
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMPANY

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The records of the South Australian Company deposited with the South Australian Archives (Business Record Group 42) promise to provide historians and other researchers with a most useful perspective of the early development of an Australian colonial economy. Besides making a significant contribution to the founding and fashioning of the new settlement of South Australia, the South Australian Company continued to play a prominent part in the commercial affairs of Adelaide and its surrounding regions for more than a century. As such the volume of material contained in the record group is quite substantial, comprising some fifty major separate series of records occupying in all some nineteen metres of repository shelving.

Other records of the South Australian Company are held by the Mitchell Library, Sydney.

The South Australian Company was formed in London on 9 October 1835 by George Fife Angas, an influential merchant and philanthropist and a member of the Board of Commissioners responsible for establishing the new colony of South Australia. The Company was formed for the immediate purpose of encouraging the preliminary purchase of land since the Commissioners' decision to fix the price of land at twenty shillings per acre had brought land sales to a standstill, arousing doubts about whether the Colonization Commission would succeed in fulfilling the terms of the South Australian Act, by which it was obliged to sell £35,000 worth of land before the imperial authorities would consent to the colonization venture. With the help of his friends Henry Kingscote and Thomas Smith, Angas offered to form a joint stock company to take up the remaining unsold land at twelve shillings per acre. The Commission agreed, on the condition that the proposed company refrain from seeking any monopolies in the colony, whereupon Angas purchased and transferred to the Company 102 lots of land of 135 acres including prime town and country sections, or 13,770 acres in all, with the right to rent a further 220,160 acres of pasturage.

In January 1836 Angas equipped and despatched to South Australia an expedition of four ships on behalf of the Company, ahead of the Commission's own official expedition. A small settlement was established at Kingscote on Kangaroo Island in July 1836 but this location proved unsuitable for farming and the Company's operations were soon transferred to the mainland settlement. There Samuel Stephens, who had been appointed by the directors of the Company in London as its colonial manager, purchased more land for the Company around Adelaide in the hope of attracting 'experienced farmers possessed of small capital' to the colony. In April 1837, however, after reports of drunkenness and disorder among the Company's indentured labourers on Kangaroo Island, Stephens was replaced as manager by David McLaren who by 1841 had secured a further 36,000 acres of well-chosen land together with 20,000 sheep and 1,160 cattle for the Company, taking it by far the largest owner of lands and herds in the colony.

During this early period the South Australian Company displayed remarkable energy and enterprise in advancing the interests of the infant settlement. By building roads and bridges, erecting mills, wharfs and warehouses, establishing a local whaling, fishing and shipbuilding industry, as well as promoting mineral exploration, the Company increasingly came to be identified as 'the real backbone' and 'provider of the colony'. When, within a few months of the foundation of the settlement the Colonial Treasury's funds became seriously depleted as a result of excessive speculation in stock and seriously depleted as a result of excessive speculation in stock and land, the Company had practically to finance all further development in the province. From the start it had conducted its own banking activities, setting up the Bank of South Australia under the competent management of Edward Stephens. In 1842 the Company at the request of the Colonial Government undertook at its own expense the construction of a much-needed road between Adelaide and the Port in return for a grant of a further 12,000 acres of land.

Although the Company was able to pay its first dividend to shareholders in 1840, the financial collapse and depression of the following years meant that careful austerity had to be exercised by the Company and dividends did not really begin to be paid again until 1848 with the Burra copper discovery. By this time the shrewd and resourceful McLaren had resigned as manager to be succeeded by William Giles who, despite the depression and instructions from the directors in London to initiate the 'most rigid economy', tactfully managed the Company's affairs, even to the point of permitting the Company's 120 odd tenants to pay their rents in grain to prevent losing their farms.

Giles also gave active encouragement to the Company's mining ventures. A silver-lead mine had been operated by the Company at Glen Osmond since 1841, and this was followed by the opening of copper-lead mines at Rapid Bay, Kapunda, Burra and Kanmantoo. Yet the Company's mining operations were never greatly successful and in the case of the Kanmantoo mines proved a serious loss, in addition to which they had the effect of drawing labour away from farming and pastoral occupations - as did the Victorian gold rushes of 1851-1852, when the Company refrained from pressing for the recovery of outstanding rents, in an attempt to induce tenants to remain on their properties.

