

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SA PUBLICATIONS

### Journal

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The contents of each journal are listed in the 'South Australian History in Journals' guidesheets included in Newsletters No's 77 (July 1988) and 79 (November 1988).

### Newsletter

Back issues of more recent years' issues are available at \$1.00 each.

### Guidesheets

These leaflets are made available gratis by the Society as a community service to promote history beyond its membership. They are issued as supplements to its Newsletters and additional copies are normally available in the Mortlock Library and the History Trust head office.

- No. 1 South Australian Local History 1. Guides, Indexes & Bibliographies (1978, out of print)
- No. 2 Good Reading in South Australian History (Revised edition 1987)
- No. 3 South Australian History in Journals—A Select List of Articles (1981)
- No. 4 Making History (1988)
- No. 5 South Australian History in Journals—2. A Select List of Articles (1988)

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E.J. & J.R. Robbins *A Glossary of Local Government Areas in South Australia 1840-1985* (1987) \$3.00 + \$1.00 postage

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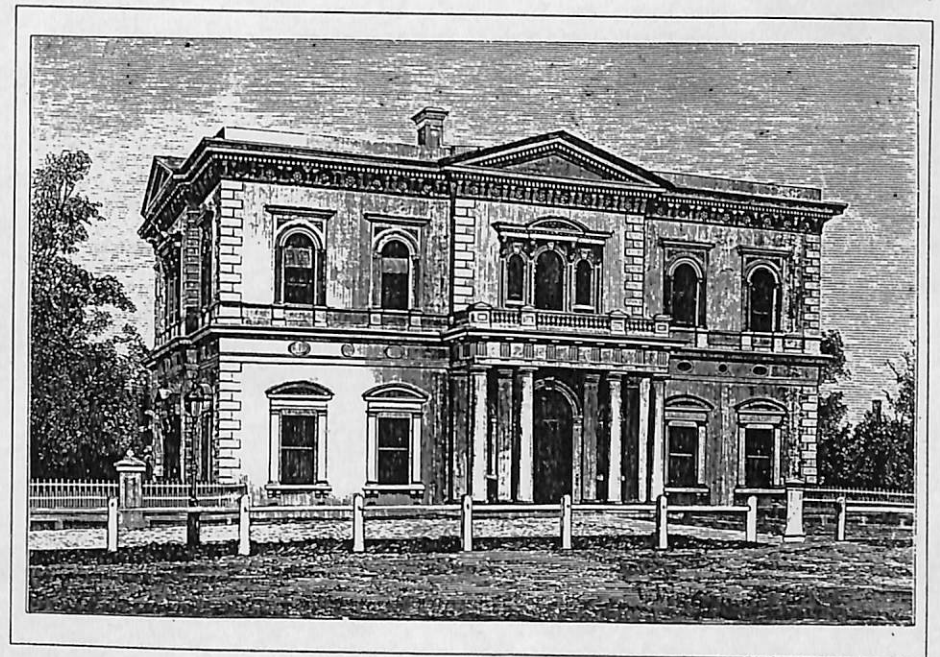
various *South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register* A facsimile reproduction of volume 1, 18 June 1836 to 29 December 1838. (1988) [in association with the S.A. Government Printer] \$35 (limp) or \$75 (hard back). Available direct from the Government Printer and selected Adelaide bookshops.

### 'Insights' Series

R. Nicol & B. Samuels (eds) *Insights into South Australian History volume one: Selected articles from the Journal of the Historical Society of South Australia* (1992) \$14 postage paid. \$12 for orders of 5 or more.

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# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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## OBJECTS

- (a) to arouse interest in and to promote the study and discussion of history, especially South Australian and Australian history
- (b) to promote the collection, preservation and classification of source material of all kinds relating to South Australian and Australian history
- (c) to publish historical records and articles
- (d) to promote the interchange of information among members of the Society by lectures, readings, discussions, field trips and exhibitions
- (e) to co-operate with similar societies throughout Australia
- (f) to do all such things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any of the above objects

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Venue: State Library Lecture Theatre  
(Corner Kintore Avenue and North Tce., Adelaide.)  
Enter from Kintore Avenue.

Friday 3 April  
A.G.M at 7.45 p.m.  
At 8.p.m.

**Susan Marsden: Public History in the USA.  
An Illustrated Lecture**

Susan Marsden is the State Historian and works in the Community History Unit of the History Trust of South Australia. In 1991 she travelled for several months in the USA and Canada as a Churchill Fellow, investigating the practice and teaching of public history and community history activities.

