Hotel (1851) | 10 Austral (1880) |
| | 11 Botanic (1883) |



The Exeter Hotel, c.1860 [damaged original glass plate; partially digitally repaired]

[State Library of South Australia, B 13424; Rownson Ewart was the landlord from 1858 to 1863]



List of licensed publicans of the Exeter Hotel, 1851 – 1951

(After J. L. Hoad, *Hotels and Publicans of South Australia*, 1984 & 1993 and Reg Butler's on-line list of publicans of [Adelaide Hotels By Street](#), accessed September 2020)

Exeter Hotel

246 Rundle Street, Adelaide (Town Acre 34)

Existed 1851 –

1851 – 1853	RADFORD, Robert
1853 – 1854	CLARK, James
1854 – 1863	EWART, Rownson
1863 – 1868	HATHWAY, Charles
1868 – 1883	PELZER, Henry
1883 – 1883	WIGHT, Albert
1883 – 1885	JAHN, Heinrich (died November 1885)
1885 – 1897	JAHN, Regina
1897 – 1903	JAHN, Adolph
1903 – 1903	HENDIG, Albert
1903 – 1907	PRESS, Alfred
1907 – 1909	TIDSWELL, James
1909 – 1910	ALMOND, Percival
1910 – 1910	LEMON, Norman
1910 – 1911	FEATHERSTONE, Celena (née FRANCIS)
1911 – 1923	JAHN, Johann Rudolph
1923 – 1932	BACHE, John ("Johnnie")
1932 – 1934	ROOK, Alma
1934 – 1936	ROOK, Albert ("Bert")
1936 – 1937	ROOK, Alma
1937 – 1937	ROOK, Albert
1937 – 1939	ROOK, Alma
1939 – 1939	SCOTT, Horace
1939 – 1940	ROOK, Alma
1940 – 1941	LUCAS, Harold
1941 – 1944	SIMONDS, Archibald
1944 – 1952	SIMONDS, Nellie Augusta

Licensing Bench Meeting adjourned, 19 May 1852

[*South Australian Register*, 20 May 1852]

Robert Radford, Exeter Hotel, Rundle-street.

Mr. Wearing appeared in support of this application. He said the house had been always well-conducted, and there was no opposition to the renewal of the licence. The reason the application had not been made at the proper time was, that Mr. Radford was absent at the Diggings.

Granted.

Heinrich Jahn, lodges and the Exeter Hotel, 1885

[*South Australian Advertiser*, 30 November 1885]

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. HEINRICH JAHN are respectfully informed that his Remains will be removed from his late residence, Exeter Hotel, Rundle-street east, **THIS DAY (Monday)**, at 2.30 p.m. for interment in the West-terrace Cemetery.

FENGELLEY & KNABE, Undertakers,
Rundle and Tavistock streets.

COURT HOMELY RETREAT,
A.O.F. — MEMBERS of the above COURT and ORDER are requested to MEET at the Exeter Hotel, Rundle-street, **THIS DAY (Monday)**, at 2.30 p.m., to follow the Remains of our late BROTHER H. JAHN to the West-terrace Cemetery.

334 A. F. PEARSON, C.R.

G. U.O.O.F. — The MEMBERS of the PRINCE ALBERT LODGE and ORDER are requested to MEET at the Lodge-room, Franklin-street, City, on **MONDAY**, the 30th inst., at 2 p.m., to follow the Remains of our late BROTHER H. JAHN, of the Exeter Hotel, to the West-terrace Cemetery.

334 JOHN G. OSBORNE, General Secretary.

I. O.O.F., M.U. — The BROTHERS of the LOYAL MACDONNELL LODGE and ORDER are requested to MEET at the Oddfellows' Hall, Franklin-street on **MONDAY**, the 30th inst., at 2 p.m., to follow the Remains of our late BROTHER HEINRICH JAHN to the West-terrace Cemetery.

