
Fowler family

PRG 34
Series List

George Swan Murray Fowler was born in 1893. He began training as a doctor of medicine, but, when in his early twenties, he developed bronchiectasis which left him an invalid. In order that he benefit from the fresh Hills air, his father purchased a property for him at Bridgewater in the Street now known as Fowler Road. Here he kept a small market garden and orchard, but his work was limited as he was forced to remain in bed for long periods. Whenever he was able, he devoted much of his time to community affairs. He was for example involved with the Stirling Hospital, the Emergency Fire Service, the Bridgewater School and the cave and fountain gardens at Bridgewater. Much of his time was spent reading the old newspapers in the State library, and thus it was he became an authority on the history of the district and especially of Bridgewater.

Mr. Fowler was well known and well liked in the district. He was a popular figure in his horse and trap (though most people were driving about in cars), or going about his shopping with a sugar bag over his shoulder to carry it in.

When a new drug was discovered which alleviated his condition, Mr. Fowler, then in his sixties/gained a new lease on life and, for example began attending night school to study sheet metalwork, He spent the last ten years of his life at Aldgate and died aged eighty in 1973.

His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Shirley Fowler, recognized the value of his historical research to the district, and passed on his notebook to the Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society. The Society also was given a set of 96 slides of various view of South Australia taken about 1820. Mrs Fowler believes her father-in-law had these made from photographs he discovered in the old newspapers. In about 1960 Mr. Fowler set about taking another view of some of the same sites depicted in the 1880 set. As an even more up to date comparison, Mr. Michael Hannan took a 1983 view of some of these sites for the occasion when the slides were shown to a meeting of the Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society on Wednesday 23rd March, 1983. The Society believes that the original set of slides is of such great value that it should be placed where it can be made use of by all interested South Australians. The original slides, and the 1960 and 1983 sets, have therefore been donated to the State Archives. And this is a very fitting place for them to be since it was in the Archives, through Mr. Gerald Fisher, as well as in the Newspaper reading room, Mr. Fowler obtained most of his information on the history of the district.

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David Fowler (1827-1881) & James Fowler (1831-1858)

- Copies of letters from David and James Fowler sent chiefly to their father in Scotland
1854-1858 1 volume
{Formerly D 3813} 1
- Extract of death registration of James Fowler
1954 1 item
[Died 13 February 1858; extract dated 25 November 1954. Formerly D 3813.] 2
- Land grants issued to David Fowler for land in the Northern Territory
1871 2 items
[Formerly D 3813] 3
- Wills, lease, decrees and indentures relating to estate of David Fowler and beneficiaries
1874-1914 11 items
[Includes copy of will of David Fowler. Formerly D 3813] 4

George Swan Fowler (1839-1896)

- Letter books
1872-1896 5 volumes
[Formerly D 3967] 5
- Letter book
1883-1889 1 volume
[Some of the letters are business letters. Formerly D 3967] 6
- Letter book
1881-1913 1 volume
[Includes letters sent by J.R. Fowler. Formerly D 3813] 7
- Letters received by G.S. Fowler
1882-1884 7 items
[Formerly D 3813] 8
- Letters received by G.S. Fowler from H.B. Mackintosh & Son, solicitors, Anstruther, Scotland
1881-1887 27 items
[Includes also press copies of a few letters sent by G.S. Fowler. Formerly D 3813] 9

Letters received by G.S. Fowler from his sister Jessie 1883-1889 16 items [Formerly D 3813]	<u>10</u>
Letters received by G.S. Fowler from his niece Jessie 1884-1888 9 items [Formerly D 3813]	<u>11</u>
Letters received by G.S. Fowler from Bridges, Satwell & Heywood, London 1881-1884 21 items [Formerly D 3813]	<u>12</u>
Letters received by G.S. Fowler from D. Murray 1881-1882 8 items [Formerly D 3813]	<u>13</u>
Letters received by G.S. Fowler from his niece Grace Roeder 1884-1889 30 items [Formerly D 3813]	<u>14</u>
Letters received by G.S. Fowler relating to land in the Northern Territory ca. 1882-1889 6 items [Letters mainly from Symon, Bakewell & Symon, solicitors. Formerly D 3813]	<u>15</u>
Papers relating to the Australian Lithofracteur Company 1881-1883 6 items [Formerly D 3813]	<u>16</u>
Correspondence and reports about the <i>Freeman</i> , a Baptist newspaper 1881-1882 3 items [Formerly D 3813]	<u>17</u>
Cabin passengers' contract ticket for the <i>True Briton</i> 1864 1 item [Issued to George and Janet Fowler, 24 September 1864. Formerly D 3813]	<u>18</u>
Authority requesting governments of foreign countries to permit George Swan Fowler and party [Issued by the British Foreign Office, 17 October 1871, permitting G.S. Fowler, his wife and sister 'to pass freely without let or hindrance'. Formerly D 3813]	<u>19</u>