Although the Company continued for the next half century to contribute markedly to South Australia's progress and prosperity, it never really regained the commercial ascendancy enjoyed during the early years of settlement. Already by 1860 the Company had divested itself of its interests in whaling, ship-building and banking, and had largely abandoned its mining and pastoral pursuits to concentrate almost exclusively on agricultural production. After 1874 there were no further significant purchases of land by the Company and though it had never been the original intention of the Company to purchase land for the purpose of selling it again for a profit, by the 1890s, with the introduction of progressive land taxes aimed at breaking up the large estates, the Company was compelled to sell off much of its land. Then in 1917 the Vaughan Government gave notice of its intention to expropriate all privately owned wharf facilities at Port Adelaide and so, after extensive litigation, the Company lost one of its most valuable assets.

By this time the decision to wind up all the Company's remaining commercial operations in South Australia had already been taken but because of the extent of its holdings and mortgages and the effects of the depression, this took many years to accomplish. In the mid 1930s, as a means of facilitating the liquidation of the Company's assets, management of its affairs was transferred to Elder's Trustee Company, all business relating directly to the South Australian Company finally being concluded on 17 March 1949.

In accordance with established archival principles and practice, the records of the Company have been arranged into discreet series depending on their provenance (i.e. the office or branch of the Company that created or received and accumulated them) and the nature of their subject matter. Thus series 1-23 consist of material emanating from the Company's London office, among which are copies of the printed reports presented annually by the directors of the Company to its shareholders. These provide a useful overview of the Company's operations. Of even greater significance in illustrating the sorts of factors and considerations that influenced the formulation and direction of the Company's policies are the seven volumes of minutes of meetings of directors, 1835-1912 and the three volumes of annual and special meetings of shareholders, 1837-90 and, most interestingly, of the special Committee of Management which oversaw the establishment of the Company in the new province during the first critical year of colonization, 1836-1837 (1 volume).

The correspondence of the London Office comprises a major part of the collection (2.3 metres) consisting of copies of letters sent by the manager in London to Company officials and others in South Australia, principally the Colonial Manager, as well as the originals of letters received from persons in the colony, again chiefly the Colonial Manager. Not only do these letters offer a valuable insight into the administration and functioning of a large, enterprising nineteenth century commercial institution, they also serve as a useful historical commentary on the socio-economic evolution of a small, isolated, rural-based community.

Among the records of the London Office are also several important documents connected with the formation of the Company and its title to lands in South Australia, including copies of the Deed of Settlement of 1836, the Certificate of Registration of the Company issued in 1844, and the Charter of Incorporation granted to the Company by the imperial authorities in 1856. Collectively these documents give some indication of the objects and organisation of the Company, the extent of its power, the names of the first directors and shareholders, the capital expended in launching the new venture, and other matters associated with the general management and *modus operandi*.

Material relating to the Company's short-lived and largely unsuccessful Kangaroo Island establishment embraces the correspondence of the Kingscote Office, 1836-40 (6 centimetres) and other miscellaneous papers that show many of the difficulties and disappointments experienced by the Company in its fruitless efforts to reap some advantage from the unpromising environment on the island.

The bulk of the collection, of course, is made up of the records of the Adelaide Office. Of principal importance among these records are the Minutes of meetings of the Company's South Australian Board of Advice from 1841 to 1937 (8 volumes). Recorded in the minutes are the significant policy-making decisions and business proceedings relating to the day-to-day commercial affairs of the Company. Of no less importance in following the affairs of the Company is the vast amount (6.4 metres) of correspondence generated by the Adelaide Office. This consists, firstly, of letters received and copies of letters sent by the Colonial Manager to his superiors in London (3.5 metres) and, secondly, the general correspondence of the Manager with persons in South Australia, mainly letters received from tenants of the Company, but also correspondence with various government officials and other prominent colonists and landowners. (3 metres). These letters, most of which are remarkably well preserved, shed much light on the development of the new colonial society during its formative years, and in particular provide a graphic account of the effects of the depression which shook the colony's infant economy during the early 1840s. There are also many reports and letters relating to the Company's various properties and public projects, its vast land holdings (particularly in the South East) and its extensive maritime and mining interests.

Many of the original agreements entered into by the Company for the sale and purchase of land, leases and mining rights between 1836 and 1946 have been preserved, including details of the first land grants made to C.F. Angas and the directors and officers of the Company. As well, there are several major registers; of leases, land sales and selections, showing the extent and location of the Company's town and country lands, the mode of their utilisation and disposal, and their sale price. In addition to this there is a large and disparate collection of material (4 metres) relating to the Company's returns from its diverse interests in South Australia, consisting largely of an assortment of ledgers, cash books, sales books, wage lists, log books, freight lists, financial statements and inventories.

