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1. NEXT MEETINGS

AUGUST

Date and time: Friday, August 3 at 8 p.m.

Place: State Library Lecture Theatre

Speaker: Mr. G. Jenkin

Subject: The Narrinyeri in modern times

The Narrinyeri were a confederation of tribes which occupied the rich country between Cape Jervis, Swanport and Kingston. Mr.Jenkin's talk will cover some of the main arguments in his forthcoming book, The Conquest of the Narrinyeri, which won the Biennial History Prize during the 1978 Festival of Arts. He will give a brief overview of the history of the Narrinyeri in modern times from the period of European invasion until about 1914, showing their two major reactions both of resistance and co-operation, and the attempt to come to terms with the imposed civilization.

The Narrinyeri were the most affluent of the people living in South Australia at the time of the Europeans' arrival, and there are many living today, particularly in Adelaide, who are proud to be of the Narrinyeri.

SEPTEMBER

Date and time: Friday, September 7 at 8 p.m.

Place: State Library Lecture Theatre

Speaker: Mrs. E. Milburn

Subject: The social structure of Clare in the nineteenth century - from conflict to co-operation

In the early years of Clare's history, especially during the 1850's, there was real conflict between the squatters (pastoralists) and leading townspeople, politically, economically and socially, which was revealed even in the societies which were formed then.

As time went on and the economy began to decline the leaders, the businessmen, argued that everyone must pull together, and by the 1880's there was far more co-operation evident.

Mrs. Milburn's talk will be based on her work for her MA thesis, which places particular emphasis on Clare's elites - the people who ran the town.

2. HISTORICAL SOCIETY AFFAIRS

CONSERVATION LEGISLATION

The Australian Heritage Commission Act - or Section 30 of that Act, may be at present under pressure from the Australian Mining Industry Council. The HSSA Council believes it important that the Society make representation to the Federal Government that the Australian Heritage Commission Act be safeguarded and not be tampered with, and that development intentions should still be referred to the Commission.

At its May meeting the Council recommended that Dr. Peter Howell send a letter addressed to the Federal Government along these lines. He was asked to send a letter also to Mr. Chris Hurford urging him to ask a question in the House about the implications of changes to the Act for South Australia.

Those members of the Society who are interested to see that there is adequate conservation of the country's historic heritage could also write expressing their concern about the possible threat to the Australian Heritage Commission - and the implications at State level.

H.S.S.A. RESEARCH FILE

The Society's Secretary, Stephanie Moss, continues to keep and expand a research file on members' and non-members' areas of historical knowledge. This file now includes about 200 people's names, as well as all the historical societies in the State.

Ms. Moss has had a second edition of this research file printed by word processor (July, 1979), arranged according to subject and source of information. As part of the Society's services she is happy to answer queries about the file or on actual research, and, of course, is keen to hear of any new historical research being undertaken, for inclusion on file.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

The Vice-President, Mr. Ian Harmstorf, is now formally declared the new Publicity Officer. He has promised to be an outspoken publicity officer, the like of which the Society has not seen before...

ADVERTISING

From this July issue, booksellers and others with lengthy, detailed book advertisements will be charged for advertising in the Newsletter. The following rates will apply per issue:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
½	\$15.00	\$20.00
1	\$30.00	\$40.00

However, only a small proportion of each Newsletter will be given over to advertising, and individual books will still be listed and reviewed without charge, as well as details of older works which are still available for purchase.

PUBLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Chris Nance is Chairman of this sub-committee. Ms. Elizabeth Durward who works in the State Library's South Australian Collection is now also a member. The sub-committee makes an appeal to members of the Society for copies of interesting diaries, letters and other original documentary material, which may be suitable for publication as books or papers by the H.S.S.A.

3. BOOKS

1. Ray Ericksen, Ernest Giles. Explorer and Traveller 1835-1897 (Heinemann, Melbourne 1978) 370 pp. illustrated \$18.50. (Reviewed by Geoffrey Bishop).

This book is a biography of Ernest Giles, one of Australia's greatest explorers. It looks at the circumstances surrounding Giles' major work and critically examines the five expeditions he conducted between 1872 and 1876.

Ericksen's research on Giles is more extensive than that of the other writers who have looked at Giles (e.g. Dutton, 1970). Giles enjoyed exploration in spite of all its hardships, and this comes through in his writings.

Giles discovered more land than any other explorer of Australia but was unrecognized during his life-time. This biography will go a long way towards giving Giles the recognition he rightly deserves.

2. Peter Donovan, An industrial history of South Australia (1836 to 1936)
Part 1 of the project "Industrial Buildings of South Australia" initiated and directed by David Saunders (Working paper 2, Department of Architecture, University of Adelaide, 1979) 106 pp., with maps and tables and chronology. \$3.00 from the above Department. (Reviewed by Susan Marsden)

While the industrial and economic history of South Australia is an enormous topic, Peter Donovan's study provides an invaluable outline history written so that industrial buildings and relics can be identified as part of the State's heritage, but also of use to researchers in general. At the same time, it is packed with concrete facts about the various industries, placed within a time framework of 1836 to 1935, at which time the pace and nature of industrialisation in South Australia changed dramatically.

This work also emphasises major themes peculiar to or predominant in South Australia's industrial history, such as long-term predominance of primary based industry, and of Adelaide in the economy, the role of the Government and of the various service industries.

3. A recently issued book on Eyre Peninsula history.
Caralue, Near and Far, published by the Caralue Hall Committee, March 1979
(Reviewed by Alan Jones)

The Hundred of Caralue, about 20 miles west of Kimba, was opened for settlement by wheat farmers in 1924. In 1929 the people of the district erected their first Community Hall (since replaced by a new building on the same site). This book was published in March 1979 at the time of celebrations to mark 50 years from the opening of the original Hall - the central focus of community life because there is no large town nearer than Kimba.