Papers relating to the building of paddle steamer 1896-1900 1.5 cm [Papers, plans, specifications and correspondence relating to the building of a paddle steamer at Milang for G.S. Fowler. Formerly D 3657]	<u>20</u>
Land order issued to M. Ewart. 1887 1 item [Order for 20 pounds issued to M. Ewart, 16 September 1887 but unused. Later transferred to G.S. Fowler and still valid in 1892. Formerly D 3657]	<u>21</u>
Papers relating to appointment of G.S. Fowler as a burgess & freeman of Burgh of Kilrenny 1883-1925 6 items [Includes a copy of the Council minutes, newspaper cuttings, & typescript cuttings of early documents relating to the Fowler association with Kilrenny. Formerly D 3813.]	<u>22</u>
Miscellaneous papers not assigned to series 22 ca. 1892-1922 9 items [Includes copy of a letter written by G.S. Fowler and receipt for cemetery plot in the Mitcham Anglican Church cemetery, 1898. Formerly D 3813]	<u>23</u>
Inventory and valuation of effects and furniture 1896 1 volume {Items relating to estate of G.S. Fowler at <i>Wootton Lea</i> , Glen Osmond. Formerly D 3967	<u>24</u>
Album of photographs nd 1 volume [Chiefly of <i>Wootton Lea</i> , Glen Osmond, home of G.S. Fowler. Also includes portraits of D. Fowler, J.R. Fowler, L.M. Fowler and M.A. Fowler. Formerly D 3657]	<u>25</u>
Photographic views of <i>Wootton Lea</i> nd 2 items [Formerly D 3657]	<u>26</u>

Photographs

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ca. 1860-1935, nd 42 items 2 volumes

[Album 1. 1860-1894 7 items

Includes Flinders Street Baptist Chapel, Adelaide

Hospital ca. 1885, South Australian Company's Mill at Hackney ca. 1860, Baptist ministers at *Wootton Lea* with G.S. Fowler, 1894 & nd, Glen Osmond Tennis Club visit to Angaston (includes J.R. and Marion Fowler, a group of first medical students at University of Adelaide, with Dr Charles H.S. Hope among them, 1891. Formerly D 3657, D 2789, and D 3319. See also Australian Gold Recovery Company BRG 15.]

Album 2. Photographs relating to Dr Charles and Laura Hope, and other people ca. 1890-1935 35 items (photocopies)

(Eleven of the photographs are available for reference on the South Australia Database PRG 34/72/1-7. See that database for individual image descriptions.) The 35 photographs include Laura Margaret Hope as a young girl and young woman; with other students and graduates of the University of Adelaide; in uniform as a member of the Scottish Women's Hospital with her husband during World War One; in India as medical missionaries; her husband's school for Indian students in Kalimpong, West Bengal before WWI; scenes at Pabna, North Bengal; Sister Mary ('Molly') Murray and housekeeper Victoria Thallon at the Home for Incurables, Fullarton; a residence, possibly the Hope house *Maretimo* at Glenelg, and a portrait of *Buffalo* pioneer Robert Cock, d. 1871 at Mount Gambier.]

Memorandum of Agreement for conduct of D & J Fowler

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1875. 0.5 cm. Manuscript.

Memo of Agreement made 16 April 1875 between David & George Swan Fowler and William Finlayson for carrying on of the retail business formerly conducted by them under style of D & J Fowler. The new agreement was for a further three years, after 1 May 1875 the name to be altered to Finlayson & Company. The lease was to be purchased for £3135 and Finlayson to be paid £4-10-0 per week. [Formerly A 1257]