The written records of the Adelaide Office are complemented by maps, specifications, photographs and site plans of the Company's large number of properties and allotments in and around Adelaide, particularly its warehouse and wharf facilities at Port Adelaide.

The group also includes records of the Bank of South Australia, which was established by the Company as its own bank during the first years of settlement. These records consist of the correspondence of the manager of the bank (Edward Stephens) together with several lists of accounts and returns and other papers connected with the activities of the bank.

Given the composite, generally well-ordered and physically sound condition of the South Australian Company's records, it comes as somewhat of a surprise to find that they seem to have remained relatively untouched by researchers. Apart from the two unpublished theses by Diamond on the early triumphs, and tribulations of the Company in South Australia - written nearly thirty years ago now no other major study devoted to the history of the Company or its contribution to South Australia's development has been forthcoming since Sutherland's rather ponderous work published at the end of the last century. The papers do seem to have been occasionally used in the preparation of some short but illuminating biographical studies, most notably those by Grenfell Price on Angas and McLaren in *Founders and Pioneers* first published in 1929, and more recently by J.M. Tregenza in his entry on William Giles in the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*. In general, though, these records have not yet been widely used by scholars, unlike the Angas Papers (South Australian Archives, PRG 174) which do seem to have been quite extensively consulted by researchers, and which also contain a great deal of material relating to the founding of the Company. Indeed, it is still difficult not to agree with Grenfell Price's observation of more than fifty years ago that the records of the Grand Old Company represent 17 for the most part a 'great and almost virgin field of research'.

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NOTES

- 1 Most of the papers were deposited in the Archives in 1937-38 and came from both the London and Adelaide offices of the Company.
- 2 *The Mitchell Library: historical and descriptive notes*, Syd., The Trustees, 1936, p.34-35.
- 3 See A. Grenfell Price, *Founders and Pioneers of South Australia* (Adelaide, 1929), p.64-79.
- 4 *First Report of the Directors of the South Australian Company*, London, 1836.
- 5 See I.A. Diamond, *Problems in the South Australian Company's Settlement on Kangaroo Island* (unpublished B.A. thesis, University of Adelaide, 1952), South Australian Archives accession 1391.
- 6 George Sutherland, *The South Australian Company; a study in Colonisation* (London, 1898), p.84.
- 7 *Australian Dictionary of Biography* (vol.2, Melbourne, 1967), p.177.
- 8 Sutherland. *op.cit.* 78
- 9 On the extent of the Company's activities in South Australia during these first years of settlement see Diamond, *Aspects of the History of the South Australian Company: the First Decade* (unpublished M.A. thesis, University of Adelaide, 1955. South Australian Archives accession D6215T.)

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- 10 *Australian Dictionary of Biography* (vol.1, Melbourne, 1966), p.443.
- 11 For details see H.Y.L. Brown, *Record of the Mines of South Australia* (4th ed., Adelaide, 1908).
- 12 South Australian Company, *Instructions to the Board of Advice*, 22 February 1917 p. 3.
- 13 F.O. Clayton, 'A Company of Yore - And Mine', *Trust Topics* (Elder's Trustee and Executor Company Ltd), April 1974, p.24.
- 14 *Op.cit.* See notes 4 and 8 above.
- 15 *Op.cit.* See note 5 above.
- 16 Vol.1, Melbourne, 1966, p.443-444. Although Price made use of some of the Records of the Company in his seminal work at the first years of settlement in South Australia, he does not offer to have them informally.
- 17 Grenfell Price, *op.cit.* p.257.

Note on records of the South Australian Company
held by the Mitchell Library, Sydney

There is a general description of holdings relating to the South Australian Company in The Mitchell Library: historical and descriptive notes published by the Trustees in 1936, p.34-35.

The Mitchell Library also has copies of the prospectuses of the Company of 1835, 1836, 1837, 1840, 1841 and 1848, as well as two undated prospectuses. Other printed items are: Reports of directors - 1836, 1837 with two supplements, 1838-1847, two reports for 1848, 1849; abstract of proceedings at a meeting of shareholders, 10 Aug. 1841; speech of chairman at second annual meeting, 1838; contract of service no date; notice of meeting 8 July 1834; blank form of articles of agreement regarding leases of land, 183-; agreement with W. West, 1836; agreement (draft?) with Morgan, no date.

