

**HERBIG FAMILY TREE**  
**EDEN VALLEY ROAD, SPRINGTON**  
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**STATE HERITAGE PLACE – No. 12697**



Historically, the Herbig Family Tree is significant because of its association with early European settlement in the Mt Lofty Ranges. Utilised as a home by Johann Friedrich Herbig and Caroline Rattey between 1855 and 1860, the tree was the birthplace of the first 2 of their 16 children in the Herbig family. It illustrates one method of adaptation of natural resources for shelter by European settlers. The tree is estimated to be between 300 and 500 years old.

The Herbig family hold family reunions at this site every five years.

The land in the vicinity of the Herbig tree is acknowledged as the traditional lands of the Peramangk people (whose lands extend east to Mt Barker) and the Ngadjuri people (whose traditional lands extend north through Clare Valley and up to Yunta).



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