334 W.M. NINNESS, G.M.

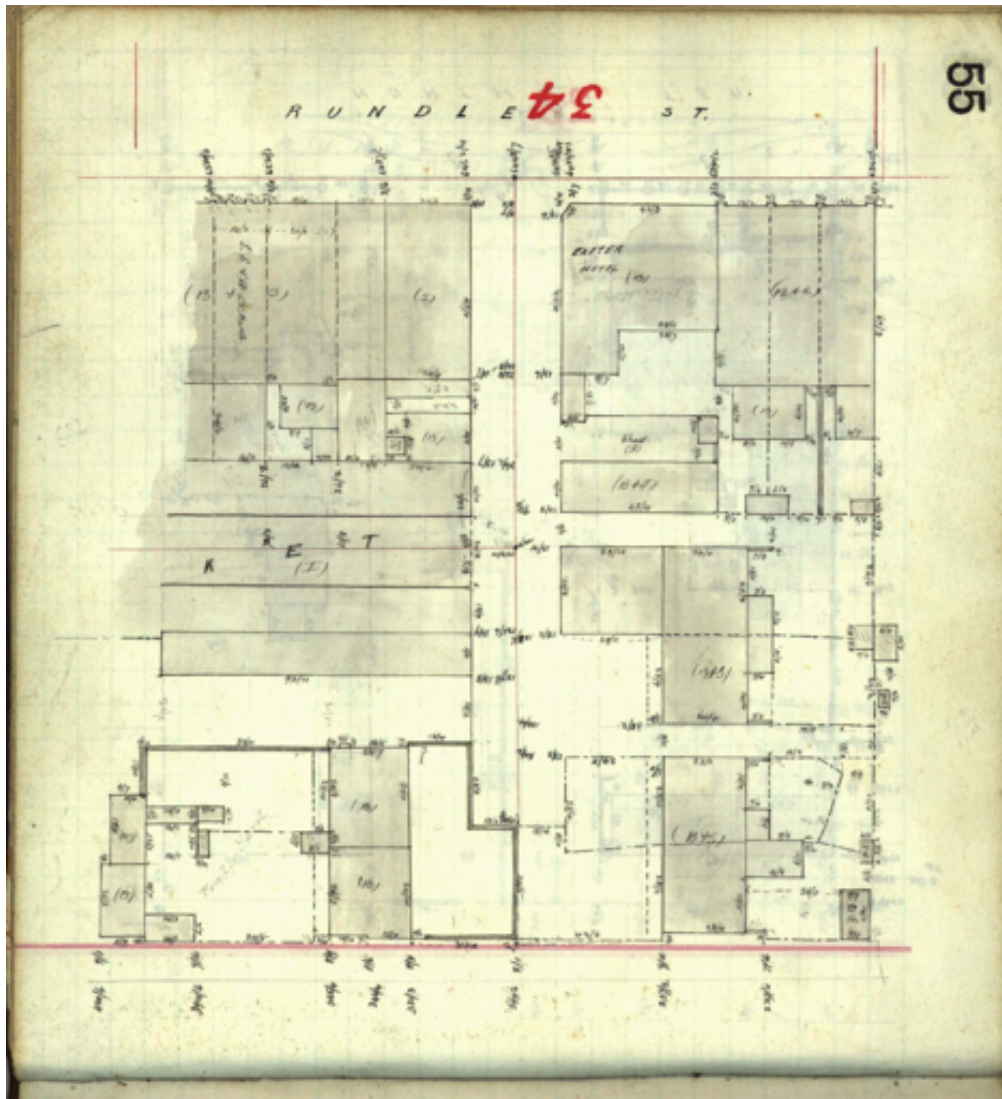
The Exeter Hotel, c.1930

[State Library of South Australia, B 34571]



"Fieldbook" for Smith's Survey of Adelaide, 1880

[Adelaide City Council]



Rundle Street East, north side, c1905

[State Library of South Australia, PRG 280/1/19/412]