[Information from letter of 14 July 1949 from the Mitchell Library filed as RN 415]

Abbreviations	acc. accession or accessions
	cm. centimetre or centimetres
	ra metre or metres
	p. page or pages
	ser. series
	v. volume or volumes

[Where no accession number is shown, the material was probably received as part of Donation 3558.]

I	<u>RECORDS OF THE LONDON OFFICE SER. 1-23</u>	
	Minutes of meetings of directors 9 Oct. 1835 - 20 Dec. 1836. 1 v. [Acc. 1088. This is an expanded version of the minutes for this period. A shorter version is included in ser. 2]	<u>1</u>
	Minutes of meetings of directors. 1835-1912. 7 v. [Acc. 1061. For an expanded version of the minutes for 1835-36 see ser. 1]	<u>2</u>
	Minutes of annual and special meetings of shareholders. 1837-1890. 3 v.	<u>3</u>
	Minutes of meetings of the Committee of Management. 1836-1837. 1 v. [Acc. 1083]	<u>4</u>
	Correspondence - general (originals or copies of letters received and in, many cases, copies of letters sent). 1836-1851, 1855. 3cm.	<u>5</u>
	Letters sent - general (copies) 1835-1838. 1 v. + 12 p. loose items [Acc. 1085 (volume)]	<u>6</u>
	Letters sent to the Colonial Manager and others in South Australia (copies). 1839-1913. 8 v [Acc. 1087. 'Colonial letter books']	<u>7</u>
	Letters sent to various officers in the Company's service (copies). 1837-1838. 2cm. [Acc.1191]	<u>8</u>
	Letters received from the Colonial Manager. "1837-1841, 1843-1936. 20cm. + 17 v. + 3 bundles. [Acc. 1000, 1052 and 1160. Includes private letters, non-private letters and duplicates. See letter of 18 Apr. 1912 for a statement that all letters up to 1856 had been destroyed. See also letter of 20 Jan. 1938 on this subject from the South Australian Company to the General Secretary. Public Library, Museum art Art Gallery (GRG 19)]	<u>9</u>

Register of the Company's lands. 1837-c1920. 1 v. [Acc. 1064. See ser. 70-71 for registers of lands from the records of the Adelaide Office]	<u>10</u>
Deed of Settlement, 27 June 1836 (3 copies) and Royal Charter, 7 Dec. 1855 (2 copies) 1836, 1855. 3 items. Manuscript. [Acc. 1090. Item 1: Deed of Settlement, with list of clauses at front of volume. Item 2: Deed of Settlement, with alphabetical index (p.100-105), and Royal Charter Item 3: Deed of Settlement, with list of clauses (p.75-82), and Royal Charter (inside front cover signed E. Chippendale). 28 June 1836 The original Deed of Settlement was advertised for sale for £450 sterling in Francis Edwards' catalogue 958 (1972) p.35, item 415. It was bought by Mr. John Chapman (Advertiser newspaper, Adelaide, 23 February 1972, p.8). For a certified copy of the Deed of Settlement sent to Adelaide in 1848 and an attested (1875) copy of the Charter see ser.110]	<u>11/1-3</u>
Deed of settlement, 1836, and. Royal Charter of Incorporation, 1855. 1879. lv. (61p.) Printed	<u>11/4</u>
South Australian Company Bill. (Bill for incorporation of the Company; with breviate) 1837. 34, l + 3, i p. Printed with manuscript alterations. [Acc. 1089]	<u>12</u>
Certificate of registration of the South Australian Company as a joint stock company. 20 Nov. 1844. 1 item. [Acc. A802.]	<u>13</u>
Prospectus of the South Australian Company. 1836. 4p. Printed. [Acc.. A872]	<u>14</u>
Share transfers. 1836-1840. 2 v. [Acc. 1419]	<u>15</u>
Second annual report. 28 June 1838. 24p. +- cover. Manuscript. [Acc. A844]	<u>16</u>