The book was written largely from oral sources. For this reason it contains many anecdotes and personal experiences that bring alive the settlers' farming methods and living conditions with a vividness and impact lacked by the studied generalisations of an academic historian. The book also contains a solid foundation of fact which clearly shows the development of the district. It is an excellent example of the lively historical writing which becomes possible when pioneers can be interviewed and their experiences of daily life recorded and used.

Containing 175 pages (black and white illustrations), the book is costly at \$12.00 (plus postage) because of a small print run. Copies are available from:

Mrs. Lois Hampel
Secretary
Caralue Hall Incorp.
Private Bag 5
CLEVE 5640

4. Regional histories still available for purchase:

H.K. Bailey, Brass Amongst the Copper, a history of fires and fire-fighting in the Cornish area of Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta. 36 pages, illustrated. Available from the author at 17 Hay St., Kadina, at \$1 per copy, plus postage.

Books by Rhoda Heinrich:

Governor Fergusson's Legacy, A Centenary History of Maitland and Kilkerran, Yorke Peninsula, published in 1972 by the author and printed by Gillingham Printers, 106 Currie Street, Adelaide, who will supply copies @ \$7.50 retail.

Discounts are available to selling agencies. Contains 269 pages with many illustrations, sketches, maps, photographs and diagrams, hard-cover, cloth-bound. Postage to be added, is \$1.15.

Wide Sails and Wheat Stacks, a Centenary History of Port Victoria and Wauraltee, Yorke Peninsula, published in 1976 by the Port Victoria Centenary Committee. Reprinted in 1977 by the author. Gillingham Printers and the author, Rhoda Heinrich have copies for sale @ \$8.50 retail. Discounts are available to selling agencies. This quarto sized, hard-cover, cloth-bound edition contains 144 pages with many illustrations, drawings, maps, photographs, and index. Four chapters are devoted to the town and district's association with the large sailing ships which transported grain from this port up to 1949, and then proceeded around Cape Horn en route to Europe. If posting, please add \$1.15 postage.

Heinrich of Seiffersdorf, a family history published by the Reunion Committee in January 1979, and compiled by Rhoda Heinrich contains 319 pages, and was written to commemorate the arrival in South Australia of Gottlob Heinrich, his wife and four children 140 years ago, on 25th January 1839. In addition to the usual family "trees", the text contains historical information relating to the early history of this State as well as to the settlement of pioneers in a number of the farming areas of South Australia and western Victoria. There are numerous photographs of people, early homes, maps, an extensive index and a pictorial section on the evolution of farming and transport, and a number of pencil sketches by Margaret Brown. From the original family, over 2,000 descendants were born. This quarto-size, hard-cover, cloth-bound edition is available from either Mrs. W.L. Heinrich, 37 Rosling Street, Kensington Gardens, 5068 or from Mrs. Rhoda Heinrich, Box 205, Maitland, 5573, and costs \$12.00. Please add \$2.00 for postage and if interstate \$3.00.

The following may be purchased from Molly Eatts, Box 134, Kimba 5641
all relating to the Kimba District.

Caralue Near and Far - by The Caralue Jubilee Committee.
Price \$12.00 - hard cover.

The Pioneer House Project 1978 - by The Kimba and Gawler Ranges Historical Society.
Price \$2.50 - paperback.

The Pioneering and Progress of Kimba - by H.R. Hogan. Price \$4.00 - paperback.
Postage is extra.

Books which can be obtained at

Cleve, Whyalla, Port Lincoln, Cowell, Arno Bay, Kimba, or by writing to: Mrs. E.O. Wauchope, Box 54, Cleve, S.A. 5640.

Cleve on the Yadnarie Plains - \$10.20 plus packing and postage \$2.00 (Sth. Aust).

Saga of Wangaraleednie - \$5.00 plus packing and postage \$1.00 (Sth. Aust).

Cleve on the Yadnarie Plains (see later advertisement).

Frank Masters, Saga of Wangaraleednie (1950, 1974).

The publication of Saga of Wangaraleednie (Hill of the West Wind) by Frank Masters was first published as a memorial by his family in 1950. A Revised Edition was published in 1974 by Franklin Harbour and Cleve National Trust. This saga is the history of Wangaraleednie and Franklin Harbour and Cleve districts, comprising practically the County of Jervis, South Australia, and contains seventeen chapters. From Original Inhabitants, Mining, Pastoralists, Isolation Struggles, Battle of the Ports, through to an added chapter 'The years since' (1950-1974), tells an interesting story of the past.

Books by R.H.B. Kearns

History of Silverton and Broken Hill

Former President of the Broken Hill Historical Society (now a member of the Council of The Historical Society of S.A.) Mr. Kearns has produced a series of five illustrated booklets, covering a chronological span of 90 years from 1883 to 1973:

Silverton: A Brief History - 52 pages, 2 maps, 74 illustrations.

The first edition appeared in May 1972, second edition March 1973, reprinted May 1974, third edition May 1976, reprinted November 1977.

This record of the growth and demise of Silverton, 'once the pride of the Barrier Ranges,' sets the scene for the opening up of the Broken Hill silver field, fourteen miles to the south-east.

Broken Hill, Volume I, 1883-1893: Discovery and Development

First edition 1973, reprinted 1975 and 1977. 64 pages, 2 maps, 82 illustrations.

"The discovery of the Broken Hill orebody by a German-born boundary rider in 1883 triggered off a series of events which were to have a far-reaching effect on the Australian economy."

Covering the first ten years of the life of the new mining field, the historical events are described of the pegging of the original leases, formation of a 'syndicate of seven', launching of The Broken Hill Pty. Co. Limited in 1885, setting up of the new township, and the industrial disputes which culminated in the 1892 strike.

Broken Hill, Volume II, 1894-1914: The Uncertain Years

72 pages, 1 map, 105 illustrations. First edition November 1974, reprinted 1976 and 1978.

