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1. NEXT MEETINGS

OCTOBER

Date and time: Friday, October 12 at 8 p.m.
Place: State Library Lecture Theatre
Speaker: Mr. J. Wien Smith
Subject: Early motoring in South Australia.
Motor transport has had a pervasive effect on Australian society, yet it has been in widespread use for little more than fifty years. Mr. Wien Smith's lecture will act as a reminder of the difficulties and novelties of motoring in South Australia during its early years.

NOVEMBER

Date and time: Friday, November 2nd at 7.30 p.m.
Place: Mitcham Village Arts and Craft Centre, 33 Albert Street, Mitcham (corner of High Street, and Albert Street. The Mitcham bus goes right to the door).
Speaker: Mrs. Pam Oborn
Subject: The evening will be arranged by Mrs. Pam Oborn, with an hour's walk around the village of Mitcham (thanks to daylight saving), followed by a talk on Mitcham's history. Supper will be served afterwards. If it rains the whole evening will be held in the Centre.

2. FIELD TRIP - ST. PETER'S COLLEGE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

St. Peter's College was established in Adelaide in 1847, and moved to its present site at Hackney in 1850. It is South Australia's oldest, wealthiest, and probably best-known private school, as portrayed by its old world buildings and wide green spaces.

The tour, which is to be held on 21st October, not 14th October as previously announced, will last from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Enter from Hackney Road or Trinity Street and park around the main oval. The group will assemble in front of the Old School House overlooking the Main Oval.

H.S.S.A. Council member, Mr. Robert Fisher has arranged the tour. Please contact him at St. Peter's College if you require further information; phone 42 3451 (day) or 42 3456 (night)

3. HISTORICAL SOCIETY AFFAIRS

SOCIETY ROOM

The Libraries Board has kindly agreed to allow the H.S.S.A. the use of a room, lined with bookshelves, in the old Institute building. This is the room immediately south of the Lecture Theatre where the regular meetings are held. The Society plans to open the room for half an hour before meetings, possibly from October, so that members may look through the collection of newsletters and the Society's Journals. The Council will also use the room for its meetings.

4. BOOKS

1. Melrose, Child of the Mountain

The long awaited book on the history of Melrose, Melrose, Child of the Mountain, will be launched at the Melrose Show on Saturday, September 29th at 11.30 a.m. by noted South Australian historian, Nancy Robinson.

This book is the result of extensive research carried out by the small local Melrose Historical Book Committee, and continued and completed by Jim Faull and students from Hartley College of Advanced Education. Many past and present residents of Melrose also contributed to make this book possible.

The book traces the history of Melrose, the first town in the Flinders Ranges, from the 1840's. It is a colourful panorama of rural history ... of early explorers, pastoralists, miners, publicans, tradesmen, village and soldier settlers, farmers ... a record of purposeful people and events which combine to form the basis of the community spirit which exists today.

The book has approximately 220 pages of text generously illustrated with photographs and maps. The pre-release price is \$10 plus packaging and postage (\$1.50 S.A. and \$2.50 interstate). Release day price and recommended retail price thereafter will be \$12.

2. Sando, M.H. & Gilbert, N.W. (comps.) Register of Historic Buildings
(The National Trust of South Australia, Adelaide, 1979) 63pp., maps, photographs, \$4.00 (including postage)

The Register, which supersedes that produced by the Trust in 1975 'lists buildings, complexes, sites and objects of architectural &/or historic interest built before 1940 and which have been "Classified" or "Recorded" by the National Trust of South Australia'.

Copies of the Register are available from:

The National Trust of South Australia, Ayers House, 288 North Terrace, ADELAIDE..5000

Postal Address: Box 161, Rundle Street Post Office, ADELAIDE..S.A..5000

3. Australia 1788-1988 history project

Several "Slice history" Bulletins, have already been produced as a result of this bicentennial project. Each contains a variety of closely-researched articles and has been widely circulated throughout Australia. They include "The push from the bush" (1838) Bulletin Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and "Australia 1888", Bulletin Nos. 1 and 2. These have so far been free and the conveners invite historical societies and interested people to write to them if they would like to receive copies of these and future issues. For the 1838 Bulletin write to:

Alan Atkinson,
Department of History,
University of Western Australia,
NEDLANDS..W.A..6009

The order form for the 1888 Bulletin is reproduced below:

ORDER FORM

Professor J.W. McCarty,
Department of Economic History,
Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, 3168.