In North America, as in Australia, there has been a dramatic growth in the numbers of historical societies, museums, heritage groups and history-writers. This has also created a demand for full-time, professional historians (such as Susan and her colleagues at the History Trust) and these are known as "public historians" in the USA.

The range, diversity and popularity of public history in the USA will be described as well as illustrated in slides to be shown by Susan in her talk. There is much of interest to those of us in South Australia who are actively involved in the history of our own community.

Friday 1 May 1992 at 8 p.m.

**Dr.G.C. Scroop: Introducing the Magic Lantern:**

The magic lantern was the predecessor of the modern slide projector and the concept is at least three centuries old. The name 'Magic Lantern' is derived from its origins. In the beginning, a table *lantern* was used as the light behind glass images painted crudely on glass, with a lens resulting in the appearance, as if by *magic*, of the same painted image, but much larger, on a distant wall. In its early years it was regarded as a scientific curiosity, then it became an instrument of entertainment and, finally an educational tool. The classic magic lantern is a imposing device of lacquered brass, Russian iron and polished mahogany, and the hand painted glass slides are items of great beauty. Its golden period was in the late 19th. century, boosted by the development of photography, but just before the technological explosion that brought talking machines, horseless carriages, flying

machines, and, that final curse of the lantern slide show, moving pictures. The magic lantern show was a major entertainment with the giant bi-unial (double lantern) creating unbelievable imagery in the hands of a professional lanternist. In introducing the lantern I will try to recreate some of the atmosphere and imagery of the later 19th. century lantern show entertainment.

### The Price Memorial Lecture, 13 May

This year's Tom Price Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Dr Ross McMullin, author of *The Light on the Hill: The Australian Labor Party 1891-1991*, a history which was praised for its fresh and objective treatment of complex and controversial events. Dr McMullin will travel from Melbourne especially for the occasion.

This will be the second Tom Price Lecture; the first was delivered last year on the occasion of the ALP Centenary by the Premier, the Hon. John Bannon.

The lecture will be presented in the highly appropriate setting of the old House of Assembly Chamber at Old Parliament House, North Terrace, on the evening of Wednesday 13 May, to be followed by dinner in a nearby hotel.

Further information may be obtained closer to the date from Susan Tonkin at Old Parliament House: 212 6066.

Saturday 23 May 1992 9.30-4.30

### Sports History Seminar

The seminar will include an overview of sports history, a guided tour of the migration Museum display 'Fair Game', a discussion—critique of the display, and a panel discussion of the pros and cons of establishing a general sports museum in South Australia.

The seminar is free!

BYO Lunch—Tea/Coffee provided!

If you wish to attend phone 223 8748 (until 23 March) and 207 7570 (Thereafter).

More details next newsletter.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

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### New Telephone Numbers

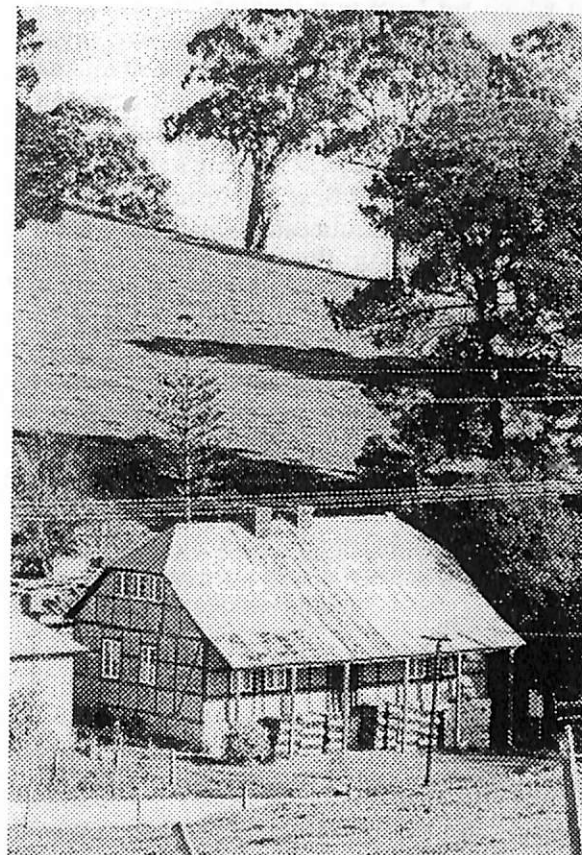
On 24 February the Department of Environment and Planning, which includes the State Heritage Branch, changed its number to 207 2000 (FAX 410 2045)

Several North Terrace institutions are scheduled to change on 23 March, although it is possible there may be a slight delay.