James Richard Fowler b. 1865

Letters received by J.R. Fowler, mostly from his family 1883-1891 492 items [See special list for series 28. Formerly D 3967]	<u>28</u>
Letters received by J.R. Fowler 1890-1928 24 volumes [Formerly D 3967]	<u>29</u>
Letters received by J.R. Fowler 1900-1920 10 items [Formerly D 3813]	<u>30</u>
Letter books of J.R. Fowler 1890-1934 13 volumes [Formerly D 3967]	<u>31</u>
Receipts, statements and lists relating to shares & property 1900-1924 6 items [Relating to J.R. Fowler. Formerly D 3813]	<u>32</u>
Income tax returns, assessment notice and receipt of J.R. Fowler 1899-1901 3 items [Formerly D 3813]	<u>33</u>
Miscellaneous papers relating to Leigh Creek Coal Mining Company} 1889-1900 4.5 cm [J.R. Fowler was a shareholder. Comprises correspondence, balance sheets and reports. Formerly D 3657.]	<u>34</u>
Letters from Professor W.H. Bragg 1901-1902 1 folder Two letters relating to proposed diploma course in commerce at University of Adelaide. Formerly D 3657.]	<u>35</u>
Receipts for insurance premiums and death duty 1897-1903 4 items [Issued to J.R. Fowler on estate of David Fowler. Formerly D 3813.]	<u>36</u>
Certificates of shares held by Fowler family 1889-1903 5 items [Shares held by J.R. Fowler, Mary H. Fowler and F.R. Joyner. Formerly D 3813.]	<u>37</u>

Newspaper cutting relating to General Charles Gordon 1884-1914 1 volume [Formerly D 3967]	<u>38</u>
Newspaper cuttings about Florence Nightingale 1904-1910 1 volume. [See also Glen Osmond Baptist Church Literary Society SRG 465/62/41. Formerly D 3967/SRG 14.]	<u>39</u>
<u>Dr Laura Margaret Hope, nee Fowler, 1868-1952</u>	
Photographs assembled by Dr Charles H.S. Hope and Dr Laura M. Hope 1895-1913 11 volumes [Photographs of South Australia, England, Italy and India. Formerly D 3967.]	<u>40</u>
Photographs of Indian scenery and plants assembled by Dr Charles H.S. Hope and wife Dr Laura Hope who served as Baptist medical missionaries in India. Formerly D 3967.]	<u>41</u>
<u>Miscellaneous papers</u>	
Biographical notes on the Fowler family nd 27pp manuscript [Compiled by Grace Roeder, daughter of David Fowler. Formerly D 3813]	<u>42</u>
Family trees of the Fowler, Millar, Wright, Murray and Rogers families 1946-1950, nd (4 parts in 1 envelope & 1 rolled item) [Fowler tree compiled by Dr Carl Roeder with pencilled additions by G.S.M. Fowler, son of James R. Fowler (formerly D 3967). Other trees compiled by members of different families. One large tree of the Murray family is rolled. Includes 3 letters.]	<u>43</u>
Letter addressed to 'Miss Watts' nd 1 p [Letter probably written by a school child. Formerly D 3697.]	<u>44</u>
Prospectus for Founders League (Christian Colonist) Limited 1908 1 item Printed [Formerly D 2789.]	<u>45</u>

Papers relating to Department of Civil Defence 1941-1943 6.5 cm [Correspondence, circulars, specimen forms, arm bands & badge of Evacuation & Quartering Branch. Formerly D 3967.]	<u>46</u>
Verses by R.W. Cilento for Adelaide University concert 1914 2 pp	<u>47</u>
Notes on the Bershire branch of the Local History Recording Scheme 1937 3 items [Relates to the English organisation, and comprising a letter, pamphlet and press cutting.]	<u>48</u>
Programmes for Bridgewater School pet and wildflower shows 1938-1949 7 items Printed	<u>49</u>
Transparencies of views of South Australia ca. 1880, 1960, 1983 146 items [96 views of South Australia assembled by G.S.M. Fowler from newspapers and other sources. With 36 transparencies showing some of the sites in 1960, and a further sequence of 14 views of some sites taken in 1983 by Michael A. Hannon. Includes a list; received through the Mount Lofty Districts Historical Society, tsf P442.]	<u>50</u>
Commission of appointment 1880-1881 2 items Printed, with mss additions [Commission appointing George Swan Fowler & Charles Mann as delegates to an inter-colonial conference on free trade in 1880, and a commission appointing G.S. Fowler as Treasurer of the Province of South Australia 1881.]	<u>51</u>
<u>Dr Laura M. Hope and Dr Charles H.S. Hope</u> Additional papers to series 40-41	
Testimonials for Dr Laura Fowler 1892 1 item Printed [Testimonials from lecturers and surgeons toward her appointment as house surgeon at the Adelaide Children's Hospital.]	<u>52</u>