Please send me future copies of Australia 1888

Name:

Address:

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My main research interests are:

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For a general description of the bicentennial history project and a list of the "slice" histories and their conveners in each state, refer to the H.S.S.A. Newsletter, March, 1979, pp. 12-13.

4. Sedsman, R.H., ed They sowed the seeds. A history of the Cudlee Creek District (First published 1947) 56 pp., index.

This useful history has been reprinted and will be available in November from Gould Books, Gould Place, Cudlee Creek, S.A. 5232 for approximately \$4.00.

5. SOCIETIES AND EVENTS

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH OF THE MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Moves have been under way for some time to set up a South Australian Branch of the Museums Association of Australia. The Branch has now been established, and its first Council was elected on 5 July. The officers and committee members are as follows:

- PRESIDENT:** Dr. John C. Radcliffe (Telephone 227 3000)
- Agricultural Scientist in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. Dr. Radcliffe has a special interest in Electric Transport.
- SECRETARY:** Mr. Andrew Hughes (Tel. 223 8363)
- Mr. Hughes is on the staff of the South Australian Museum where, for almost four years, he has been an assistant in anthropology. Photography is one of his greatest hobbies.
- TREASURER:** Mr. Stephen Saffell (Telephone 223 8366)
- Mr. Saffell is an accounts clerk at the South Australian Museum.
- EDITOR:** Mr. Glen Ralph (Tel. 51 6319)
- Mr. Ralph is a librarian and bibliophile with an interest in local history. Henley and Grange Historical Society.
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**
- * Mr. Geoff Speirs (Tel. 223 8365)
South Australian Museums Extension Officer, with an interest in social history and local history.
 - * Mr. Dan W. Manning (Tel. 223 8560)
Mr. Manning's interests are local history and local museums. Kensington and Norwood Historical Society.
 - * Mr. Neil Chadwick (Tel. 223 8363)
Mr. Chadwick is the South Australian Federal Councillor of the MAA., and as such is an ex-officio member of the Branch Committee. He was responsible for the initiative which led to the development of the South Australian Branch.

These new arrangements are designed to complement rather than duplicate the services provided by the South Australian Museum Extension Service, and at the same time to preserve intact the independence of the M.A.A. This will allow the M.A.A. to develop its own policies, which it can submit to Government on behalf of members.

The Museums Extension Service of the South Australian Museum will publish the quarterly magazine, The Local Museum, as a vehicle for communication between museums, and as a means of promoting the improvement of standards in South Australian museums. As such, it represents a specific initiative of the State Government.

The South Australian Branch of the M.A.A., has produced its first newsletter, the second edition of "Country Showcase", in August, 1979. The newsletter represents an attempt by the Council to foster communication among all museums throughout the State - a communication that is currently all too sadly lacking. Contact with other museums can be immensely reassuring, particularly in the realisation that museums have many similar problems. It can also reduce unnecessary duplication of effort. In particular activities will be orientated to meet the interest of country museums.

The Branch will maintain a lively programme of workshops, seminars and Branch meetings, which will be publicized in "Country Showcase". It will also have provision for listing special exhibitions, and exchange needs. By contacting the Editor, M.A.A. members will be able to have special announcements and notices of wants included in future issues.

Members will also be kept informed of activities of the Federal body through its regular newsletter, Kalori, and of the various aspects of museology published in the Kalori Journal. The Branch intends to promote the interests of museums generally, and will seek to have the point of view of museums heard by Government.

Naturally, the more members belonging to the Branch, the greater its prospects for success, both in influencing Government policy, and in achieving its other aims. A strong museum movement could be a decisive factor in guaranteeing the preservation of South Australia's heritage for now and the future.

Two forthcoming meetings of the Association which will be of great interest to H.S.S.A. members are:

SEPTEMBER, 1979 *Meeting

(Sponsored by Friends of the South Australian Museum)

Saturday, September 29, 1979 at 8.00 p.m. Location will be publicly advertised.