"These were Broken Hill's years of uncertainty and indecision. In the climate of inflation in the 1970's, it is difficult to comprehend that from 1893 to 1906, there had been no increase in wage rates."

This volume covers developments in the mining industry, the 1909 strike, the introduction of steam trams, mine disasters, stage-coach robberies, and community life in Broken Hill.

Broken Hill, Volume III, 1915-1939: New Horizons

76 pages, 1 map, 137 illustrations. First edition 1975, reprinted 1977.

"Arbitration was abandoned in favour of direct consultation between employers and trade unions, and a system of entering into an industrial agreement every three years was introduced."

The publication opens with the attack on a picnic train by two 'Turks', in which four people were killed and seven wounded. (One of the train passengers injured

was Mrs. Alma Crocker, mother of the Society's Patron, Sir Walter Crocker). The 1919-1920 strike - the last of the strikes of any consequence to occur in Broken Hill - is described, the shooting of Percy Brookfield (M.L.A. for Broken Hill) at Riverton in 1921, the formation of the Barrier Industrial Council, and the emergence of Broken Hill from the trade depression of the 1930's, „brings the chronological record up to the outbreak of World War II.

Broken Hill, Volume IV, 1940-1973: Towards the Century

88 pages, 1 map, 148 illustrations. First edition September 1976, currently being reprinted.

The final volume in the series 'embraces the years of World War II, the expansion and boom of the immediate postwar era, the ebb and flow of economic events, and the closing of Broken Hill South Limited.'

In his Foreword Mr. Kearns states that he 'derived considerable pleasure from the vicarious association with the pioneering days, and the host of interesting events which occurred during Broken Hill's early growth and development.'

Total cost of the five publications is \$8.50, plus \$2 postage.

Available from:

The Broken Hill Historical Society,
Box 212 P.O.
Broken Hill, NSW. 2880.

Enquiries may also be directed to Mr. Kearns (Telephone 332 3159).

Books by Alan Jones:

Curramulka 1876-1975 - published 1975, together with Supplement issued in 1978 - cost \$5.00 (plus postage \$1.25). Available from:

Mr. Alan Jones
42 Salisbury Street
UNLEY 5061 (home address)

or by writing to this address.

Copies of the Supplement are available (free and post-free) to those who already have the 1975 book on request to Alan Jones at the above address.

Snowtown, The First Century 1878-1978 - published 1978. Cost \$12.00, postage \$1.60, from Mr. Jones at above address or:

Mrs. T.M. Atkinson
"Gumlyn", SNOWTOWN 5520

5. Useful Bibliographies for Consulting

M. Cottington The South Australian Environment: A Guide to the Literature 2nd edition. (S.A. Dept. for the Environment 1979. 20 pp). Copies available free of charge from the Department Library.

J. McDonald Recent Australian Reference Tools (Australian Parliamentary Library, Canberra 1978). Can be consulted in the State Library Bibliography Section. Call number B/994/M135b.

T. Hogan et al Index to Journal Articles in Australian History (University of New England 1976). Barr Smith Library.

W. A. Ives The Mallee of South - Eastern Australia: a short bibliography (Monash University 1974) State Library B/994/I95.

CLEVE ON THE YADNARIE PLAINS

Compiled and edited by Laurel Spriggs, assisted by Else Wauchope. Published by the Cleve Centenary Committee A story of the people of the district and their changing lifestyles during 100 years 1879-1979. Obtainable at Cleve, Cowell, Arno Bay, Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Kimba. \$10-20 per copy. Or by post to:

Mrs. E.O. Wauchope,
Box 54,
CLEVE, SA. 5640.

\$2.00 extra for packing and postage (Sth.Aust.)

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Cleve on the Yadnarie Plains published to commemorate 100 years of the proclamation of the Town of Cleve is a 272-page beautifully designed, printed and bound book containing hundreds of decades-old photographs which have been enhanced to brilliant clarity, as well as pen drawings and cartoons.

From an opening address at the Local History Conference at Toodyay, Western Australia, September 1975 quoted in the editorial: "In the final analysis, local history must keep returning to people. It must always be identified with their aspirations, their successes, their failures. And because it has a narrower focus, it may be able to tell us something about the humbler people, the faceless people in towns and country. It can be history from below, rather than above.

To this extent, it may rescue people from oblivion, sometimes quite colourful people, whose stories have been obscured or lost." These words neatly explain what the Cleve Centenary book is all about.

Launching the book on March 2 the Chairman of the Cleve Centenary Committee, described the work as a 'folk history', a record of people, their triumphs and trials, their work and recreation, and their accommodation to the conditions in which they found themselves. From a Professor in Historical Research in England, the Chairman received the comments: "Your contemporaries will take up 'Cleve on the Yadnarie Plains' and relive or relearn the past. They will enjoy every page. In a later day those who will record that which makes history, man and his mark, will look on your book as a precious facet of a diamond for the assessment of nation or economy or social ethos or period they set out to describe."

The book contains: History of Cleve House, England, and Survey of Cleve; Frank Masters, author of 'Saga of Wangaraleednie' and National Trust; District Council of Cleve; Prominent Citizens; Women's Section (including cookery pages); followed by Agriculture; Service Departments; Churches and Lodges; Community Organisations; Education, Culture and Entertainment; Sport and Recreation; Business Sector; and Family Histories.

Dedicated to our pioneers, our contemporaries and our successors, we hope that those who scan these pages will find some pleasure and a prompting of happy memories.

4. SOCIETIES AND EVENTS

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIRE BRIGADE SOCIETY

This Society was formed last month. The office-holders are as follows:

Patron ...	Mr. George Joseph Chairman of the Fire Brigades Board.
Vice Patron ..	Mr. D.G. Eve Chief Officer.
President ...	Mr. D.C. Newton Board Member.
Secretary ...	Station Officer M. Bryant c/o S.A.F.B. Headquarters, Wakefield St., Adelaide.
Committee ...	Mr. P. Searle, Fireman. Mr. K. Bailey, Auxiliary Foreman. Mr. J. McGee, Civilian.