They are:

State Library	207 7200
S.A. Museum	207 7400
Migration Museum	207 7570
History Trust	207 7550

Callers can be transferred between all of these institutions.

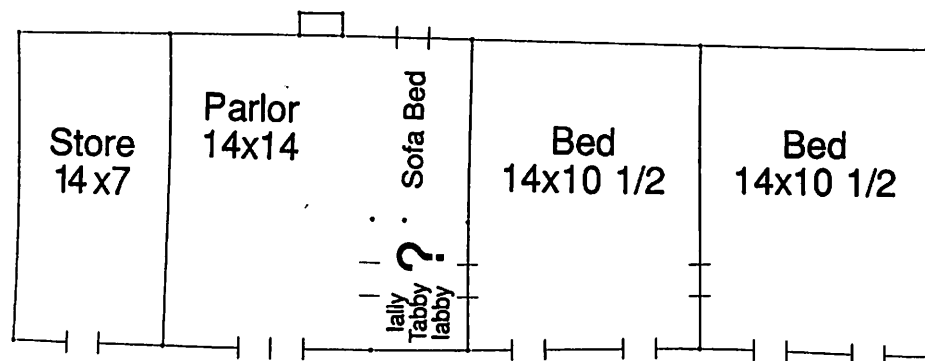


Paechtowntown German  
House near Hahndorf  
1975

## DOCUMENTS

### Letter of John Barton Hack to his Mother, Maria, 22nd April, 1837.

Now and up to this time every one has been busily engaged in housing themselves and property. I have in this respect led no very easy life having had both to plan and execute all the carpentry and building work which has occupied nearly all the day time since we have landed. We have been here now three weeks - I mean at Adelaide and have put up our two houses together. the (sic)-tarpaulins were send (sic) each 18 inches or 2 ft too large which has enabled us to have a good passage between the two houses and add to their convenience and size materially. they (sic) are thus, as I know thou art fond of plans to enable thee to understand a building properly at the end this I have put up for the people three rooms of 10 ft square, one of which serves as a kitchen in which we have our Belgian Stove put up which cooks very well indeed. These are built of timber which I had sawn by one of our men and of split paling brought from Launceston, which makes a very strong and cheap covering. Thou knows that when we left England we had very little prospect of otherwise than living on our capital for the first few years. we find that there are so many ways of making a profit here that we are not likely to be obliged to do so even at first. We brought as thou will have heard some bullocks and Drays from Launceston which have been earning us about £15 a week clear since landing. We havé now a contract for supplying the Buffalo with water which will bring us in about £80 as it done by back carriage from hence to Glenelg which we have been accus-



Erected on site of Railway station with permission Res. Commissioner Fisher

tomed to do empty. the water here is so good that they are willing to pay any price to obtain it for a sea voyage ...

I do hope that anyone who even thinks of coming to a new Colony will be wise enough to take with them one or two of Mannings Cottages according to the size of their family. We are the envy of most of the families here who are not so fortunate in housing themselves. It took me four days to completely erect one of them, but I made one habitable for a month for our party at Glenelg in a day, and had the misfortune to knock off the end of my finger before breakfast to begin with.'

Ref: Mortlock Library - PRG 456 Hack family papers.

Courtesy of Elizabeth Kwan

### Letters of Chas. H. Barton to his family

7.12.1853

On arrival in town (his first sight of Adelaide)

"There I was, wandering about the queer, dusty town, with its broad streets strewn with dust and floating straws, the colonists standing, laughing, talking, singing in the cool evening air, the atmosphere redolent with cigars, brandy nobs, raspberries and other colonial luxuries ... there is not a single house-number in the whole town ... [Mr & Mrs Allen's] little cottage was in a strange out-of-the-way street, hardly containing two houses consecutive, but the small garden in front was neatly laid out, and beautifully pink flowered creepers of Australian growth were trailing over the neat wooden verandah whilst the inside was brimming with English comfort...

The houses in Adelaide are all one-storied, seldom more than 3 in a row - the streets immensely wide laid out at right angles, but full of great gaps, unfilled by buildings, and unpaved, either in the middle, or at the sides. The shops are often very grand, especially the grocers' stores and public houses, of which there are too many.'

Second Letter of same date  
7.12.1853.