Sir Mark Oliphant

The Energy Future for South Australia

OCTOBER, 1979 *Meeting

Wednesday, October 31, 1979 at 8.00pm
Education Building at rear of South Australian Museum, North Terrace

Mr. R. Edwards

Museum Development for South Australia

Mr. Edwards' interim report on the South Australian Museum has recently been completed. Mr. Edwards holds imaginative ideas on the future of museums in South Australia. It is hoped that the meeting will result in a vigorous debate of his concepts. (see H.S.S.A. Newsletter, March, 1979, pp. 10-11 for a description of the enquiry).

POLISH INFORMATION CENTRE

The Polish-Australian Historical Society has just established an information centre for anyone interested in the Polish contribution to Australian History and in Polish Settlers. All correspondence should be addressed to:

Polish-Australian Historical Society,
Information Centre,
c/ Mr. Marian Kaluski,
4 Booral Drive
WEST SUNSHINE..VIC..3020

HAHNDORF SURVEY EXHIBITION

An exhibition of some of the most important material from the Hahndorf survey and 19th century sketches and paintings of Hahndorf will be held in the Historical Museum, behind the Art Gallery, from the 13th October to early December, 1979. (See below, for an account of the Hahndorf survey).

ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (S.A. BRANCH)

The Oral History Association will be holding another full-day seminar-workshop session at Wattle Park Teachers' Centre, 424 Kensington Road, Wattle Park, on Wednesday, November 7th, 1979, from 9.15 a.m. to 5 p.m. While this will be basically similar to the very successful seminar held by the Association in May, it is intended specifically as an introduction and discussion forum on the use of oral history and techniques by teachers. However all who are interested, and who were perhaps unable to come to the first seminar are welcome.

For further details please contact the Secretary of the O.H.A. (S.A.), Angela Woolacott, at the Constitutional Museum Phone 212 6066, preferably during October, when final arrangements have been made.

SECOND AUSTRALASIAN CONGRESS ON GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY:
"OUR COLONIAL HERITAGE".

Scott Theatre, Adelaide College of Arts and Education, Kintore Avenue, Adelaide, S.A. 4 - 7 April, 1980. Organised by the South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society, Inc.

REGISTRATION FORM (detach and return)

Name
(please print)

Address

City State Postcode

Phone: Business Private

Registration:

.....person(s) at \$25 each =

*Late fee: (Postmarked after 31/12/79)

.....person(s) at \$10 each =

Dinner at the Oberoi-Adelaide (drinks extra)

.....person(s) at \$15 each =

Bus tours (number in order of preference)

City-Lutheran Publishing House []

Barossa []

Southern Vales []

Birdwood-Lobethal []

.....person(s) at \$7.50 each =

.....extra box lunches at \$2.50 ea.=

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = _____

Please make cheques payable to S.A. Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc.

PROGRAMME - Subject to alteration without notice

Friday, 4th April

10.00 - 11.00a.m.	Registration and Morning Tea
11.00 - 11.15a.m.	Welcome and Announcements
11.15 - 11.30a.m.	Official opening of the Congress by the Patron, Sir Mark Oliphant, K.B.E.
11.30 - 12.00noon	Opening Address, Andrew Peake, F.S.A.G.H.S. President of the S.A. Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc.
12.00 - 2.00p.m.	Lunch break
2.00 - 5.30p.m.	Four sessions of seminars (incl. afternoon tea)
5.30 - 7.30p.m.	Tea Break
7.30 - 8.30p.m.	General Session, Brian Brooks, "Bridging the Gap from Australasia to the United Kingdom"
8.30p.m.	Supper

Saturday, 5th April

9.00 - 9.15a.m.	Announcements
9.15 - 10.00a.m.	General Session, Pastor H.F.W. Proeve, "Lutheran Records in Australasia"
10.00 - 10.30a.m.	Morning Tea
10.30 - 11.15a.m.	General Session, Jean Teasdale, "Oral History as Part of Family History"
12.00 - 5.30p.m.	Walking Tours to nearby places of interest or bus tours (Box lunches)
7.30p.m.	Sherries followed by Dinner at the Hotel Oberoi-Adelaide Speaker: Dr. Eric Richards