The objects of the Society are to gather records and collate information on articles of historical significance for the benefit of posterity, and eventual formation of a South Australian Fire Brigade Museum.

The Society is receptive to ideas as well as donation of articles.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN THE HENLEY GRANGE AREA

Several people have become interested in forming an historical society in this area, and have drawn up a proposed constitution to be considered by a steering committee and prepared by them for presentation at a meeting of residents and other people of Henley and Grange. Queries and suggestions about the proposed constitution or the new society are invited by the steering committee by late July. Kindly address your suggestions to any one of the members of the Steering Committee, whose names and addresses are as follows:-

Glen Ralph, (Convenor)
19 Anthony Street,
HENLEY BEACH 5022.

Mr. David McCarthy,
Hobart Road,
HENLEY SOUTH 5022.
Tel. 356.6611, 356.2918

Mrs. D. McCarthy,
Hobart Road,
HENLEY SOUTH 5022.

Miss Helen Hanrahan,
Henley Aid & Advisory Centre,
360 Seaview Road,
HENLEY BEACH 5022. Tel. 356.0851

Mrs. B. Llewellyn,
361 Esplanade,
HENLEY BEACH 5022.

SOCIETY FOR UNDERWATER HISTORICAL RESEARCH INC. C/- Relics Unit, 43 Fullarton Road, Kent Town. S.A. 5067

SUHR was formed in 1974 and consists of experienced divers and several non-divers all having a particular interest in Underwater Archaeology.

The work of SUHR covers a full range of activities including planning, research, exploration, logistics, photography, recovery and preservation of relics to name but a few. A particularly important aspect of all our work is the presentation of a Report on all projects.

An extract from the Society's Constitution shows our objectives, in part, to be:

- a) "To foster interest in, and the systematic study of, nautical history and archaeology."
- b) "To promote the distribution of knowledge relating to Australia's nautical history and archaeology."
- c) "To assist in the location, protection and conservation of relics..."

The very essence of the field of archaeology is to produce an end result which will increase our knowledge of a particular subject. Knowledge may also be increased by the recovery and subsequent display of relics, but it is essential that all items recovered receive any necessary treatment.

At this stage, it is perhaps worth stating that members of SUHR receive no financial gain from their work, which is all voluntary. Financial assistance received enables the purchase of necessary equipment. The sale of Reports is an important aspect of fund raising, whilst also performing a useful and educational purpose.

Members of SUHR are continuously engaged in a number of projects, details of which will be fully documented, with reports being published.

Research work presently being carried out will form the basis of, and determine, future projects.

SUHR is primarily concerned with underwater historical sites, namely, at present, the old Jetty area at Holdfast Bay, the wreck of the Loch Vennachar on K.I., and the Star of Greece wreck at Port Willunga, relics of which have been preserved by us and are on display at various places.

We are at present working at Morgan on the old paddle steamer wharf, which has been partly financed by the Heritage Commission (Dept. for the Environment) relics from which will be displayed by the Morgan National Trust at present being established, and in the Landseer Building at present being restored by Doug Tamm. Also the wrecks of the "Norma" and "Grecian" at Outer Harbour, and the "Santiago" hulk in the North Arm, are being researched and surveyed.

If you have any information on the above projects or if you have any other information you consider being of interest to us we would be pleased to hear from you. Also if you require further information on the above or any other underwater site please contact us.

Many people have knowledge of events such as shipwrecks, construction and destruction of jetties, location of relics, or photographs of historical maritime interest. SUHR would be very happy to receive details in respect to these. (Secretary, Mr. M. Watson).

SECOND AUSTRALASIAN CONGRESS ON GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY
Adelaide, Easter Weekend (4-7 April, 1980)

This congress will be hosted by the South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry

(Patron: Sir Mark Oliphant, Former Governor of South Australia)

So far we have received offers of papers (i.e. lectures, seminars and workshops) from: Pastor H.R.W. PROEVE, Secretary of the Lutheran Church in Australia, "Lutheran Records in Australasia"; Brian BROOKS, Society of Genealogists (London), "Bridging the Gap between Australasia and the United Kingdom"; a paper by Hugh MONTGOMERY-MASSINGBERD, Editor of Burke's Peerage to be read in his absence. There will be seminars on: various records (Jewish, Western Australian, Tasmanian, Victorian, New South Wales, Military) to name a few, Australian Joint Copying Project, Life in Colonial Settlements, Dutch Genealogy and Heraldry, Welsh Genealogy, slides and paper concerning the Meseritz area of Germany, Beginner's Workshop, Organizing a Family History, Publishing a Family History, Oral History, etc.

Mr. A.R. PHILLIPS of Gould Brooks, Gould Place, Cudlee Creek, South Australia, 5232, is organizing the display area. If your organization would like to mount a display or distribute any of your publications, please contact Mr. Phillips for details.

On Friday, 4th April, there will be a luncheon for the Presidents or official representatives of the participating organisations. This will be held at "The Black Bull" in North Adelaide. Each person will be expected to pay for his/her own meal. Please let us know if you wish to take part.

Would those organizations which use a postal box, please send us a street address and/or a telephone number for Ansett Air Freight to contact for delivery of the "Registration Forms"?

If you have any questions, please contact: Mrs. K.B. QUAST, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, 206 Milne Road, Modbury Heights, South Australia, 5092. Telephone (08) 263.4074.