'I seem to have fallen on my legs. Here am I, the very first day that I set foot on Australian land engaged at £2 a week, to join the surveying expedition up the Murray, which is to start in a month ... [will select land to settle on] ... I have permission to put up my hut in a very good locality in Adelaide, to live in it for a few weeks and the certainty of selling it advantageously.'

22.3.1854

'As the city is not 16 years old yet you would not expect to find it such a busy over-civilized place as it is ... [described squares, theatres, courts, etc.] ... In the town the shaded parts only are built. The black dots are Inns or Taverns. If any ask you how I like Australia, you may say that the Town of Adelaide is a very dull, disgusting place, the Park lands being the only good feature in it ... On the other hand, when I am in the Bush, I feel careless of ever seeing England again ...'

Courtesy of Elizabeth Kwan.

### Extract from 'Notes on the Early Settlers in South Australia prior to 1836'

Proceeding of the Royal Geographical Society (SA) 1923-24 Vol 25

From the "Hobart Town Gazette" of 12th June, 1826 is the following  
Ten miles to the coast is a fine river called American River with an excellent harbour. It 1880 named after an American who visited that neighbourhood about ten years ago and built a very handsome schooner of the pinetree peculiar to the island. This wood resembles red Spanish timber and contains turpentine. Mr Smith sailed thirteen miles up the river, and by cutting one of these trees in halves, scooping it out with an adze and afterwards uniting it with hoops, he constructed an admirable pump for his vessel.

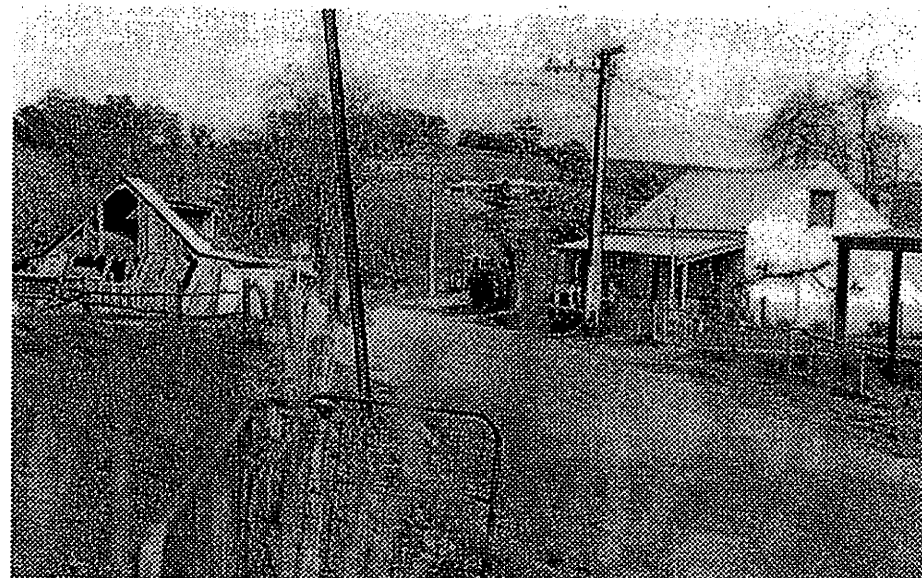
When the fishing season for seals is over these men with the native women and their offspring, amounting in all to about forty, return into the valley in the interior of the island, where they have a garden and huts.

One man, called "Abyssinia," has led this life for fourteen years. Are, then, these men thus strangers to religion, strangers to principle, among whom rapine of every kind and even murder is not unfrequent—are they to be suffered to debase human nature? They are at present supported and encouraged by the colonial vessels that visit for the purpose of battering their skins for rum. Many of them are armed, and in a short time it will not be safe even for a large vessel to go amongst them.

Following are extracts from the journal of Major Lockyer, on an "Expedition sent from Sydney in 1826 to found a settlement at King George's Sound, W.A." (Mr W.H. Ifould, Principal Librarian, Public Library, Sydney, was good enough to have these extracts typed for me):

Tuesday, 16th January, 1827.—From the lawless manner in which these sealing gangs are ranging about requires some immediate measures to control them. From what I have learnt and witnessed, they are a complete set of pirates going from island to island along the southern coast of New Holland from Rottenest Island to Bass's Straits, having their chief resort or den at Kangaroo Island, making occasional descents on the main and carry off by force females, and no doubt when resisted carry their point by the superior effect of the firearms with which they are armed with, beside which each man has a large knife and a steel along by his side. Being left by vessels on these islands with sometimes a month or two provisions at most and do not call for them again for eight, ten, fourteen months and sometimes longer, from the nauseous food these people make use, and the miserable life they lead, it is no wonder that they become actually savages. The great scene of villainy is at Kangaroo Island, where, to use the terms of one of them, a great number of graves are to be seen, and where some desperate characters are, many of them runaways from Sydney and Van Dieman's Land.