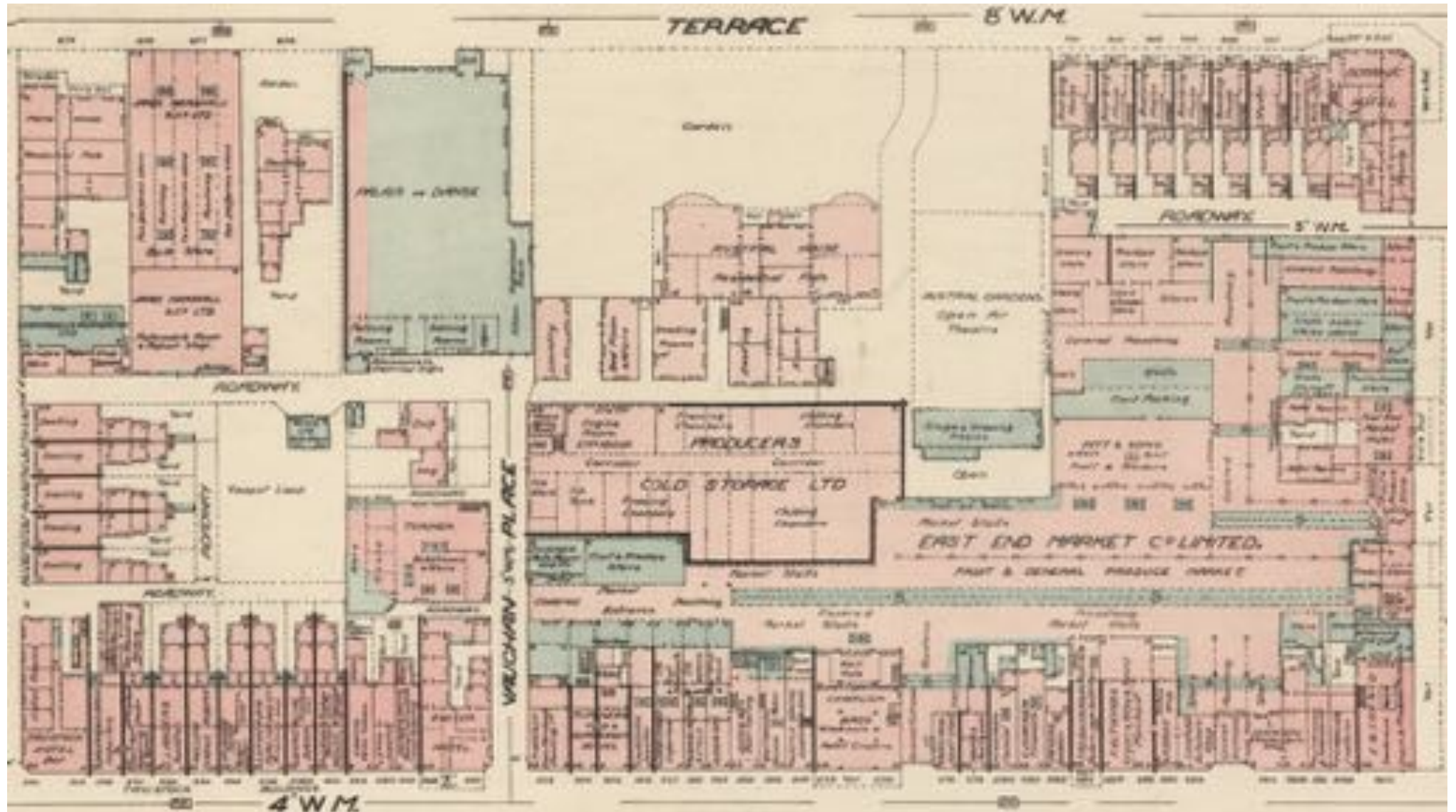
Rundle Street East, looking west, c1929

[State Library of South Australia, B 5532]



Garrett's Fire Underwriters' Association of South Australia plan of Adelaide (detail), 1924

[State Library of South Australia, C 111]



East end of Rundle Street, 1903. Exeter Hotel on far left
[State Library of South Australia, B 10279]



Season
Aug 31.03

Landlord of the Exeter fined for assault, 1853

[*South Australian Register*, 27 January 1853]

James Clark, landlord of the *Exeter Hotel*, *Rundle-street*, was charged with an assault on *Matthew Wilks*.

Mr. Walker appeared for the prosecution, and *Mr. Smith* for the defence.