THE ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA:
FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THEME Oral history and the Australian Cultural Identity.
VENUE Mount Lawley C.A.E., 2 Bradford St., Mt. Lawley, W.A.
PROGRAMME* Saturday 18 August 1979

- PM 2.00-2.15 Registration.
2.15-3.00 A Conspectus of Oral History
(Professor John Saville, Chairman, UK Oral History Society).
3.00-4.00 Oral History and the Bicentennial Project
(Dr. Peter Spearritt and Ms. Louise Douglas)
4.00-4.15 Afternoon Tea
4.15-5.00 Oral History, Women and Ethnic Groups
(Ms. Baiba Irving)
5.00-6.00 Workshops
(Note: Workshops A, B, C and D will be repeated on Sunday.
Workshop E will be replaced by Oral History and the Focussed Interview - (Dr. Alan Richardson).
A. Oral History Archives and Libraries
(Ms. Catherine Santamaria)
B. Oral History and Teaching
(Mr. John Marshall)
C. Oral History and Local History
(Professor Weston Bate and Professor Geoffrey Bolton)
D. Oral History Interpretation and Use
(Mrs. Wendy Lowenstein)
E. Oral History and Popular Culture
(Dr. Brian Stoddart)
6.00-6.30 Informal Reception

*This programme is subject to confirmation.

PROGRAMME*

Sunday 19 August 1979

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| 9.00-11.00 | Annual General Meeting of O.H.A.A. |
| 11.00-11.15 | Morning Tea |
| 11.15-12.00 | Oral Tradition Myth and Reality - Aborigines and Pacific Islanders
(Dr. Clive Moore) |
| 12.00-12.45 | Oral History in Papua New Guinea
(Dr. Roderic Lacey) |
| 12.45- 2.00 | Lunch |
| 2.00- 2.45 | Oral History through Music
(W.A. Folk Federation Members) |
| 2.45- 3.45 | Workshops (see previous day's details) |
| 3.45- 4.00 | Afternoon Tea |
| 4.00- 5.00 | Oral History - Directions
(Panel Discussion) |

**This programme is subject to confirmation.

(Final programme will be available at the Conference.)

All enquiries and registrations to:
Convenors Oral History Conference,
C/- 97 Ullapool Road,
Mt. Pleasant, W.A. 6153.
Telephone: (09) 364 3664.

THE ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA S.A. BRANCH:
STATE TAPE REGISTER

Many recordings on tape in South Australia of the memories of people who have interesting and important stories to tell are being held without much real prospect of ever being drawn upon and used productively by anyone.

The South Australian Branch of the Oral History Association is working on a State Register of these private holdings and is using this form as a basis for gathering such hitherto uncollected information.

We would be happy to accept outright gifts of tapes for which you have no further need, or to get offers if you are willing to allow copies to be made of interviews of interest (especially interviews with people now dead).

If you think you can help, please fill out and return the following section, or a copy.

NAME (block letters)

ADDRESS

..... Telephone

Have you done any specific oral history research? If so, in what areas?
.....
.....

Have you any tapes you wish to retain but would be willing to have recorded on a public State Register (eventually a National Register)? If so, would you please list them here, or on a separate piece of paper. Please note who is being interviewed, where, when and by whom, and the subject(s) covered.
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Tapes can be donated or lent for copying. The Association's postal address is:
c/- Constitutional Museum Trust, Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide, S.A. 5000.
Office (to January 1980) is 3rd floor, Tourist Bureau, 18 King William Street, Adelaide, S.A. 5000.

We will acknowledge donations in the Association Newsletter.

June, 1979

Angela Woollacott, Secretary

NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE

Since May, 1979, the following Newsletters have been received:

- a. Canberra and District Historical Society Newsletter, No. 204, May, 1979, and No. 205, June/July, 1979.
- b. Mile End Railway Museum Newsletter, No. 17, June, 1979.
- c. Pichi Richi Patter, vol. 6, No. 3, Autumn, 1979.
- d. Portonian, vol. 7, No. 2, June, 1979.
- e. Release, No. 41, April, 1979.
- f. Royal Australian Historical Society Newsletter, No.181, May, 1979 and No.182, June-July, 1979.
- g. Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (S.A. Branch) Newsletter, vol. 15, No. 3, June, 1979.
- h. Royal Western Australian Historical Societies Newsletter, vol. 18, No. 4, May, 1979, and No. 5, June, 1979.
- i. The South Australian Genealogist, vol. 6, No. 3, June, 1979.
- j. South Australian Horse Driving Society Newsletter, May and June, 1979.
- k. Torrens Valley Historical Journal, No. 6, June, 1979.
- l. The Uniting Church in South Australia Historical Society Newsletter, No. 4, April, 1979.
- m. John McDouall Stuart Society, Circular, June, 1978.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

"The pleasures of ruins", summary of a talk by John Mulvaney on the problems of historic restoration in Australia. (a., June)

"National Library's Australian services", a guide to "one of the finest political collections in Australia." the papers of the early Prime Minister, Alfred Deakin has been published by the Library, and other guides and portraits are also discussed (a., June)

"Historic Tasmania", Parts 1 and II by Myra Webb (a., May, June)

"Centenary year" of the Pichi Richi Railway, the first trains travelling on the Port Augusta and Government Gums Railway in 1879: see "Hopkins Gilkes Rails" by D.Griffiths (c.)

"Perils of the sea," the voyage of "Wolloma" in 1917 (d.)

"James Macarthur, colonial conservative, 1798-1867," a short summary of a talk based on Professor Ward's study of the history of conservatism in Australia, by John M. Ward (f., May)

"Conservation of historic towns: a case study of Burra, South Australia," summary of this meeting, addressed by the consultant in this study, Howard Murton and Chris McCabe, head of Burra Community School, by C.R. Whitaker (g.)

"Old colonists' composite photographs," first in a series reproducing the prints of the composite photographs of Old Colonists together with their indices, which are held in the Archives. The first is the Banquet Group (men) of 1871 and the index contains their names and the vessel and date of their arrival. By K. Ireland (i.)

"The development of South Australian family histories," by A.G. Peake (i.).

"List of cemeteries transcribed in South Australia," by members of the S.A. Genealogy and Heraldry Society (i.)

"Historical notes of Gumeracha (Salem) Baptist Church, 1843-1946," by J.B. Randell (k.)