Courtesy of Elizabeth Kwan



Victoria St Hahndorf 1975

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

<u>1990</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1991</u>
	<u>Balances as at 1 Jan 1991</u>	
6,469.76	Operating Account	4,769.12
705.87	Premium Interest Account	
895.30	Life Membership Account	
1,212.54	Term Membership Account	
5,425.57	Special Publications Account	
22,257.57	ANZ Common Fund Investment	
		<u>4,769.12</u>
	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
1,850.00	Family	1,525.00
4,704.00	Ordinary	5,478.00
448.00	Corporate	314.00
256.00	Educational	482.00
672.00	Pensioner/Student	715.00
884.00	Country	910.00
180.00	Affiliate	260.00
510.00	Term	<u>600.00</u>
		10,284.00
	<u>Donations, Grants</u>	
221.00	Donations/Reimbursement	455.16
2,000.00	Grant - Hist Trust of SA	
		<u>455.16</u>
	<u>Interest, etc.</u>	
252.35	Operating Account	
130.00	Overbanked	
57.38	Premium Interest Account	
51.17	Life Membership Account	
153.35	Term Membership Account	
254.03	Special Publications Account	
148.07	ANZ Common Fund Investment	<u>3,950.00</u>
		3,950.00
	<u>Receipts from Publications</u>	
244.52	Journal Sales	538.00
	Gazette Sales	
92.00	Book Sales on consignment	<u>32.50</u>
		570.50
	<u>Receipts from Activities</u>	
132.00	Meetings (Supper proceeds)	110.00
1,341.00	Field Trips	
1,702.00	Seminar/Dinner	2,220.00
768.00	Fed Aust Hist Soc Conf Refund	
		<u>2,330.00</u>
	<u>Transfers in</u>	
763.10	Operating Account	
6,025.83	Term Account	
		<u>22,358.78</u>
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I have examined the books and records of the Historical and have received satisfactory answers to my questions. In my opinion, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure as shown with generally accepted accounting principles.

*Glen Ralph*  
 Glen Ralph, B.A., A.A.L.I.A., Grad Dip (Ed) Ed.  
 Librarian, Australian Society of CPAs

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE Y/ENDED 31-12-1991

<u>1990</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>1991</u>
	<u>Publications</u>	
5,244.63	Newsletters	4,197.41
7,360.90	Journals	11,499.70
1,022.00	Publicity & Program	75.00
	Copies of Gazette purchased for sale	
		<u>15,772.11</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	
310.00	Meetings, Theatre, Supper	229.00
920.00	Field Trips	
2,281.33	Seminar/Dinner Fed Aust Hist Soc Conference	
		<u>229.00</u>
	<u>Administration, Miscellaneous</u>	
165.50	Secretarial Expenses	50.00
50.00	Treasurer's Expenses	150.00
	Auditor	100.00
	President	737.40
	Computer	950.00
63.00	Dishonoured Cheques	43.00
160.38	Govt Taxes & Bank Charges	112.35
	Donations (R. Kearns)	50.00
	Overbanked y/e 31-12-1990	130.00
	St Peters College Dinner	2,040.00
	Tape recorder repair	40.00
	Fed Hist Soc M/ship(2 years)	<u>100.00</u>
		4,502.75
2.87	Fees on Premium & Term Accts	
	<u>Transfers Out</u>	
1,272.87	Operating A/c to Debentures	
763.10	Premium to operating	
946.47	Life to Term	
5,679.36	Special to Term	
22,405.64	ANZ Common to Debentures	<u>1,046.00</u>
		1,046.00
	<u>Closing Balance</u>	
4,769.12	Operating Account	808.82
7,989.00	Term Account	
		<u>808.92</u>
		22,358.78
		*****

Society of South Aust. for the y/ended 31st December 1991. In the light of my examination, I certify that, in my above is an account of those transactions in conformity

## REPORT.

### REPORT of the SELECT COMMITTEE of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL on FEDERATION of the AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

Your Committee have to report that, having considered the subject of the Federation of the Australian Colonies, as remitted to them by your Honorable House, and having conferred with the Select Committee of the House of Assembly appointed for the same purpose, they now submit the resolutions arrived at by the Committees in conference, and adopted by themselves.