Annual reports, nos. 1-111 (gaps). 1836-1947. 2v. + 13 loose issues + 1 v. + 47 loose issues 4, spare copies. [Lacks nos. 38, 64, 86, 87, 92 and 101 (1874, 1900, 1922, 1923, 1928, 1937)]	<u>17</u>
Annual reports: proof copies. 1852, 1883. 16p., 15 p. Printed, with manuscript corrections.	<u>18</u>
Notices of general meetings and alterations to Deed of Settlement. 1911, 1927-28. 3 items. Printed.	<u>19</u>
Proceedings of annual general meetings (octavo format). 1900, 1903-04, 1906-12. 10 items. Printed. [With duplicates of 1909 and 1911.]	<u>20</u>
Proceedings of annual general meetings reprinted from <u>The Times</u> . 1912-1913, 1915-1920, 1924, 1926. 10 items. Printed.	<u>21</u>
Lists of accounts, advances, bills payable, etc. of the Bank of South Australia. 1837-1841. 27 items [Acc. 1063.]	<u>23</u>
 II <u>RECORDS OF THE COMPANY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA. (FOR RECORDS COMMENCING IN 1860 OR LATER, SEE SER. 127-144).</u>	
 <u>Minutes, correspondence and reports in general on activities including land selection, farming, whaling mining banking and harbour development, ser/ 24-63/</u>	
Minutes of the South Australian Board of Advice. 1841-1937. 8 v. 7 v. at OUTSIZE 1 [Acc. 1154. For duties of Board of Advice see ser. 106. For papers of the Board of Advice, 1860-1937 see ser.128]	<u>24</u>
Letters received by David McLaren from Governor Hindmarsh. May - Nov. 1837. 4 items. 1. Describing discomfort of Government House, 1 May 1837 (Acc. A916). 2. Giving his opinion of Holdfast Day, 12 May 1837 (Acc. A915) 3 & 4 Relative to Sir John Jeffeottis visit to Van Diemens Land, 19 and 27 Nov.1837 (Acc. A913 and A914)]	<u>25</u>

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- Letter from Governor Gawler to 'the Committee appointed
by the Public Meeting recently held on the subject of
the outrages committed by the Aborigines'.
17 May 1839. 20 p. 26
- Letters received from the London Office. 27
1836-1936. 1.3 m.
[The letters dated 1836-38 (70 pieces) were
erroneously accessioned as a continuation of
acc.1087. The letters dated 1839-92 formed
acc.1153. The letters for 1893-1936 were not
given an accession number. The miscellaneous
enclosures, 1839-1890, acc.1148, have been restored
to the despatches to which they belong. For a summary
of letters received between 1836 and 1842 see ser.32.
For letters received at Kingscote see ser.33].
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- Letters sent to London, 1836-1840, and general letters 28
1836-1845 (copies).
1836-1845 3 v.
[Acc.1157. Some of the copies are less complete
than the originals in ser.9]
- Letters sent to London (copies). 29
1840-1950. 18 v. 9 box files.
[Acc.1158. Some of the copies are less
complete than the originals in ser.9, occasionally
omitting words, whole lines and footnotes
For supplementary despatches not represented in
this series see ser.9.]
- General letters sent (copies). 30
1841-1855. 3 v.
[Acc.1159.]
- Letters sent (copies) not recorded in the 31
company's letter books, including a letter to Capt. Sturt, a letter
to Henry Mildred, a letter from McLaren to E. Stephen, a letter
from McLaren to W.B. Randell, etc
1837-1843. 17 items.
[The series includes a typed transcript made in the Archives of
a letter from McLaren to Sturt, 22 May 1840, the original of which
is with the records of the Lands Department.]
- Summary of letters received from the London 32
Manager.
1836-1842. 1 v.
[Acc.1173.]

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- Letters received by the Company's chief officer at Kingscote. 33
1836-1840. 3 cm,
[Includes letters from G.F. Angas and from the
London office as well as general letters. Includes
copies of information respecting the colony by
W.B. Shand and others and a copy of
Correspondence with Colonization Commissioners
About Kingscote]
- Letters received in Adelaide from the Company's 34
chief officer at Kingscote.
1837-1839. 3 cm.
- Letters received from Edward Woodroffe, an office 35
of the Company at Kingscote, chiefly relating to
whale oil.
1842-1843, 1845. 1 cm.
- Letters received from Johann Menge, Mine and Quarry, 36
Agent and Geologist to the Company in Kingscote
together with a letter of instructions to Menge (copy),
letter offering him the appointment and his letter of
acceptance.
1836-1838. 17 items.
[Acc.986.]
- Letters received by the Colonial Manager, Adelaide, 37
mainly from persons in South Australia.
1837-1849. 80 cm.
[Filed alphabetically in each year by name
of sender. See special list of correspondents.
Includes a letter addressed to Charles Mann
from Bartlett and Beddome, 1840.]
- General letters received, with copies of replies. 38
1930-1937 and 1 item 1949. 1.25 m.
- Reports received from Samuel Reeves, 1842-45, and 39
Alfred Swaine, 1845-49, relating to sheep
and cattle activities in the Gumeracha district.
1842-1849. 4 cm.
- Reports received from Alfred Swaine, relating to 40
various districts.
1855-1860. 4 cm
- Reports received from Thomas Giles at the 41
Company's Lake Albert run.
1844. 1 cm.