Complainant deposed that on the 18th instant he went into the defendant's inn for a pint of half-and-half. On its being served to him he remarked that it was not good measure, upon which the defendant collared him, calling him a rogue and a thief, and held his fist towards him in a threatening manner. Told defendant he had a claim of 1s. 6d. against him for vegetables, and demanded a settlement. Defendant immediately seized him again, knocked him down, kicked, and half strangled him. He was at last released in a bruised and bleeding condition by his wife, *Mrs. Clark*, and a man who was in the bar.

The complainant's wife and a little girl in her service confirmed his statement.

Joseph Stacy, who was called by the defendant, gave a very different account of the affray. He said *Mr. Clark* desired the defendant to leave the house directly he came in, saying he did not wish to have men of bad character about his place. When he asked for the money for some greens, *Mr. Clark* referred him to *Mrs. Clark*, saying he knew nothing about it himself, but that she would pay anything that was owing. He refused to go away, and *Mr. Clark* endeavoured to turn him out. *Wilks* struck him a back-handed blow, after which they closed and fell down, rolling over and over each other. No other blow was struck. Heard no bad language from *Mr. Clark*. Saw no blood upon *Wilks*, but *Mr. Clark* was bleeding from his talons on his face.

Mr. Clark made a statement to the same effect.

The Bench considered *Wilks* much to blame, but, as there was clearly an assault committed, fined the defendant 10s. and costs.

A case of sunstroke at the Exeter Hotel, 1867

[*South Australian Register*, 14 January 1867]

SUNSTROKE—At about 9 o'clock on Saturday morning, a case of sunstroke occurred to a young man, a barman named *Thomas Langan*, at the *Exeter Hotel*, *Rundle-street*. He went into the yard without his hat, and after being exposed to the sun for only a few moments, he complained, on re-entering the house, of a pain in his head. He was advised to lay down till he recovered, and was going to do so when he fell on the floor insensible. *Dr. Whittell* was sent for, and on his arrival he immediately pronounced it to be a case of sunstroke. The unfortunate sufferer remained in a very dangerous state during the day and night, but was sufficiently recovered on Sunday to be able to walk about, although he is strictly enjoined to remain quiet, and not expose himself to the sun.

Landlord of the Exeter attacked with knife, 1885

[*Express & Telegraph*, 23 September 1885]

The Knife.

Michael Guerin appeared on a charge of wounding *Henrich Jahn*, landlord of the *Exeter Hotel*, with a knife on September 22. The evidence was to the effect that the defendant had been given a couple of drinks by the prosecutor, who declined to give him "tick." When he asked for a third and was refused he became abusive and was turned out. He then rushed in with a pocketknife in his hand, with which he inflicted a slight wound in the hand. The charge was afterwards altered to one of common assault, to which the defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined £5 and costs.

Riotous conduct at the Exeter, 1864

[*South Australian Advertiser*, 24 March 1864]

POLICE COURT—ADELAIDE.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23.
[Before J. W. Lewis, J.P.]
RIOTOUS.—*Rebecca Hines* was charged with riotous conduct in the Exeter Hotel, Rundle-street, but as she had been locked up all night, that was considered a sufficient punishment, and the unruly lady was discharged.

No wireless licence at the Exeter, 1926

[*News*, 15 April 1926]

HOTELKEEPER FINED
No Wireless Licence

J. B. Bache (licensee of the Exeter Hotel, Rundle street) was charged before Mr. G. W. Halcombe, S.M., in No. 3 Adelaide Police Court today with having failed to have a licence for a wireless set installed on the hotel premises. Defendant was fined £5 with £2 1/ costs.

Mr. C. H. Powers conducted the prosecution.

Inspectors H. W. Harrington and P. B. Traynor stated that they visited the hotel premises on February 20 and heard racing results that were being broadcast from Gawler. Defendant was written to on October 28, 1925, about taking out a licence, but did not do so until February 22.

Defendant said that the machine had not been in working order for some time. He understood from the radio inspectors that it was not necessary to take out a licence until the set was in working order.

SP betting at the Exeter, 1923

[*Daily Herald*, 17 July 1923]

HOTEL BETTING
DEFENDANT FINED.