"Class meetings and Willunga Methodism," class meetings were a feature of early Methodism and there were a number of classes held in the Willunga area. By R.Lambert (l.)

"Churches on the South Coast," with maps showing the locations of all past and present Congregational and Methodist Churches in that area, by J. Cameron (l.)

"Rev. Charles Hodge: Bible Christian and Congregational Minister," by J. Cameron (l.)

"James Frew", an account of Frew, who accompanied Stuart on the 1861 expedition, including a letter from Frew at that time, by Mrs. Walkley, (m).

5. LETTERS AND RESEARCH

GUIDESHEETS FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Brian Samuels is currently revising the Society's first guidesheet, "South Australian Local History 1 - Guides, Lists and Indexes." A select list of Finding Aids for Local History Source Material. Members with suggestions for additions should write to the Society's P.O. Box or Phone 49.8104 a/h as soon as possible. Suggestions for additional guidesheets will also be welcomed.

WEST TERRACE CEMETERY RECORDS

Records of the West Terrace Cemetery are currently being secured on microfilm in order to ensure information security and integrity for the future.

The West Terrace Cemetery Committee is also currently investigating the feasibility of computerising these records in order to provide a resource for research purposes. The Committee needs to establish the following points in order to determine the feasibility of establishing and maintaining such a file.

- (1) What information should be involved in this file?
- (2) What type of enquiries are likely to be asked of the file?
- (3) How often is the file likely to be used for enquiry purposes?

The points will enable the approximate size and cost of the file to be established.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to complete the following form and return it to:

The Executive Officer,
 West Terrace Cemetery Committee,
 G.P.O.Box 1072,
 ADELAIDE, S.A. 5001

SURVEY OF USERS OF WEST TERRACE CEMETERY RECORDS

Information considered important and should be included on file:

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Typical enquiries and likely uses expected of the file:

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6. ARTICLES

SOME HISTORICALLY INSOLUBLE RAILWAY PROBLEMS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

By Reece Jennings (prepared by S. Marsden from notes at the talk given by Dr. Jennings to the H.S.S.A. in May).

The great Webb rehabilitation (1922-1930) ultimately did nothing to solve those problems which had been with South Australia since the days of the horse railway to Goolwa in 1854, and which are only beginning to be tackled now by the Australian National Railways. The cry, 'Make the Railways pay' has echoed in Parliament and in public since the 1850's. It has brought about the death of the South Australian Railways and its takeover by A.N.R. in 1975.

Financial problems associated with the railways during the depression years brought down two governments. By 1975 the railway deficit was \$70,000,000: Don Dunstan was able to win an election on the basis of giving the railways away. Railways in South Australia have never paid, though there were, some seventy years ago, some fictitious surpluses due to fiddling the books, often at the direction of the Minister of Railways. In 1865, the Government tried to sell the railways and there was only one bidder. No private enterprise with any sense was then - or would now - be prepared to take over the railways because there is very little chance of profit in Australia due to the distance and the small population. There was almost always a complete lack of foresight in the planning and laying of lines, including the major difficulty of breaks of gauge, especially the discontinuing of operations at State borders. Rating structures were such that only goods carrying was profitable, never animals or people - hence the profitability of the private Silverton line. To add to the deficits the railways have always been overstaffed, having been used as a reservoir for the unemployed, especially during the depression. They were still being so used in the 1970's, until takeover by the A.N.R.

The railways have also always suffered from the blight of political interference. The problems of political control of the railways began before even the first railways were built: H.W. Parker, appointed Resident Director in 1849, years before any lines were built, resigned in 1851 after arguments with the Parliamentary Select Committee.

Parliament's reason for the construction of railways was to establish communication and transport in settled areas locally and with other parts of Australia. Then there was the deliberate Government policy of opening up undeveloped country on Eyre Peninsula and in the Murray Mallee with no attempt to make them pay their own way. Some lines were constructed on the Guarantee Principle: if you wanted a railway and signed a paper promising to pay for it you got it, though no-one was ever forced to pay. The Glencoe and Angaston lines were built on this principle.

Other 'lines of convenience' were built or promised for purely political reasons because politicians saw this as a sure vote winner. Lines actually built as vote-catchers included the Willunga Spalding and Truro lines, the last-named actually being built without proper Parliamentary authority. Others were surveyed but not built, for instance, the astonishing proposal to run a line from Dry Creek to Gumeracha - calling at every polling place in between.

James McGuire, who became Commissioner in 1916 inherited the whole rotten system and could do nothing with it. By this time, too, the locomotives were old and useless. The American, William Alfred Webb was made Chief Commissioner in 1922, to save and upgrade the railways. His scheme of railways rehabilitation brought the whole State to the verge of bankruptcy. But had it not been for his costly rehabilitation and foresight, we would not have the railways at all today.

Then there was the problem of road versus rail transport. Through the Transport Act between the 1930's and the 1950's, the Government tried to protect the railways but the road hauliers circumvented this as they could. Between 1927 and 1936 F.A. James took

on South Australia, then the Commonwealth as far as the Privy Council in the 'Dried Fruits Case' dispute over road versus rail haulage. He won, and invalidated all the legislation aimed at controlling interstate road transport. The final blow to suburban and country passenger services within the State was the growth of privately owned motor vehicles, combined with the continuing absence of planning, lack of interest in markets and low morale within the railways.

Now for the first time in a mere 120 years, there is a corporate plan prepared for the running of the railways, objectives and marketing. The A.N.R. is also expected to get rid of a 120 years deficit in the next fifteen years - so perhaps politicians haven't learnt much about railways after all.