Reports received from N.S. Hailes at the Company's Bremer station (specimens) 1848. 10 items	<u>42</u>
Reports received from Andrew Madder at the Mount Gambier station. 1846-1848. 2 cm.	<u>43</u>
Reports received from George Alston at the Company's Mount Gambier station (specimens). 26 June - 8 Sep. 1848. 1 cm.	<u>44</u>
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Reports received from W.B. Randell (in general charge of the Company's agricultural and dairy operations) at Park Farm and Gumeracha. 1838-1850. 2 cm.	<u>47</u>
Letters received from Henry Simpson relating to the Company's Port Adelaide interests. 1842-1849. 6 cm.	<u>48</u>
Reports received from Capt. William Scott, Port Adelaide. 1843-1844. 1 cm.	<u>49</u>
Letters received from William Giles, Jr., relating to mining operations at Kanmantoo. 1846-1849. 4 cm . [131 items.]	<u>50</u>
Reports received from Samuel Stephens on the selection of country lands. 838. 3 items. [The reports are addressed to John Morphett. For a letter of W. Giles detailing the circumstances of the reports see Archives PRG 174/7, p .414]	<u>51</u>
General descriptions of the country from Adelaide to Encounter Bay. Extracts from memoranda made by Charles Mann. 5-8 Sep. 1837. 3 p.	<u>52</u>