Sunday, 6th April

11.00 - 11.15a.m.	Announcements
11.15 - 12.00noon	Paper sent by Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd, Editor of Burke's Peerage
12.00 - 2.00p.m.	Lunch break
2.00 - 5.30p.m.	Four sessions of seminars (incl. afternoon tea)
5.30 - 7.30p.m.	Tea Break
7.30 - 8.30p.m.	General Session, Ronald H. Parsons, "Conditions on Early Migrant Ships"
8.30p.m.	Supper

Monday, 7th April

9.00 - 9.15a.m.	Announcements
9.15 - 10.00a.m.	General Session, The Most Rev. Dr. T.T. Reed, "17th and 18th Century Records in the United Kingdom"
10.00 - 10.30a.m.	Morning Tea
10.30 - 11.30a.m.	Panel and General Discussion Chairman; Andrew Peake
11.30 - 12.00noon	Closing Address, J.L. Hoad, President of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations
12.00	Vote of thanks and closing, Kingsley J. Ireland, F.S.G., F.S.A.G.H.S.

Seminars will include: Location and use of various records, workshops, various aspects of colonial life, heraldry etc.

Registration includes: Morning and afternoon teas, suppers, box lunch on Saturday, convention pack and souvenir programme.

Bound copies of the Congress papers will be available for sale at the Congress.

THE UNITING CHURCH IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The membership of the Society is growing slowly and steadily. Yet it is felt by the Council that there must be very many more within the Uniting Church who are interested in the history of the three Churches which came together in 1977.

Apart from meetings, there are also regular issues of the Newsletter, which contains a number of articles of interest to historians in general (refer past issues of the H.S.S.A. Newsletter for references to some of these articles, under the heading "Newsletter Articles").

The subscription is \$4 per year and what the Society can do is dependent on regular subscriptions. You are asked to forward these to the Treasurer.

The Society's year is October to September.

To: Rev. T.R. Hayward
Treasurer,
Uniting Church Historical Society
609 Lower North East Road,
CAMPBELLTOWN 5074

1. I wish to join the Uniting Church Historical Society.
2. I enclose my subscription of \$4.00 for 1979-80

NAME

ADDRESS

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FUTURE MEETINGS

Details regarding future meetings of the Society will be given in the next Newsletter. Present plans to be considered by the Council are as follows:

NOVEMBER 1979. An address by the Rev. Rodger Brown on the Rev. R.C. Nicholson. "Nikolo", as he was affectionately known, was a pioneer missionary in the Solomon Islands. Later in the 1930's and 1940's he was State Secretary of Methodist Overseas Missions. In this capacity he had an enormous influence on young people in the Church, stimulating many to offer for missions, and on the interest generally of the church in the work overseas.

MARCH 1980. Rev. Erwin Vogt will speak on his years at the Port Pirie Central Mission from 1938 to 1942.

END OF 1980. Arrangements are in hand for the Gordon Rowe Memorial Lecture to be given on the life and thoughts of Principal E.S. Kiek by Dr. Walter Phillips of Latrobe University.

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES. An address on Methodism on the Gawler Plains by Mr. Jim Everett and one by the editor arising out of his research into 19th century Methodism in England next year.

CONTRIBUTIONS INVITED

Members are asked to make the work of the Society known and to send items for inclusion in the Newsletter. Non-members can also contribute in like manner. Reports of such occasions as centenaries are particularly welcome.

The Editor is: Dr. Arnold Hunt, Salisbury C.A.E., Salisbury East 5109
Telephone 2583000

or 13 Alfreda Street, Brighton 5048
Telephone 2969538

HISTORY IN THE NEWS

The 150th Anniversary of Captain Charles Sturt's voyage down the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers will be celebrated by festivals and functions at more than 40 river towns, and by a re-enactment. As reported in the Advertiser, 10/7/79, the voyage, in two replicas of the whaleboats, will start at Gundagai on November 3 and is due to reach Goolwa on December 9.

South Australia, N.S.W. and Victoria are involved in the voyage, with the S.A. Charles Sturt Memorial Trust being involved in the celebrations at Goolwa.

NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE

- a. Canberra and District Historical Society Newsletter, No. 206, August, 1979
- b. Country Showcase, Newsletter of the South Australian Branch of the Museums Association of Australia, Vol. 1, No. 2, August, 1979
- c. Portonian, Newsletter of the Port Adelaide Historical Society (special edition), August, 1979.
- d. Royal Western Australian Historical Society Newsletter Vol.18 Nos. 6, 7, July, August, 1979.
- e. R.G.S.S.A. Newsletter, Vol.15, No. 5, August 1979
- f. S.A. Horse Driving Society Newsletter, July, August, 1979
- g. The Uniting Church in S.A. Newsletter, Nos. 4, 5, July, August 1979
- h. Release, OARS Newsletter, July 1979

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

"The Cyclist on Ice: Griffith Taylor as Explorer", a description of a talk on Griffith Taylor by J. Powell who has a forthcoming biography of Griffith Taylor (e)

"...How our forefathers died", A.D. Hunt (g)

"Henry T. Burgess" (g)

"The Bible Christians" (g)

"David Badger" by R. Mole (g)

6. LETTERS AND RESEARCH

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Phone: 381 5378

Newsletter Editor,
Historical Society of S.A.

Dear Susan,

I would be obliged if a book I am searching for would be included in the next Newsletter, perhaps someone has a copy or knows of someone who has.

Title: Pharmaceutical Formulas P.F. Vol. 2, 10th Edition
Author: G.P. Forrester
Year Published: 1934
Publisher: The Chemist & Druggist, 18 Essex St, Strand, London

Yours sincerely,

HEATHER BOOTH

Wanted: Information of Flooding in the River Torrens Drainage Basin,
 especially concerning the following:

Dates
Flood levels
Locations
Rainfall records

People with any information please contact:

Mr. K.W. Lewis
Director-General & Engineer-in-Chief
Engineering & Water Supply Department,
G.P.O. Box 1751
ADELAIDE 5001
Telephone 2273784

Usual sources for this information, viz. newspaper accounts, reports of enquiry and other official publications are being checked by E. & W.S. Officers so that unofficial information culled from diaries, letters, oral testimony, unpublished photographs and similar materials are being sought. The well known flood events are those of 1889, 1898, 1917, 1923 and 1931.

THE HAHNDORF SURVEY, 1978-1979

This survey is being conducted by Gordon Young, Senior Lecturer in Architecture at S.A.I.T. and Ian Harmstorf, Senior Lecturer in History at A.C.A.E. It is funded with a grant of \$24,000 from the Federal Heritage Commission. Lothar Brasse (B. Archt.)

and Alexandra Marsden (B.A. Hons.) have been employed as full time researchers and field directors for the survey. Students from the School of Architecture at S.A.I.T. and the Department of History at A.C.A.E. have assisted in the survey, and the final report will also incorporate physical and cultural geography chapters written by Mr. Roger Smith, Lecturer in Geography at A.C.A.E. and Prof. F. Gale, Professor of Geography, Adelaide University.

The survey techniques which have been employed involve the use of a wide variety of experts co-ordinated by a small directorate. This method was previously employed in the preparation of the Barossa Survey and it is hoped that an improved balance of these various disciplines has been achieved with the Hahndorf Survey. In order to carry out effective historical and conservation surveys it is not only important to measure townships and buildings and compare their planning characteristics and constructional details, but also to try and understand how they were used and where their specific design characteristics originated. Daily life and house forms need also to be set within a wider physical and historical framework. That is, an attempt should be made to understand the mainstream of ideas and activities which motivated Australia's early European settlers.

The Hahndorf report endeavours to satisfy these requirements. It is written from a general historical and geographical point of view which then leads into more detailed considerations of the settlement and the life patterns found in Hahndorf in the 19th Century (e.g. it discusses the geographical location and history of the migrants' homelands, their reasons for migration, and the subsequent discovery and settlement of the Mount Barker area and the building of the German Village at Hahndorf).

With this wealth of background knowledge an attempt is made to summarise the main historic features remaining in the town and the changes which modern development has produced.

Finally, suitable controls are suggested in order to retain a reasonable body of the town's historic fabric for the enjoyment of future generations.

The Report will be published by the end of 1979, and an exhibition will be held from the 13th October. (See above, "Societies and Events").

VISIT OF DAVID LANCE: THE COLLECTION AND PRESERVATION OF SOUND RECORDINGS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA By Peter Cahalan.

Mr. David Lance, Keeper of the Department of Sound Records at the Imperial War Museum, visited Adelaide between September 6 and 9. Mr. Lance is secretary to the International Association of Sound Archives, and was keynote speaker at the first national conference of IASA's Australian chapter, held in Canberra in the last week of August. He came to Adelaide at the invitation of the Constitutional Museum and the local branch of the Oral History Association of Australia.