SOME DATES

- 15-9-1830 First public railway in England: Liverpool to Manchester. (Also date of first fatal railway accident.)
- 1839 Consideration given in London to the construction of a railway between Adelaide and Port Adelaide.
- 1845 Subject again raised in London.
- 1847 S.A. Parliament passed the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act.
- 1848 Joint Stock Company formed in London to construct a railway from Adelaide to Port Adelaide.
- 1849 Mr. H.W. Parker, Managing Director, came to South Australia to handle the project.
- 1850 Private Act passed by the South Australian Parliament to allow the Adelaide City and Port Railway Company to construct and operate a railway.
- 1851 Parker abandoned the project after differences of opinion with the government. Appointment of Board of Undertakers.
- 1853 Work started on the Adelaide-Port Adelaide Railway.
- 18-5-1854 Goolwa to Port Elliot line opened (horse traction). First line in the British Empire built by a government.
- 19-4-1856 Adelaide to Port Adelaide line opened (steam). Charles Todd almost simultaneously introduced the electric telegraph.
- 1856 Board of Railway Commissioners in control: W. Hanson, J. Brown, R.B. Colley.
- 135-1856 First S.A.R. accident: Manager, C.S. Hare, dismissed because he happened to be Manager when the train carrying Governor Daly ran off the line at Woodville.
- 1856 First argument with a passenger about smoking in a carriage.
- 1857 Adelaide to Gawler line opened.
- 1858 First Parliamentary Select Committee of Inquiry into Railway Management.
- 1859 Control vested in Commissioner of Public Works.
- 1860 First semaphore signals introduced. (Disk and cross-bar).
- 1887 Management and Administration vested in three Commissioners: J.H. Smith, A.S. Neill, John Hill - who disagreed continually, so that Parliament eventually sacked all three.

- 1895 A.G.W. O'B. Pendleton (Sole Commissioner).
Subsequent Commissioners were:
- 1909 A.B. Moncrieff.
- 1916 James McGuire.
- 1922 William Alfred Webb (Chief Commissioner)
James McGuire (Commissioner)
- 1927 William Alfred Webb
- 1930 C.B. Anderson
- 1946 R.H. Chapman
- 1954 J.A. Fargher
- 1966 R.J. Fitch
- 1974 State Transport Authority:
M.L. Stockley (Acting Commissioner).
J.M. Doyle (General Manager-Designate).
- 1-3-1978 Australian National Railways absorbed the South Australian Railways as
the Central Region.
- 1979 F.R. Harris (General Manager, State Transport Authority).
V.H. Dyason (General Manager, Australian National Railways).
D.G. Williams (General Manager-Designate).
- (Note: The South Australian Railways Commissioners Act 1887 applied, with only minor
amendments, until the Federal take-over in 1978).

SOME RELATED MILESTONES

- 1816 Francis Ronald developed the electric telegraph.
- 1833 First locomotive whistle.
- 1837 Cooke and Wheatstone invented block signalling instruments by adapting
the telegraph to railway working requirements.
- 1840 'Railway Time' introduced to England.
- 1841 Railway detonators invented (fog & accident warning).
First semaphore signal installed: London & Croydon Line.
- 1843 First centrally interlocked signal frame (Bricklayers Arms Junction,
England).
- 1847 Bain invented the telegraph tape.)
1851 C.V. Walker invented bell codes.) Because of problems of illiteracy.
- 1850 Derailer invented.
- 1872 William Robinson (U.S.A.) patented track circuiting.
- 1873 Tyler invented the electric staff.
- 1883 'Railway Time' introduced in the U.S.A.

EUROPEAN FOLK SONG AND DANCE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

By Brian Samuels

Is your repertoire of Australian songs limited to Waltzing Matilda, Click Go the Shears, the Wild Colonial Boy and Bound for South Australia? If so, over 100 bush doctors swear that reading this article and then using its pages to apply a liberal dose of Goanna Salve to the forehead will cure you of the condition forever.

The best way to learn folk songs is to hear them, but having heard them a written copy of the words does come in handy. This article will assist in both regards. However, before listing venues and titles, there are two intriguing issues regarding folk song in South Australia.

Firstly, a mere handful of old songs concerning South Australia have survived. Is this because few were composed, or is it rather because no one made the effort to collect them and commit them to paper? Our Secretary, Stephanie Moss has an undated newspaper cutting from 1925-27 which mentions a 'newly formed Folk Song and Dance Society', presumably following in the wake of Cecil Sharp's work in England. I would welcome any information at all on the history of folk song collecting in this State. On present information it certainly appears that there was no movement in South Australia to compare with the collecting in the eastern states, which really began bearing fruit in the 1950's. The reasons for this are also interesting to ponder.

Secondly, as with folk song, so with folk dance. Leaving aside the rich heritage of aboriginal dances, folk dance in Australia means of course our inheritance of European dances. Some of these can be traced back for hundreds of years to various ritual dances, but by the time Australia was settled these dances were serving social and recreational purposes only. I am unaware of any collecting of dances in South Australia to rival the work of Shirley Andrews in the eastern states. (The dances she collected appeared in the magazine 'Australian Tradition' throughout the sixties and seventies culminating in the special dance issue and book mentioned below).

Well, after this introduction, where can you go and what can you read to experience our folk music heritage.

FOLK CLUBS

The following list of clubs is taken with permission from 'The Fed Mag', the newsletter of the Folk Federation of South Australia, GPO Box 525, Adelaide, 5001.

FRIDAYS

Celtic Music Club meets at the Prince Albert Hotel in Wright St. City; general practice Fridays 8-12 pm; Club also holds whistle and flute classes at the Prince Albert Mondays 8pm and fiddle classes Wednesdays 8pm; enquiries Dave Moss 260-4971 (h).

Folk Lore and Folk Music Society meets at the Cumberland Arms, Waymouth St., City; singing, nominal charge; enquiries Alen Fielding 382-2391 (h) starts 8.30pm.

Baker's Folk Club meets at the Royal Oak Hotel, 123 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide; atmosphere is informal and singing begins about 8.30pm.

Old Stables Folk Club meets at the Stables, Fullarton Park, on Fullarton Road on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month; 8.30-12pm. Enquiries Tom Keane 31-6329.