W. YOUNGHUSBAND, Chairman.

Legislative Council Chamber, 16th November, 1857.

*Resolutions of the Select Committees of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, met in conference to consider the subject of the Federation of the Australian Colonies.*

#### RESOLVED—

1. That although, under existing circumstances, the formation of a Federal Legislature would, in the opinion of the Committees, be premature, there are, nevertheless, so many topics in which the Colonies have a common interest, and in which uniform legislation would be desirable, that the Committees consider it expedient to adopt some measures to secure these objects; and, in addition to the topics referred to in the correspondence transmitted by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, and laid upon the table of both Houses on the 23rd of September, 1857, the following have occurred to the Committees as fitting subjects for consideration, viz.:—Patents and Copyrights, Law of Insolvency, Professional Qualifications, Uniform time of Meeting of Parliaments.

2. With a view to the more general discussion of these various subjects, and of others in which the Colonies are mutually interested, the Committees recommend, in conformity with the suggestion originating with the Legislature of Victoria, that three Delegates be appointed—one by the Legislative Council, and two by the House of Assembly—to meet Delegates to be appointed by the other Colonies, at such places as may be agreed upon. The expenses of such meeting to be borne by each of the Colonies interested, in proper proportions.

3. The Committees, moreover, recommend that the Delegates appointed, should not be authorized to bind the Legislature of this Colony to adopt any decision or resolution which the united conference may come to; but that their mission should be, simply, to discuss such matters as may be brought before the conference, and to report the result of such discussion to the Legislature.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## CONDITION OF ABORIGINES.

*Ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, October 21st, 1857.*

TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED—

The humble memorial of the undersigned, being a Committee appointed at a meeting held at Trinity School-room, on 28th July of the present year, to take steps with a view to ameliorating the condition of the Aborigines of this Colony:

Sheweth—

That your memorialists regard the Colonists of South Australia as the national guardians of its aboriginal inhabitants.

That they highly approve, therefore, the policy originally adopted by the Government of this Province, for their protection, support, civilization, and moral and spiritual improvement.

That the appointment of Protectors, and the establishment of native schools in Adelaide, have, your memorialists believe, been attended by results highly beneficial.

That they, therefore, view with regret the reduction of the staff of Protectors, and the discontinuance of the said schools.

That the extensive occupation of the lands of the Province necessarily deprives the natives of their former means of support and comfort.

That your memorialists believe it to be incumbent upon the Colonists to do all in their power to mitigate the physical sufferings consequent upon such occupation of land, and to promote their moral and spiritual well being.

That your memorialists are of opinion, that the best means for the attainment of these important ends would be the appointment of Protectors, to be nominated by a Board, as hereinafter suggested, and the establishment of schools in districts where the natives are known to congregate.

That, in the opinion of your memorialist, the interests of the natives, in respect of their protection and training, may be safely and beneficially confided to a Board of Commissioners, appointed by the Government, without remuneration.

That, should such suggestion commend itself to your Honorable House, your memorialists pray that a sum may be placed on the Estimates to enable such Board to commence its labors by the establishment of an Institute at the Goolwa, where your memorialists have ascertained that there is a favorable opening.

And your memorialists will ever pray.

[Here follow sixteen signatures.]