Mr. E. M. Sabine, S.M., heard a charge of unlawful betting laid by the police against John Digan, at the Adelaide Police Court on Monday. Digan, who was defended by Mr. F. G. Hicks, denied the charge. The police case was conducted by Plainclothes Constable Homes.

The evidence for the prosecution was that on Saturday afternoon Constables Williamson and White proceeded to the Exeter Hotel in Rundle street and went into a parlor, where they saw the defendant and a number of men. While they watched him they saw him take two bets on the Blackler Handicap, one of 2/ on Stage Queen and another of 2/ on Gifan. They were then noticed, and there was a general scramble, and defendant ducked behind the bar counter. The constables caught him there, but he denied that he had been betting. He explained the passing of money as having been owed him for drinks. When he was arrested he said, "All right, it takes me all my time to write my own name, leave alone a bet." He had £24 in his possession when searched, and when asked why he carried so much money, replied that there was plenty of time to answer that in the court.

After Constable Williamson had given evidence the defendant altered his plea to one of guilty. He was fined £7 10/, with 15/ costs.

After-hours drinkin at the Exeter, 1937

[*News*, 22 June 1937]

S.M. Makes Test At Hotel

Investigations made by Mr. Morgan, S.M., at the Exeter Hotel, Rundle street, last night satisfied him that identification of persons in the bar through a leadlight in the door was possible, and in the Adelaide Police Court today he refused an application by Mr. J. Brazel, counsel for the licensee, for a certificate of triviality.

Fining Mrs. Alma Rook, the licensee, £3 with 12/6 costs for having had persons on the premises after hours on May 22, Mr. Morgan said he believed the evidence of police officers that they saw and identified a man drinking in the bar.

"I am not impressed by the evidence of the licensee," he said.

Whisky not up to standard at the Exeter, 1937

[*Advertiser*, 22 October 1937]

Whisky Not According To Standard

Pleading guilty through her counsel (Mr. C. J. Philcox) to a charge of having, on June 8, unlawfully had White Horse whisky in her possession for sale, which was not wholly in accordance with the particulars on the label on the bottle, Alma Rook, licensee of the Exeter Hotel, Rundle street, city, was fined 10/ with £8 6/ costs, by Mr. Morgan, S.M., in the Adelaide Police Court yesterday. The costs comprised £6 6/ analyst's fee, £1 1/ counsel's fee, 9/ the cost of the sample taken by Inspector T. L. Gepp, and 10/ court fees.

Mr. D. G. Hogarth appeared for the prosecution.

The Exeter Hotel, 1929

[State Library of South Australia, B 5534]



Municipal politics at the Exeter, May 1851

[*South Australian Gazette & Mining Journal*, 17 May 1851]

NOTICE.—We, the undersigned, beg to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants and Persons interested in the North-East part of the Town, to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning the authorities to make a Branch Road from the end of Rundle-street across the Park Land towards the corner of Bailey's Garden. This proceeding is found necessary, owing to the Central Road Board having lately determined to make the Main Line of Road from the end of North-terrace instead of Rundle-street, contrary to what we have always expected, which will have the effect of causing the great bulk of traffic to and from the business streets to pass at right angles in North-terrace to the prejudice and inconvenience of these streets southward.

The meeting to take place at the Exeter Hotel, Rundle-street, on Monday next, the 20th instant, at seven o'clock in the evening.

John Heathcote	G. Soward, Rundle-street
Alexander Thomson	W. Clark
Edward McEllister	Price Maurice
J. Taylor	E. W. Andrews
James Waterman	Michael Featherstone.
Robert Cottrell	

Election meeting at the Exeter, 1854

[*South Australian Advertiser*, 16 August 1854]

HINDMARSH WARD.—A MEETING of the Electors of the above Ward favourable to the return of Mr. WATERMAN will be held This Evening (Wednesday), at the Exeter Hotel, at 7 o'clock.

By order of the Committee,
WILLIAM ELLIOTT, Chairman.