While here, Mr. Lance attended a meeting of librarians, archivists and members of museum staffs and radio producers to look at how to ensure the proper collection and conservation of sound records in S.A. Mr. Lance was impressed at the size and range of the collections discussed at the meeting. Basically, they seemed to fall into three overlapping categories. The largest was musical. The State Library has a fine collection of 28,000 78rpm discs, while the State Archives has over 100 Peter Dawson 78's and the S.A. Collection is slowly accumulating modern records made in S.A. or by South Australians (such as Patsy Biscoe and Humphrey B. Bear!)

Obviously, there was some need for co-ordination here. Radio stations such as the ABC naturally also have collections of old records, though the meeting was unable to spend much time discussing the relationship between radio collections and the other collections. The second area was ethnographic and folk. Bob Ellis, of the Aboriginal and Historic Relics Unit of the Department of the Environment, and Kay Mead, recently appointed Archivist of the Anthropological collection at the South Australian Museum, spoke of material in their keeping. The museum has extremely old and fragile Edison wax cylinder recordings of aboriginal music and rites which have lain neglected for years and are now being put in order. The third area is oral history. Here, the scene is chaotic. Educational historians at Adelaide University and Adelaide CAE have both supervised students taping interviews with people who attended South Australian schools earlier this century. More and more such work is going on and yet there is no central repository for the finished tapes (and, ideally, their transcripts). Mr. Lance agreed with the general feeling of the meeting that the most economical way to deal with the problem of sound records was to establish a central sound records unit with the space, staff, expertise and equipment to collect and conserve. He stressed this at a subsequent lunch time meeting with the Minister of Community Development, Mr. Bannon, pointing out that one central repository could do the archival work of many institutions with small holdings of sound material more cheaply than they could. Meanwhile, the whole question of a sound records department in South Australia must stay in limbo until the publication of the long-awaited Edwards Report on the S.A. Museum, as this is likely to contain proposals which will affect the whole range of institutions along North Terrace.

Mr. Lance lectured on the 7th to a meeting sponsored by the OHAA. He spoke on how the Imperial War Museum had established its programmes of collecting taped interviews with categories of people involved in the military history of modern Britain - soldiers on the Western front, airmen, workers on the home front and pacifists. He illustrated the possibilities of oral history with tapes of interviews with ordinary seamen who had served in the Royal Navy in the period 1910-22, showing how the Museum had been able to build an intricate picture of the social organisation (as opposed to the formal structure of authority) on fighting ships of the period. About two dozen people attended the meeting and stayed afterwards to have coffee and talk about the possibilities of oral history in South Australia. The lecture lifted our sights and showed us what quality we should be able to expect in the practice of oral history.

Mr. Lance has recently written a book called An Archive Approach to Oral History. It is full of practical suggestions. Three copies have been received by the Constitutional Museum. The Museum is donating one copy to the OHAA, and is keeping two in its library. All three copies are available to be looked at in the Museum offices, 3rd floor, South Australian Government Tourist Bureau Building, 18 King William Street. (phone 2126066). In some cases, the OHAA copy could be borrowed for a short while.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the thriving S.A. branch of the OHAA should phone its secretary, Angela Woollacott, at the Constitutional Museum.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL HISTORY PUBLICATIONS 1900-1920 By Brian Samuels

This article continues the listing of our State's local history publications begun in my previous article dealing with the nineteenth century (March 1979 Newsletter). Together the lists cover the period when the flow of publications was a trickle, and I am more than happy to leave the flood-tide that began in the 1920's to someone else. Pamphlets on the history of churches can contain useful general historical material, but I have not attempted to check those. My definition of a 'publication' is the same as before, but I have supplemented my previous sources by checking some specific authors and publishers in the State Library Reference Catalogues. These were The Register, The Mail, The State Tourist Bureau, J.G. Wilson, J.E. Robertson, Otto Zeigler and Oswald L. Ziegler, all of whom have several publications to their credit.