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- Report by B.T. Finniss of a journey to Encounter Bay
(addressed to Col. Light, Surveyor General,
marked 'Duplicate copy'). 53
5 May 1838. 14 p.
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p .4 column b]
- Estimate of cost of establishments for bringing
down stringy bark from the mountains to
Adelaide. 54
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- Memoranda as to fairs and markets at Noarlunga,
with minutes of a meeting between Giles,
Randell and Hewitt respecting Noarlunga Market. 55
1840-1841. 3 items.
- Letter from Captain Emanuel Underwood on the loss
of the schooner Victoria west of Cape Jaffa. 56
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[Acc. A917. With numerous corrections in a different ink.]
- Correspondence on allegations by Henry Weston
Phillips of abuses at the bonded warehouse,
Port Adelaide (copies) 57
30 June - 9 Aug. 1842 (copies). 21 p.
[Acc. A918. 'Correspondence respecting missing
wine'.]
- Brokers' reports on oil and wool markets received from
London (copies in some cases). 58
1837-39, 1842-43 (incomplete). 3 cm.
- Letters and other communications received from the
Bank of South Australia. 59
1837-1849 . 4 cm.
- Letters received by the Bank of South Australia (some
probably private to Edward Stephens). 60
1836-1839 . 3 cm.
- Extract from minutes of the Council of Government,
25 May 1837, on an agreement with the
Bank of South Australia, and correspondence
between the Bank and the Colonial Secretary,
1843 (copies). 61
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Correspondence between the London Manager of the S.A. Company and the Manager of the Bank of S.A. relating to outstanding claims (copies) 1844. 2 p.	<u>62</u>
Letter from Hogan, Hall & Co., Valparaiso to Hogan, Hall & Co., Liverpool on the trade of New South Wales with Chile and Peru (copy). 7 Sep. 1838. 8 p.	<u>63</u>
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Minutes of the Company's Land Board, 1839, and associated papers 1838-1839. 6 items. [Items 1-3, minutes of meetings; item 4, Plan for letting on building leases part of the Company's town lands (1838); item 5, Statement of facts relative to the reservation of a portion of land at Glenelg in 1838 (1839); item 6, Orders and regulations made by the Commissioners (1839)]	<u>64</u>
Minutes of a meeting with tenants and agreement as to choice of land. 26 May 1838. 4 p.	<u>65</u>
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Log book of the ship Lord Hobart. 18 Sep. 1837 - 24 July 1839. 1 v. [Acc.1186]	<u>80</u>
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3. 'Memorandum: conversation with the Governor relating to the Company's Wharf (D. McLaren), 4 Jan. 1841;
4. 'Memoranda as to the wines in charge of Mr Thomas Mitchell, Port Lincoln (D. McLaren), 30 June 1840;
5. 'General Principles on which the Ledger Accounts of the Commercial Manager etc. in Adelaide should now be placed & kept' (D. McLaren) 10 June 1842;
6. Memorandum by A.L. Elder and James Smith of an award in a dispute respecting accounts of the Bremer Smelting Works, 17 Jan. 1852;
7. Memorandum as to the Colonial Board. of Advice, n.d.;
8. 'Memorandum of the Capital of the South Australian Company at 30th April 1890'.
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- List of directors, managers and secretaries of the South 114
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- Deed of Settlement, 27 June 1836 (certified copy, 1848) 115/1
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- Release of real estate and assignment of personality: 115/3
In trust for the South Australian Company: George
Fife Angas, Henry Kingscote and James Ruddell
Todd to James Ruddell Todd, Edward Divett and
John Fussell
(copy).
4 Jan. 1851. 1 item. Typescript.
[No.518 of 1855].
- Memorial of conveyance: Edward Divett to Edward Divett,
Bertram Wodehouse Currie and Charles Roberts 115/4
(copy). 1855. 1 item. Typescript.
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- Memorial of conveyance: Edward Divett, Bertram 115/5
Wodehouse Currie and Charles Roberts to the South
Australian Company.
11 Apr. 1856. 1 item.
[No.509 of 1856].
- Contract between William Milde and the South 115/6
Australian Company, Hamburg. 1837. 4 p.
Printed with manuscript annotations (in German).
[Donated by Ms Judy Milde who asked that this
record be placed with the records of the company].
- Memorandum of agreement between Joseph Remfry of 115/7
St. Collumb, Cornwall, and the South Australian Company,
London, 17 December 1847, for Remfry's engagement as the
company's mining captain in South Australia.
[Formerly D5880(Misc)].
- Agreements. 116
1836/1855. 2 cm.
[Copies or duplicates in some cases. Includes information on
Administrative procedures that supplement ser.106.
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- Legal opinions. 117
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[1. The respective duties of the Colonial Manager and the
Commercial and Bank Managers, 4 Oct. 1837; 2 . A libel in
the South Australian Gazette, 21 Nov. 1837; 3. The right of the South
Australian Company to a Special Survey, 8 Nov. 1838; 4.
The rights of owners of preliminary land orders, 10 June 1845.]

Seal of the South Australian Company (part of the matrix). 118
n.d. 1 item.
[Received as part of D3558.]

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Album of maps relating chiefly to the property of the 119
South Australian Company.
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Maps and plans. 120
1838-1898. 31 items.
[See special list. Includes drawings of wharf cranes.
Acc.A1286, 0154-169, 0175, C188-192, C270-274]

Newspaper cuttings relating to the Company and 121
the colony generally.
1836-1841, 1852-1860. 3 v.
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Album of 37 portraits of directors, managers and 122
other officers of the Company.
Possibly compiled c.1930. 1 v.
[Compared with S.A. Archives acc.B7334, which has 31 portraits,
this album has 7 portraits not represented there (Hy. Joslin, G.F. Angas,
J. Stephens, Alf. Swaine, Geo. Swain alias Geo. Gill, E.H. Harding
and John Anthony) (B7334/26). For additional biographical details
see B7334.]
[B7334 – digitized – also photos in BRG 42/122 not In album B7334].

Portrait photographs of chairmen in London 123
(7 items), members of the board (12 items),
managers (4 items) and - in individual envelopes - William Giles,
John Stephens and A.L.A. Muller.
n.d. 26 items. Negatives.
[Possible these all appear in the album – ser. 117].

Photographs of properties 124
n.d, 6 items. Negatives. With 2 prints of each.
(Lock's Boot and Shoe Store, 1 item; W.H. Bruce, Ltd., Butchers, 1 item;
Standard. Shoe Co. -floor plans, 4 items). Most photographs transferred
to the Archives from the South Australian Company have been put in the
Archives pictorial collection - e.g. 32462 - E2532; B2557 - B2561, etc.]