August 16, 1854. x

Landlord of Exeter candidate, 1859

[*South Australian Weekly Chronicle*, 19 November 1859]

ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR FOR HINDMARSH WARD.—On Monday evening, a meeting of the friends and supporters of Mr. Rowson Ewart, mine host of the Exeter Hotel, was held at the Tavistock Hotel, Rundle-street, for the purpose of making arrangements to secure the election of that gentleman as a representative for Hindmarsh Ward, in the City Council. Mr. Thomas was called to the chair, and stated that, having known Mr. Ewart for many years, he felt fully satisfied that gentleman would, if elected, prove a most valuable and efficient representative, being a man of high standing, and of great intelligence. The candidate met with a very flattering reception, and pledged himself, if elected, to economise the Corporation funds to the utmost of his power; and, at the same time, to cause as many improvements as possible to be effected in the city generally, and particularly in the ward of which he was the representative. He did not profess to be an orator, and he did not think it essential that a representative in the City Council should be, as there were plenty of members who could talk enough already. He should, if returned, be happy at all times to receive suggestions from his constituents, with the view of consulting their interests and the interests of the ward, in the course which he should pursue as their representative. In reply to various questions put to him by electors present, Mr. Ewart stated he was of opinion that the Town Clerk was overpaid; but he scarcely thought the salary of the Mayor was too much, although he was not very much acquainted with the duties of that office. A resolution to the effect that Mr. Ewart was the most fitting candidate to represent the citizens of Hindmarsh Ward in the City Council, was declared to be carried, and the candidate announced his intention of contesting the election to the utmost. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings. The opposing candidate is Councillor Thomas, whose term of office will very shortly expire, but who has offered himself for re-election.

Affray at the Exeter, 1859

[*South Australian Advertiser*, 3 December 1859]

THE AFFRAY AT THE EXETER.—The parties concerned in the recent disturbance at the Exeter Hotel, Messrs. Ewart, Gracy, Gallimore, Birrell, McNamee, and Lawrence, were called, but did not appear. It was known indeed, that they had very judiciously amicably settled the matter, which arose from the excitement consequent upon the recent municipal elections.

Electoral meeting at the Exeter, 1870

[*Express & Telegraph*, 22 March 1870]

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

MEETING AT THE EXETER HOTEL.

A meeting of the electors of East Adelaide was held at the Exeter Hotel, Rundle-street, on Monday evening, to hear Messrs. Fowler and Murray express their political sentiments. Mr. John Saunders having been voted to the chair, and briefly opened the meeting, he called on Mr. Fowler.

Mr. DAVID FOWLER commenced by remarking that the depression at present existing could not be removed solely by legislation, but must be remedied by good harvests and better times. Although Victoria was prosperous now, she was suffering as we are in 1863-4, owing to the failure of the harvest and smallness of the yield of gold. In California also he said in 1864 the receipts of wheat in San Francisco were almost stationary, but now, owing to good seasons, the receipts were four or five times what they were in those years, and he fully believed prosperous times would return again to the colony of South Australia. He then proceeded to explain his views upon the land question and the alteration of the tariff. Respecting the latter question, he said he would not conceal his sentiments regarding protection. He was for allowing 5 per cent. on boots and shoes, but he could not agree to put on an additional 5 per cent. on those goods. He knew that the boot and shoe bill was a very large item in a family, and he could not see why every family in Adelaide should be taxed for the boot and shoe maker. Every law must be founded on justice, or it would not stand. He had been told as a fact that all men's boots were now made in the colony, but that women's boots were still imported. If he could draw the line he would tax the fine boots of the ladies

Advertisements for the Exeter, 1854

[Adelaide Observer, 17 June 1854]

EXETER HOTEL, RUNDLE-STREET.
JAMES CLARK begs respectfully to thank his town and country friends for the liberal patronage he has received during the time he kept the above house, and to inform them that he has retired from the same in favour of Mr. Rowson Ewart, whom he can confidently recommend, and from whom he is sure they will experience the same attention it has always been his own study to bestow on them.
JAMES CLARK.

WITH reference to the above Notice, **ROWNSON EWART** begs respectfully to solicit the patronage of those gentlemen who have hitherto used the Exeter Hotel, and to invite such as are not acquainted with the house to inspect its accommodations, which are inferior to those of no hotel in the colony.