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- Letters from Laura Hope to her father George Swan Fowler
1893 3 items 53
[Letters dated 21 May and 7 June 1893 from *Wootton Lea* about her plans to go to India with her husband as medical missionaries. A letter to Laura Hope from her brother J.R. Fowler dated 31 May 1893 about the possibility of an appointment as medical officer with the AMP Society was kept with the letters, and is referred to in the June letter to G.S. Fowler, who was in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) at the time.]
- Statement of death duties payable on G.S. Fowler's estate
1897 1 item 54
[Document relating to Dr Laura Hope's inheritance on the death of her father G.S. Fowler in 1896 and the death duties payable.]
- Diary of Dr Laura Hope 55
1915-1916 1 item Manuscript
[Diary from 7 October 1915 to 12 February 1916 kept during Dr Hope's medical service in Serbia, two months of which she and her husband were prisoners of war with other members of the Scottish Women's Hospital unit at Kevavara in Hungary. Includes newspaper cuttings from the *Scotsman*, *Manchester Guardian* & *Daily Herald* about their treatment as prisoners of war, and their release. This diary appears to have been rewritten at some later date.]
- Papers relating to the estate of late John Hope of *Wolta Wolta*,
Clare 56
1893-1899, 22 items
[Relates to the Hope Trust set up after the death of John Hope, father of Dr Charles H.S. Hope. Dr Hope's share, on his marriage to Laura Fowler, was assigned in trust to her father G.S. Fowler. Part 1 (1893-1899) of the documents includes letters from solicitors Baker & Barlow in 1893, a letter from G.S. Fowler in 1895, and statements of receipt & expenditure for the estate of John Hope, and *Para Station* and *Wolta Wolta* accounts. Part 2 (1900-1905) documents include statements, legal opinion, solicitor's letters, deed by Drs Charles and Laura Hope at Pabna, North Bengal, India dated 5 July 1905, and valuations on the Hope properties]
- Correspondence between Dr Laura Hope and her brother J.R.
Fowler 57
1927 12 items
[Relating to financial matters for her husband Dr Charles H.S. Hope.]

Deeds, indentures & memoranda of agreement relating to Dr Laura Hope and Dr Charles H.S. Hope 1893, 1922-1943 9 items [1. Deed of appointment by Isabella Matilda Hope to Dr C.H.S. Hope of share under will of John Hope, and his marriage settlement, dated 1 July 1893; 2. Deed of assignment, covenants etc between Dr C.H.S. Hope, George Swan Fowler and his daughter Laura Margaret Fowler, dated 4 July 1893; 3. Deed of power of attorney between Dr Laura Hope and her brother J.R. Fowler dated 6 October 1922; 4. Deed of power of attorney between Dr Laura Hope and her brother J.R. Fowler dated 9 November 1928; 5. Deed of power of attorney between Dr Charles H.S. Hope and J.R. Fowler dated 16 November 1928; 6. Deed of power of attorney between Dr Laura Hope and her nephew W.M. Fowler dated 12 June 1935; 7. Indenture between Dr Laura Hope and Irene G. Scott, widow, to provide a settlement for her 6 children, dated 8 October 1943; 8. Memorandum of agreement between the landlord and Dr L.M. Hope to occupy rented dwelling in Stepney dated 15 July 1927; 9. Memorandum of agreement between the landlord and Dr Charles H.S. Hope to occupy rented dwelling in Stepney dated 15 July 1927; 10. Letter dated 18 July 1927 permitting Dr L.M. Hope, as tenant to sublet flat in Stepney;]	<u>58</u>
Household papers for Dr Laura Hope's Bridgewater property 1925-1928 2.5 cm [Accounts by tradespeople for plumbing & bathroom, fencing, electricity supply, and State land tax papers.]	<u>59</u>
Valuation for household furniture and effects at Bridgewater property 1925 0.5 cm [Typescript list of furniture and effects sold to Dr Laura Hope with the Bridgewater property by the Misses Wigg, former owners (and daughters of E.S. Wigg, the Adelaide stationer)]	<u>60</u>

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- Papers relating to the sale of Dr Laura Hope's Bridgewater property
1928 5 items
[Includes valuation by Wilkinson Sando & Wyles Ltd of 6 August 1928, advertisement placed by the company, brochure for auction (8 October 1928), and note from Dr Charles Hope about the telephone connection and a reply from the Post-Master General's Department.] 61
- Papers relating to valuation of paintings in the Fowler family collection
1911 6 items
[Valuation by Sydney Flint of Wellington Terrace, Fullarton for pictures from the Fowler family collection in the house of Dr Laura Hope and her husband at Nairne. Includes letters between Dr Hope and her brother J.R. Fowler, and an account from Alfred Chapman of Nairne to make a wooden case to house the pictures & transport them to Adelaide to sell.] 62
- Insurance policy documents held by Dr Laura Hope
1929, 1935 2 items
[For property at Norwood and Erindale.] 63
- Lists of jewellery, silverware, china, books and objet d'art
nd 7 pp Manuscript
[Includes list of silverware wedding presents from George Swan Fowler to Dr Charles H.S. Hope, a list of "Aunt Laura's things" (jewellery) and their sale amounts, lists of the contents of various cases of books, crockery and objets d'art, silver plate and other household items left in South Australia when the Drs Hope left for India, and a list of items in the possession of J.R. Fowler.] 64
- Financial journal of Dr Laura Hope
1901-1932 1 volume
[Records kept by J.R. Fowler while Dr Laura Hope and her husband were in India.] 65
- Ledgers of Dr Laura Hope
1932-1956 2 volumes
[Records kept for her by J.R. Fowler and son William Murray Fowler] 66
- Cash book of Dr Laura Hope
1932-1955 1 volume
[Records kept by J.R. Fowler and W.M. Fowler] 67