Photographs used in an illuminated tribute to Henry Percival Moore, Manager of the Company, including a photograph of the composite document. 1929. 13 items. Negatives.	<u>125</u>
Photographs and site plans of the Company's Adelaide properties 1909 with annotations to c.1935. 1 v. [Acc. B7787]	<u>126</u>
<u>Records commencing in 1860 or later, ser.127-144.</u>	
Letter sent by the Manager (William John Brind) to the editor of the Register newspaper denying that the Company had derived 'an immense revenue from the colony' (press copy) 16 July 1863. 2p. [Acc. A825, through Mr. R.F. Moore, 1937]	<u>127</u>
Papers of the Board of Advice. 1860-1937. 5 cm. [Donation 4444, through Elder's Trustee and Executor Co. Includes deeds of appointment of Board members, report on liquidation liabilities and certified copy of deed of dissolution of the Board.]	<u>128</u>
Opinions and related legal papers 1889-1914. 10 cm.	<u>129</u>
Judgement: South Australian Company v. Corporation of City of Port Adelaide 27 Feb. 1914. 26 p. Printed. [Acc. A871]	<u>130</u>
Papers relative to the case of the Canal Company Ltd. v. the Minister of Marine. 1919. 1 v. Typescript. [Acc. 1182]	<u>131</u>
Register of agreements. 1936-1945. 1 v.	<u>132</u>
Land sale agreements. Chiefly 1900-1930 but some earlier. 1.3 m. [Arranged alphabetically in one sequence. Includes one 1846 agreement. For a series of General agreements, 1836-1855 see ser.116.]	<u>133</u>
Register of leases. 1920-1945. 1 v.	<u>134</u>

Quarterly lists of leases. 1919-1945. 5 cm. 1919-1945 1 v.	<u>135</u>
Register of instruments deposited at the Lands Titles Office 1903-1937. 1 v. [Rear of volume has a short index of property descriptions, giving volume and folio numbers and L.T.O. plan numbers]. 1911-1948. 1 v.	<u>136</u>
Register of instruments (deeds) issued with Recipients' signatures. 1911-1948 1 v.	<u>137</u>
Papers relating to the valuation of South Australia Company properties c.1936-1939. 2 cm.	<u>138</u>
Inventories of the Company's land, buildings and other property 1901-1948. 2 v. + 3 box files.	<u>139</u>
Cash books. 1914-1949. 5 v.	<u>140</u>
Cash books. 1936-1949. 2 v.	<u>141</u>
Journals (book keeping). 1904-1949. 2 v.	<u>142</u>
'Dead account ledger'. 1916-1947. 2 v. [Volume 1, A-L; v.2, M-Z.]	<u>143</u>
Current accounts and balance sheets. 1895-1949. 2 v. + 1 box file.	<u>144</u>
Ledgers for the South Australian Company mill at Hackney, and kept by John Stevens. 1856-1868 2 volumes. 5 cm [Volume 1 : 1856-1863 Volume 2 : 1866-1868]	<u>145</u>

Passenger lists of Company emigrants

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1837-1839. 8 sheets. 0.5 cm.

[Passenger lists of eight emigrant ships that arrived 1837-1839 with people selected by the South Australian Company as suitable employees. The lists were presented to the South Australian Archives in 1938 and accessioned as V 1174. See below for details.

1. *Solway* emigrants from Hamburg, Germany, with "Mr. Swaine's opinion of some of them". Ship arrived 16 October 1837.
2. *Katherine Stewart Forbes* emigrants from London. Ship arrived 16 October 1837.
3. *Katherine Stewart Forbes* emigrants from London, Another version of same list
4. *Hartley* emigrants from London and Plymouth. Ship arrived 28 October 1837. List includes Company officials William Giles and William Beavis Randell and their families, the Rev. Thomas Quinton Stow, first Congregational minister, and John Banks Shepherdson, first school master.
5. *Navarino* passenger Henry Woolman, sail maker, his wife and children. Ship arrived 6 December 1837.
6. *Canton* emigrants from London, in two separate lists, caddy' (first cabin) and steerage. The steerage passengers only would have been prospective Company employees.
7. *Bengalee* emigrants from Hamburg (Captain Hamlin). List made in Hamburg 9 July 1838; arrived 16 November 1838. List mentions passage amounts paid by the 33 emigrants.
8. *Buckinghamshire* emigrants from London and Plymouth. Ship arrived 21 March 1839. List gives occupation, family details and names of people in the colony who engaged them.]