Families from abroad, or from the country, may depend upon every attention to their comfort.
Good Beds always ready.
The Stabling is extensive and complete.
Gentlemen engaged in business may be accommodated with Board and Lodging on reasonable terms. The situation is healthy and highly respectable, close to the best part of the Park Land, and within five minutes' walk of the Exchange.
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Draught English cider at the Exeter, 1861

[South Australian Advertiser, 6 December 1861]

CIDER, CIDER, CIDER.—The only **ENGLISH DRAUGHT CIDER** in the colony is to be had at the **EXETER HOTEL.**
December 4, 1861. d3

Heinrich Pelzer takes the Exeter, 1868

[Express & Telegraph, 27 July 1868]

H. PELZER begs to inform the inhabitants of Adelaide and the public in general that he has taken the **EXETER HOTEL, RUNDLE-STREET**, where every accommodation will be found, combined with civility and moderate charges.

N.B.—First-class accommodation for parties from the Country, comprising excellent Beds and Good Stabling. d12x2

Heinrich Pelzer takes the Exeter, 1868

[Süd Australische Zeitung, 11 November 1868]

The German version of the advertisement above, meant for his "German compatriots" in the Barossa Valley.

H. Pelzer
erlaubt sich seinen deutschen Landsleuten und dem Publikum im Allgemeinen ergebenst anzuzeigen, daß er das
„Exeter Hotel“
in Rundle-Street übernommen hat, in welchem alle nur möglichen Bequemlichkeiten zu finden sind, verbunden mit Höflichkeit und billigen Preisen.

Advertisement for the Exeter, March 1918

[Daily Herald, 9 March 1918]

EXETER HOTEL
RUNDLE STREET.
J. R. JAHN, Proprietor.
BREAKFAST, DINNER, TEA, BEDS, WINES,
&c.
TARIFF, 5/ PER DAY
Phone 3234. 66wac

WW1 advertisement for the Exeter Hotel

[RSA [RSL] Magazine, November 1918]

EXETER HOTEL,
Rundle Street East, Adelaide.
First Class Accommodation for Town and Country Visitors.
WALKERVILLE ALES ON DRAUGHT.
All Spirits, etc., guaranteed true to Label.
Proprietor, J. R. JAHN
Phone 3234

Sale of the Exeter, 10 September 1923

[South Australian Register, 30 August 1923]

EXETER HOTEL, RUNDLE STREET, ADELAIDE.

ALTERNATIVE TENDERS are invited, and will be received by the undersigned, on behalf of the owner (Mr. R. Jahn), up to 4 p.m. on **MONDAY, the 10th day of September, 1923,** for the purchase of the **FREEHOLD OR A LEASE** of the above well-known Hotel and premises.

THE EXETER HOTEL is situated at the corner of Rundle street and Vaughan place, and the land has a frontage of 44 ft. 10 in. to Rundle street, by a depth of 90 ft. along Vaughan place, facing the East-End Market. The building, which is a two-story stone-and-brick structure, is exceptionally well built, and comprises 23 rooms, and has 3 cellars. The business has been personally conducted by the proprietor, Mr. R. Jahn, for the past 12 years, first as lessee, and later as owner. The hotel does a first-class legitimate and very profitable trade, proof of which will be supplied to bona-fide tenderers. The hotel is well furnished, and is in good order. The whole of the outside has been done up this year.

TENDERERS for the purchase of the freehold are to state the lump sum price they are prepared to pay for freehold and furniture.

TENDERERS for a lease are to state the rent they will pay, and the lump sum price they will give for a seven or 10-years' lease from October 1st, 1923, of the hotel and premises as an absolutely **FREE HOUSE**, together with the furniture and effects.

In either case the successful tenderer will be required to purchase the stock-in-trade at a valuation, and to pay for the licence, rates, insurances, and telephone on an adjustment to the date of possession.

Forms of Tender and cards to view can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned, where the inventory of the furniture and draft lease can be inspected.