The major problem in compiling the list was that of distinguishing descriptive works from historical ones. However, the result is, I believe, reasonably satisfactory. I have excluded almost all the works of the bodies mentioned above. Many are pamphlets and where they do include an historical introduction it is generally very brief and borrows freely from other publications. This in no way diminishes their value as source material for historians, for the descriptive material which fills most of their pages is often quite illuminating. Nevertheless, for the purposes of this listing they are most sensibly classed as descriptive and not historical and hence excluded.

Before leaving them though, I shall mention the achievements of J. Edward Robertson and the Zeiglers. Robertson's well-illustrated large format booklets are very worthwhile publications, and contain lots of very brief biographies of businessmen supplementing the photographs and advertisements. The State Library has six of them, dealing with Quorn and Port Augusta, Petersburg, Terowie, Wilmington, Jamestown and Balaklava. In "Progressive Terowie" (1909) Robertson lists a good number more, forming a "Souvenir Series of Sunny South Australia". These may well have been projected rather than published, but I would be very keen to learn of other titles, and I am sure the State Library would be just as keen to receive copies. The Zeiglers specialised in regional descriptive works, often 150 pages and more. They all seem to have appeared in the 1920's, and I hope to list them separately in the future.

<u>Date of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>
1901	W.M. Bray (publisher) <u>Review of the City of Port Adelaide</u> (no place of publication) unpagged.
1902	F.E. Meleng <u>Fifty Years of the Port Adelaide Institute, Incorporated with Supplementary Catalogue</u> (Adelaide) 83pp & illus. & adverts & catalogue (124pp). This work includes E.J. Stacy "Sixty Years of Port Adelaide. A Retrospect" (Adelaide 1899) minus its advertisements and with some transpositions.
1903	G.W. Gooden & T.L. Moore, <u>Fifty Years' History of the town of Kensington and Norwood</u> (Adelaide) 245pp
1905	T. Gill, <u>The History and Topography of Glen Osmond</u> (Adelaide) 161pp
1907	H.T. Burgess (ed) <u>The Cyclopedia of South Australia, Volume 1</u> (Adelaide) 630pp
1909	<u>Ibid</u> , Volume 2, 1100pp
1910	E.H. Coombe, <u>History of Gawler 1837 to 1908</u> (Gawler) 427pp & adverts.
1911	Barossa News Ltd. (publisher) <u>The Barossa District. Souvenir. Gawler Angaston Railway Opening</u> (Angaston & Tanunda) 120pp.
1911	The Register, <u>City of Unley. It's development. A Forty Years' Review.</u> Reprinted from the Register, Saturday July 15, 1911 (Adelaide) 4pp. Also reprinted as an appendix to the Mayor's Report for 1911.
1913	J. Balcket 'History of Unley' in City of Unley <u>Forty-Third Annual Mayor's Report for ... 1913</u> (Adelaide) pp101-118

Page 12 of the Mayor's Report records: "In the Mayoral Report for 1911 will be found as an appendix a concise History of the Municipality (published in "The Register of July 15, 1911). With the approval of the Council and the consent of the Rev. John Blacket, his History of Unley and Goodwood which was recently published in "The Register" has been revised and reprinted as an appendix to this Report."

These pages were presented by the author to the Public Library, the predecessor of the State Library in 1916. They bear a typescript title page "The History of Unley and of Goodwood by the Rev. John Blacket 1916" which was probably supplied by library staff. Note that both the title and date of publication are incorrect, but have understandably been followed in subsequent bibliographies. Nor should the work be confused with the same author's "The history of Unley & Goodwood", published as a 29 page processed typescript in 1934.

As with the nineteenth century listing, localities settled very early in our history predominate, and the factors provoking publication are interesting. Those not suggested in the titles are:

- Bray Port Adelaide had just become a city, having reached a population of 20,000.
- Gill Requested by the Glen Osmond Institute Committee, possibly an account of their 50th birthday.
- Coombe Possibly prompted by the Institute and Council jubilees in 1907.
- Blacket The 60th birthday of the Council
- Burgess Cyclopedias appeared in several States as purely commercial ventures.

The Cyclopedia and the books on Gawler and Norwood have all been reproduced in facsimile editions by Autoprint in 1978 while the State Library's 1974 facsimile of Gill is now out of print. Any additions to this listing would be appreciated, for there may well be pamphlets which either escaped my notice or have not found their way into the State Library's collections.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? - THE VILLAGE OF MARION By G.C. Bishop & A.M. Dolling

When we first started looking at the history of Marion district a rather obvious question came to mind: after whom was The Village of Marion named?