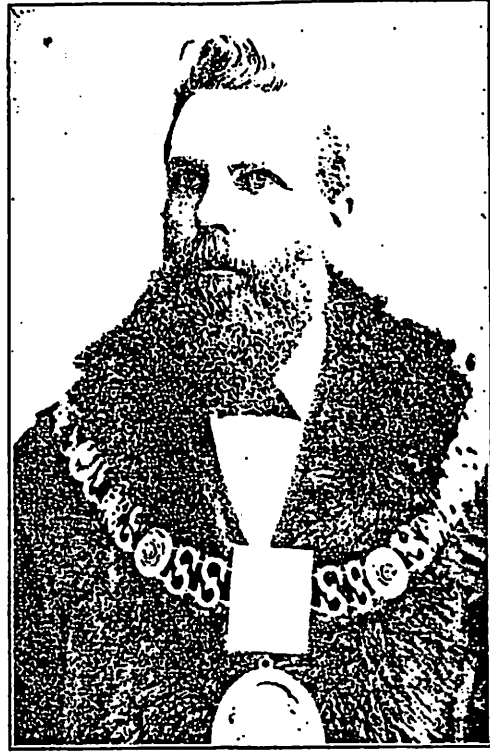
## MR. CHARLES WILLCOX, 1843-1921

The late Mr. Charles Willcox was born at Boroughbridge, on the Parreth, a tributary of the Severn, in Somersetshire, on 15th September, 1843, and, after education at a neighbouring private school, worked, as a young man, on his father's farm. His imagination, however, had been stirred by the doings of those who had journeyed to the colonies, and setting sail for South Australia at the age of eighteen, he arrived there during the year 1863. It was made clear to those who intended emigrating that they would have to accept any kind of employment, and work hard if they wanted to get on; but Mr. Willcox was not daunted by this information. Soon after landing he made for the bush, in the vicinity of Mount Gambier, at which place and its surroundings he spent eighteen months. Thinking greater opportunities existed in the City, Mr. Willcox decided to return to Adelaide, and, having received an appointment with Messrs. Goode Bros., a firm of wholesale merchants, he remained with them for three years.

Desirous of once more seeing his parents and his native home, he returned to England, but he had felt the call of Australia, and was back within twelve months. With some of his savings he bought a few blocks of land in North Adelaide, on which he erected several houses. This was Mr. Willcox's first financial venture. In 1873, having foreseen the development of the agricultural industry, he entered into partnership with the late Mr. W. Gilbert, and together they built up a successful business as hay and corn merchants. Their association continued for eleven years, after which period Mr. Willcox purchased Mr. Gilbert's interests. In 1884 he made another visit to England.

Mr. Willcox had previously entered into an agreement with the late Sir George S. Kingston, acting on behalf of Messrs. Churcher & Thorngate, of London, for a lease of 50 acres of land at Prospect. On portion of this area he had built a handsome residence. During his visit to England he tried to purchase the freehold of the property from the owners, but his substantial offer would not tempt them.

Of the various enterprises with which Mr. Willcox was connected, he came into closer touch with the public by his interest in portions of Adelaide's horse-tram system. In conjunction with the late Hon. W. Everard, he purchased in 1886 the Payneham and Paradise Tramway Co. After three years' partnership, Mr. Everard sold his rights, and Mr. Willcox became sole proprietor. He then decided to extend the service to St. Peters and College Park, but before starting operations the consent of Parliament was necessary. This was obtained, and The Adelaide, Payneham, and Paradise Tramways Act, 1882, Amendment, and Tramways Extension Act, 1889, gave him the authority he required. Inasmuch as the Act, besides being a private one, conferred power on an individual, it was, to Mr. Willcox's knowledge, unique. Encouraged by the success of his undertaking, he purchased the Goodwood and Clarence Park Tramway Co. in 1896. The working of this line, together with the others under his control, was continued until 1907, when the whole of the City and suburban tramways were purchased by the State Government, and the Municipal Tramways Trust inaugurated the present electric service. Then, after thirty-three years' absence from his homeland, Mr. Willcox again journeyed to England.



Mr. Charles Willcox (Mayor of Adelaide, 1892-4)

Much of Mr. Willcox's time had been devoted to municipal and public affairs, and he always took great interest in the welfare and progress of the capital. His first experience of municipal life was his election in December, 1886, for Robe Ward, in the City Council. After having sat in the Council until 1889 as Councillor and from then as Alderman, the ratepayers showed their appreciation of his services by returning him as Mayor in December, 1892. This office he again held in the following year. During his term as occupant of the civic chair, much useful and beneficial legislation was enacted. The City was also considerably improved and beautified. Mr. Willcox, acting on behalf of the Council, secured the rights over some vacant land between Rundle Street and North Terrace, which was owned by the late Mr. H. L. Vosz, and thus made possible the joining up of those two important parts. The connecting roadway is well known to citizens as Charles Street. The fine statue of Queen Victoria was unveiled in Victoria Square, as was the Robert Burns statue on North Terrace. On Mr. Willcox's suggestion, Brougham Place and Palmer Place Reserves, North Adelaide, were cleared, trenched, and planted with lawns, shrubs, and flowers, and their present attractiveness is undoubtedly largely due to the excellent start made under his direction. His administration was marked by judgment and courtesy, and under him the City enjoyed an era of prosperity.

