

Aldgate Fire Brigade

1900

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Friday 27 April 1900, page 3

FIRE AT ALDGATE.

A large fire occurred at Aldgate on Wednesday evening, by which the residence of Mr. James Melrose was totally destroyed. Mr. Melrose, who was in town when the conflagration occurred, had left his wife and two servants at the house. From the latter it has been ascertained that at about 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening the kitchen chimney caught fire. The fire was quickly communicated to the roof, and in a short time the whole place was enveloped in flames. The inmates escaped safely, and a crowd quickly collected. An attempt was made to save something, but apart from a piano, which was successfully removed, and several small articles, the whole contents perished. A quantity of jewellery belonging to Mrs. Melrose, was in the house at the time. From the first the hope of combating the flames was reduced to a minimum by the hold the fire had obtained before assistance arrived. When Mr. Melrose reached the spot on Thursday morning the walls rose up from a heap of charred and blackened ruins. Mrs. Melrose, who sustained a very severe shock, was hospitably received by a neighbor, at whose house she spent the night. The house was insured in the National Fire Insurance Company of New Zealand for £3,200. The residence originally belonged to the late Mr S. R. Wakefield, by whom it was sold to Mr. Melrose.

1923

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Saturday 20 January 1923, page 41

BUSH FIRE AT ALDGATE.

A fire occurred on Saturday on block 54, Aldgate, belonging to Mrs. Watts. The land was thickly covered with scrub and undergrowth, which burnt fiercely. Fortunately the direction of the wind prevented the fire from crossing the road into Mr. G. T. Lane's beautiful property. Mrs. Norman's homestead, adjoining, escaped injury, thanks to the energetic effort of the firefighters. The fire was practically restricted to one block. Mrs. Watts lost almost the whole of her fencing. The fire was apparently started intentionally.

1927

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 19 January 1927, page 15

FIRE AT ALDGATE.

At 9 p.m. on Tuesday a fire broke out on the new Mylor-road, and quickly spread to the scrub at the foot of the school property. Residents were quickly in attendance and got the fire under control before much damage had been done.

1930

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 29 March 1930, page 21

FIRE AT ALDGATE

A fire, believed to have been caused by a spark from an engine, broke out in a paddock owned by Mr Shierlaw, of Aldgate. For a time the houses adjoining the paddock were

threatened, but local residents, acting as fire fighters, were able to extinguish the flames before serious damage was done.

1952

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 24 March 1952, page 15

House fire at Aldgate

Bridgewater firefighting appliance turned out to its second house fire this year when a sleepout burst into flames at Aldgate this morning. About £30 worth of children's clothing was lost at the home of Arthur Edward Statton, of Churinga avenue, Aldgate, when a fire started in a wardrobe. Bridgewater volunteers quickly brought the fire under control. Stirling police are preparing a report for the coroner.

1954

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 13 January 1954, page 11

National Park fire

Prompt action by Emergency Fire Service crews from Eden Hills and Belair prevented a serious fire in National Park this afternoon. The fire broke out in the Long Gully end of the park, and swept through an acre of grass and trees before it was brought under control. At Bridgewater two fires broke out during the day but both were controlled before any damage was done. In imposing a £5 fine for a breach of the Bushfires Act. JPs in Stirling Police Court today warned that heavier penalties would be imposed for lighting fires in the district, a potential bushfire area. John Edward Bibby, telephone operator, of Aldgate, was fined £5 for having burnt stubble at Aldgate on January 1.

Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA : 1880 - 1954), Wednesday 29 September 1954, page 7

Fire at Aldgate

Last Thursday the third fire for this season broke out in blackberries in Aldgate. The Bridgewater Unit attended with a crew of seven and the fire was soon under control.

Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser (SA : 1880 - 1954), Wednesday 22 December 1954, page 1

Fire in Aldgate

A fire occurred on a vacant block in Hillside Road, between Mr. K. Emery's and Mr. I. William's property. The fire was burning fiercely when Mrs. Emery raised the alarm and the Bridgewater Fire Unit was soon on the spot.