No Tender necessarily accepted.
WOODS & SPINKSTON,

After-hours drinking, 1941

[News, 17 December 1941]

SIX TO PAY FINES FOR HOTEL OFFENCES IN CITY

Archie Simonds, licensee of the Exeter Hotel, Rundle street, City, was fined £10 with 12/6 costs in the Adelaide Police Court today for having, on November 17, at 9.25 p.m., unlawfully supplied liquor. It was stated that this was his second offence of that nature.

Three women, charged with having been present in the Exeter Hotel bar at that time, and two men, charged with having been found drinking, were fined £5 with 10/ costs each.

Defendants were Mabel Bolton, married, of Bean's road, Thebarton; Lilly Ophelia Evans, married, of Bean's road, Thebarton; Marian Janett Griffin, married, of Neville road, Henley Park; William Thomas Whittington, airman, of Parafield Training School; and Walter James Buck, airman, of Parafield Training School.

Mr. C. J. Philcox appeared for defendants.

Coronial inquest at the Exeter, 1864

[*South Australian Register*, 23 February 1864]

SUDDEN DEATH—INQUEST.—On Monday Dr. Woodforde, the Coroner, held an inquest at the Exeter Hotel, Rundle-street, on the body of Robert Gilham, who died suddenly the previous day. H. K. Gilham, wife of the deceased, stated that her late husband was apparently well at half-past 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. He had lately been drinking a good deal, and on Sunday had eaten a hearty dinner and drank several glasses of beer, but was not drunk. He lighted his pipe, and lay down on a sofa, where he began to moan and complained of a pain in his side. He afterwards fell off the sofa upon his face, and in a few minutes expired. He had been affected with a similar pain a few months ago, but took medicine, and was not again attacked with it until Sunday. Dr. Moore, Colonial Surgeon, stated that he was called to see the deceased, and attended immediately. There were no external appearances to account for death, nor did the deceased appear to have been excited. Upon *post-mortem* examination he found the left side of the heart diseased, and believed that death, in that case, had been from disease of the heart, accelerated by the distension of the stomach, in which he found the remains of a considerable quantity of food and some liquid. Mrs. S. Knight, a neighbour, stated that she noticed the deceased ill on Sunday. His wife came to witness and asked her to go into her house, as the deceased had fallen off the sofa. Witness saw no reason to think the deceased was drunk. Sent for Dr. Moore, who came immediately. The deceased lived happily with his wife. The Coroner summed up the evidence, and the Jury returned a verdict "Died of disease of the heart."

City landmark felled at the Exeter, 1852

[*News*, 6 November 1952]

City landmark goes



SIXTY years ago a small pine was put in a pot in the yard of the Exeter Hotel, Rundle street, City. Untended, it grew through the bottom of the pot and up and up—and up. Yesterday it was 66 ft. tall, and a well-known landmark. But today, stripped of its branches, it was being chopped down. It had become too big.

Singing and dancing at the Exeter

[*News*, 18 April 1942]

SANG IN RUNDLE STREET: FITTER FINED £2

A fitter who insisted on singing in Rundle street, City, in the early hours of this morning was fined £2 when he appeared before Mr. Ziesing, S.M., later in the day on a charge of disorderly behaviour.

Robert McGuffin, of Exeter Hotel, Rundle street, City, was seen just after midnight standing outside the hotel, singing with four other men. When they saw the police coming they sang, "Oh, please, Mr. Policeman, don't go to bed; Oh, please Mr. Policeman, don't touch me."

They were told to keep quiet, and the party broke up. McGuffin, however, kept up his singing and clapped his hands. After a while he went on the balcony of the hotel and began dancing. The police returned some time later to find McGuffin about 40 yards from the hotel. He was still making a noise, so was arrested. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

Murder at the Exeter, 1969

[*News*, 6 November 1952]

Murder charge laid

ADELAIDE, Sunday. — A 30-year-old man from the outer Adelaide suburb of Morphettville was charged early today with the murder of Mrs Gwendoline Joy Josephs, 56, manageress of the Exeter Hotel, Rundle Street, Adelaide City, on November 16. He was arrested by three Homicide Squad detectives in Adelaide at about midnight yesterday.

East End of Rundle Street, between the Tavistock (left) and Exeter (right), c1935

[Gustave Baring, *Progressive Adelaide*, 1936]