Having turned his attention to politics, Mr. Willcox was in 1896 returned as one of the representatives of the North-Eastern District for the Legislative Council by one of the largest majorities ever gained in the

electorate. He had previously tried to enter Parliament as representative for Gumeracha, and, after a successful campaign, the poll was declared in his favour. At that time, however, he was carrying mails under contract to the Government, and it was objected that this circumstance debarred him from accepting a seat in the Legislature. In deference to the wishes of certain political friends, he decided not to litigate on the matter, and resigned. When he did eventually enter the Upper House, he showed himself an energetic and useful legislator.

Mr. Willcox was one of the foundation members of the Y.M.C.A. in this City, and was a trustee of the building occupied by that institution. He was a foundation member of the Royal Institution for the Blind, and a trustee and one of the seal holders of the North Adelaide Institute. As a member of the Committee for the Home for Incurables he rendered valuable service. His name was, for many years, associated with the Chambers of Manufactures and Commerce, and those organizations at all times received his practical assistance. At one time, Mr. Willcox took a leading part in the affairs of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and was an active member of that body. He was also a prominent adherent and supporter of the Baptist Church in North Adelaide for over forty years.

The business interests of Mr. Willcox were spread over a wide area, and in the course of his career he was a director of many commercial companies. He occupied the position as Chairman of Directors of the large carrying enterprise of Graves, Hill, & Co., Ltd., having been elected to that position more than thirty years ago, when the undertaking was controlled

by Messrs. John Hill & Co. As Chairman of Coast Steamships, Ltd., he guided the destinies of that company for many years, and played a considerable part in successfully developing the Kangaroo Island, Port Lincoln, and West Coast trade. Mr. Willcox presided over the board meetings of J. Hallett and Son, Ltd., brickmakers, of Hindmarsh, and was senior partner of the firm of Charles Willcox & Co., well-known merchants in Waymouth Street.

In the matter of subscribing to deserving causes, Mr. Willcox was most generous, and many charitable institutions and other organizations frequently had occasion to express their thanks for his liberal assistance. During the Great War three of Mr. Willcox's sons went abroad on active service.

Mr. Willcox died at his residence, Fitzroy Terrace, Fitzroy, on 7th September, 1921, and was buried in the North Road Cemetery.

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## COMMUNITY HISTORY CALENDAR

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### On-Going Events

- 1st weekend of each month Saturday & Sunday 10.00-3.30** Adelaide Gaol: Guided tours available Port Road, Adelaide. Further information Ph. 216 7741.
- 1st Thursday of the month 7.30** Aurora Heritage Action Inc. Meetings, Metropolitan Hotel, Grote Street
- Weekdays 11.00-2.00** Australia Post Postal Museum, Ground floor, 2 Franklin Street.
- 3rd Sunday of each month 2.00-4.00** Glen Osmond Mines Tours: tours are conducted by members of the Burnside Historical Society. Bookings on 366 4200 (ask for Angela).
- Last Wednesday of the month** State Conservation Centre of SA. Clinic Day for advice on preservation, restoration and repair of historical and artistic works. Ph. (08) 223 1766
- Every Sunday 2.00-4.30** Historic Cummins: The Cummins Society conducts Open Days with guided tours. Sheoak Ave., Novar Gardens.
- To August** Art Gallery of SA. South Australia Decorative Arts. Contemporary South Australian decorative arts have been collected by the Gallery since 1884 when a silver presentation casket made by Henry Steiner was donated. Both historical and contemporary works have been acquired since then, for display and reference, in order to develop a comprehensive collection of decorative arts produced in this state. South Australia furniture, ceramics, metalwork and jewellery will be featured. Historical works from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as well as recently-made works will be on display until August/September 1992.
- To March 1992** MM. 'Work it out: A cultural journey through time for children'.
- Saturdays 2.00-4.00** National Trust of South Australia. Burra Burra Branch: Market Square Museum. Adult \$1.00, Child \$0.50, Family \$2.50
- Sundays 12.00-2.30** National Trust of SA. Moonta Branch Museum.
- Wed/Sat/Sun 1.30-4.00** National Trust of SA. Victor Harbor Branch. The Old Customs and Station Master's House.
- Sundays 11.00-4.00** National Trust of SA. Victor Harbor Branch. The Old Customs and Station Master's House.
- Thursdays 10.00** South Australian Cricket Association Inc. Adelaide Oval Tours. Conducted tours from the South Gate. Approx. 2hr duration.
- Tuesdays 2.00-4.00** Yorke Peninsula Family History Group's library s housed within the N.Y.P. Public Library and is available to members during library opening hours. Volunteers are available Tuesday afternoons to assist the public or members. Fees apply to non-members.