Many months of research and thinking have given us some leads but nothing absolute has come to light. We have, however, pieced together two possibilities and these we wish to record in this article.

The Village of Marion was laid out on the Sturt River. Section 117 in the Hundred of Adelaide by Henry Nixon and Boyle Travers Finniss in November 1838. Section 117 had been granted (Grant No. 455) to these two men in March 1838 by Governor George Gawler. The village was surveyed and allotments of land were advertised for sale in late 1838 by Light, Finniss & Co. of Stephens Place, Adelaide.

Henry Nixon (1805 - 1843) arrived in South Australia in 1838 after resigning from the British Army in Ireland. His Army career started in the 55th of Foot. In June 1831 he transferred to the 96th of Foot. He was adjutant of the 96th from February 1834 until his retirement in June 1837. As Lieutenant Nixon he served with the 96th in Nova Scotia from September 1831 until June 1835, in Scotland from October 1835 until October 1836, and was in Ireland from October 1836 until his retirement 9 months later.

It is not known who had the most to do with the planning of the village of Marion, but if the street names are any guide, it would appear to have been Nixon. The earliest map of Marion in existence (Section 117) is the G.R.O. Plan No. 145 of 1856, the notations on which indicate that it was drawn using an earlier map. We shall never know what "tidying-up" was performed when the G.R.O. plan was drawn.

Our present knowledge leads us to suggest the following as a reasonable explanation as to after whom the streets in Marion were named:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Source of name</u>
Jacob	William Jacob
Thomas	Major Thomas O'Halloran
Murray	?Henry Dundas Murray ?George Murray Finnis Nixon
Nixon	Henry Nixon
Jane	Jane O'Halloran, wife of Thomas
Finniss	Boyle Travers Finniss
Boyle	" " "
Market	Descriptive
Light Square	Colonel William Light

Note: Nixon, Murray, Jacob and Finniss were all in the survey party.

Some of the names are more obvious than others; for example, those streets named after Jacob, Finniss and Light. It would seem reasonable that Nixon should name streets after his good friends the O'Hallorans, whom it is likely he met while stationed in Ireland.

Murray Street is more difficult. His eldest son G.M.F. Nixon would seem a likely possibility, but so would Henry Murray. If it were after his son, why not call it George Street? and why is there nothing named after his other son Henry Kempt Brown Nixon? Perhaps both of his sons were named for Henry Murray.

Where does the name Marion fit into this scheme? In our research we tried to do two things; firstly, to find a person called Marion who, secondly, had some relevance to Henry Nixon. Two theories have arisen. Of these, the second would seem the more likely.

THEORY I

Marion was named after Marion Waring, the sister of Jane Waring who had married Nixon's friend Major Thomas O'Halloran in July 1834. This theory (to date) has failed to fulfill our second requirement. Nixon may have met Marion Waring whilst he was stationed in Ireland with the 96th. The Waring family lived at Newry, and Nixon probably passed through that district whilst he was at Cavan and later at Enniskillen. We can find no association between Marion Waring and Nixon, so she does not seem to be a likely person for whom he should name his village.

THEORY II

It seems reasonable to assume that Nixon would name his village after someone who was close to him, and whose name had not already been used. An obvious question therefore arose. Who was Nixon's wife?

None of Nixon's personal papers appear to have been preserved, and there is nothing to or from Nixon in the O'Halloran papers. Eventually it was discovered that Nixon's wife was Eliza Maria Nixon. Little could be found out about her beyond the fact that she remained in Adelaide for only a few years after her husband's death in 1843. In 1854 she was living at St. John's Wood, Middlesex and in 1871 on St. Helier's Island, Jersey.

Both of her sons remained in South Australia after her return to England.

Neither Eliza nor Maria would appear to be good names for a village. It would be useful to know Nixon's thoughts as he named the streets. What did he call his wife? Was it Maria, perhaps? Why couldn't his pondering lead him to create a composure of Maria and Nixon?

The origin of the name "Marion" will probably remain one of the unsolved questions in South Australian History. It would be interesting to know just how close to the truth our theory is!

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