Strathalbyn Folk Club meets at the Commercial Hotel, High Street, Strathalbyn on the 1st Friday of each month; informal; 8-12pm; phone Gerry Dunlop 085-32-0309 (w) or Peter Young 085-36-2028 (h).

SATURDAYS

Traitor's Gate Folk Club meets at the Botanic Hotel, North Terrace, Adelaide every Saturday, 8.30 until late. Watch Saturday's Advertiser for details.

Old Market Square Folk Club meets at the Noarlunga Hall, Noarlunga every Saturday except 1st of month; informal but singers occasionally booked; nominal charge; BYOG; 8.30pm.

Gawler Railway Folk Club meets at the Railway Family Hotel in Gawler (opp. Gawler Railway Centre); informal, visitors welcome; 8pm; phone B. Cullen 085-22-2854 or A. Bower 085-24-6223 (h).

Folkadillo Folk Club meets at the Druids Hall, 39 Stanley Street, North Adelaide on the 1st Saturday of the month only; nominal charge; all welcome; 8-12pm.

COUNTRY CLUBS

Broken Hill Bush Music Club meets for dances on Wednesdays in the Cameron Pipe Band Hall, and Fridays for singing in the Black Lion Hotel in Broken Hill; enquiries Dave Laurence phone 3410.

Stinky Creek Folk Club meets for singing on alternate Sunday evenings at the Old Boston House cellars near Port Lincoln; enquiries Jane Hutchinson 086-82-2118.

Whyalla Folk Den meets for singing at the Bay View Hotel, Forsyth Street, Whyalla, on alternate Tuesday evenings; enquiries John O'Reilly, 526 Yaringa Hostel, Whyalla.

RADIO

If you prefer your folk music in the home, then there are 3 radio programmes you should not miss. ABC FM features David Mulhallen's Sunday Folk from 4.30-6.30 while 5UV has Folk for the Folk on Thursday's at 4pm and the Folk Show (alias Sweet Folk All) on Saturdays 5-6pm. The latter features a 'What's On' segment at 5.30 which is an invaluable guide to the coming week's activities.

FOLK DANCES

Adelaide has 2 regular colonial dances. The Celtic Music Club's in the Irish Hall, Carrington Street (behind Trims) is normally on the third Saturday of each month and the Folk Federation's is in the same venue, usually on the first Saturday. Both start at 8pm. Listen to 5UV on Saturdays to confirm dates. In addition there are regular classes in Ethnic, Scottish, Irish, Colonial and English Country and Morris Dancing.

PRINTED MATERIAL ('M' signifies that music is included)

R. Edwards The Big Book of Australian Folk Song (Rigby 1976) M.
Contains the largest number of songs of all books listed, and also lives up to its title by being far too bulky to handle easily. Most importantly though, it contains the 3rd edition of the Index of Australian Folk Songs. Two of Edwards' earlier works follow, in which the songs are grouped by type as opposed to the alphabetical arrangement of this book. The first contains less well known songs. Both are out of print.

R. Edwards Australian Folk Songs (Rams Skull Press, Qld. 1972) M.
R. Edwards The Overlander Song Book (Rigby 1971) M.

Folk Lore Council of Australia Australian Folksongs of the Land and its People. (Lowden, Kilmore, Victoria 1974).

L. Long & G. Jenkin Favourite Australian Bush Songs (1964 Rigby Seal Paperback 1973) M.

A member of the singing group 'The Overlanders' and of our Society, Graham Jenkin has more recently published a collection of bush ballads that he has set to music.

G. Jenkin Songs of the Great Australian Balladists (Rigby, Adelaide 1978) M.

J.S. Manifold The Penguin Australian Song Book (Penguin 1964, many reprints) M.

Along with the Bushwackers book, this has the best format for the music rest and at \$2.50 is good value.

J. Meredith & H. Anderson Folk Songs of Australia and the men and women who sang them (Ure Smith, Sydney 1967). Recently reprinted, it differs from the other works cited in relying solely on material collected in the field. Hence several songs are recorded as fragments or with lines missing. It also contains a good number of dance tunes.

D. Stewart & N. Keesing (eds) Old Bush Songs (Angus & Robertson, 1957, 1976).

There is an enlarged and revised version of A.B. Patterson's book of the same title, which appeared in various editions from 1905 to 1932. R.Ward (ed) The Penguin Book of Australian Ballads (Penguin 1964).

J. Wositzky & D. Newton (eds) The Bushwackers Australian Song Book (Sphere, Melb. 1978).

There are of course a host of other works. However, any of the above provide a good introduction to the field. Readers wanting to explore more deeply should begin with the works of two giants of English folk song research, Cecil Sharp's English Folk Song. Some Conclusions (1907) and A.L. Lloyd's Folk Song in England (1967). Incidentally, Lloyd learnt his first folk songs when living in Australia c1925-1934 and Overland No. 45 (Autumn 1970) carries an extended interview with him made on the occasion of his first visit to Australia since then.

As for colonial dancing, Shirley Andrews' Take Your Partners is excellent. It first appeared in June 1974 as combined issues 34 and 35 of Australian Tradition, the now defunct journal of the Victorian Folk Music Club and the Folk Lore Society of Victoria. The 3rd edition has recently appeared, expanded and in hardback. Hyland House, Melbourne 1979).

Dancing Down the Years (Craftsman Press, Hawthorn 1978) is interesting but strangely overlooks Andrews' pioneering work. The only other book of which I am aware, B. Dean's Folkloric in Australia (Sydney 1974) offers an overview of activities, concentrating on our non-English speaking ethnic group. Unlike the other two, it contains no music or instructions. For further reading Andrews' bibliography is the place to start. Along with many overseas books it cites 5 dancing manuals published in Australia, one of which appeared in Adelaide.

And now it remains to say simply good singing, good listening and good dancing.

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