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- Journal and ledger of the Hope Trust 68
1907-1942 1 volume
[Record of transactions in connection with the Trust
Monies received from the Executors of G.S. Fowler on
account of Dr Charles H.S. Hope's marriage settlements.]
- Papers relating to Dr Laura Hope's service in India 69
1914, 1933-1934 6 items
[Comprises printed addresses to Dr Laura Hope and Dr
Charles Hope, a seating plan for a garden party in 1934
at Government House, Calcutta which she attended, with
her place card, and a copy of the *Statesman* newspaper
articles for the awards of the Kaiser-I-Hind Silver Medal to
Dr Charles Hope in 1914 and the Kaiser-I-Hind Gold
Medal to Dr Laura Hope in 1933.]
- Papers relating to Dr Laura Hope's financial affairs 70
1902-1934 1 cm
[Transactions made on her behalf by her brother J.R.
Fowler.]
- Taxation returns for Dr Charles H.S. Hope 71
1931-1942 1.5 cm
[Papers cover the time Dr Hope was in India as a medical
missionary (to 1934) and his return to South Australia as
a medical practitioner and living at Erindale.]
- Will of Robert E.H. Hope 72
1944 Typescript 6 pp
[R.E.H. Hope was a younger brother of Dr Charles H.S.
Hope. He was a pastoralist and lived at Clare.]
- James Richard Fowler (1865-1939)**
- Letter to his sister Laura 73
1871 1 item Manuscript
[Written from Askam Lodge 2 May 1871]
- Register of books purchased and given away 74
1930-1940 1 volume
[Books purchased from 10 September 1930 - 25
December 1936, followed by lists of books given away to
Carl Bright, Birdwood High School, Junior Legacy Club,
Comforts Fund and Public Library between 1 February
and 6 June 1940. (J.R. Fowler died on 17 December
1939.)]

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- Cash Book of J.R. Fowler estate 75
1934-1961 1 volume
[Used for J.R. Fowler during his life time, then later for his
sons William Murray (died 1953) and Richard Murray
Fowler (died 1969).]
- Ledger of J.R. Fowler estate 76
1918-1939 1 volume
- David Murray Fowler (1922-)** 77
- Letters written to his family while on active service in the
R.A.A.F.
1941-1945 2 cm Manuscript
[David Fowler was the eldest son of William Murray
Fowler and Lorna Richardson. The 37 letters were written
from No. 2 E.D., R.A.A.F., Bradfield Park, NSW; at sea to
Canada; Aylmer & Ottawa, Ontario & Halifax, Nova
Scotia, Canada; R.A.A.F. Base, Kodak House, Kingsway,
London; 7 September 1941-3 January 1945. Includes a
letter from someone in Melbourne to (Richard) Murray
Fowler dated 24 August 1942, enquiring about his
brother's injuries after enemy action on 19 August.
RESTRICTED MICROFILM; original in Reserve.]
- Telegrams from David Murray Fowler 78
1941-1945 1.5 cm
[56 telegrams to his parents from D.M. Fowler in England,
with 2 from R.A.A.F. and the Fowler company in London,
notifying his family of his injuries on 19 August 1942.
RESTRICTED MICROFILM; originals in Reserve.]
- Certificates of R.A.A.F. Service & Discharge 79
1945 2 items
[D.M. Fowler 416255 enlisted in the R.A.A.F. on 28 April
1941, was discharged on being granted a commission
15 January 1942, and was discharged as a Flying Officer
on 3 August 1945.]
- R.A.A.F. Instruction notebooks 80
ca. 1941 2 items
[*Standard Notebook for Initial Training Schools* (R.A.A.F.
Publication No. 95, December 1940 and D.M. Fowler's
notes of lectures.)]

Newspaper cuttings	<u>81</u>
1941-1942 0.5 cm 10 items	
[Seven cuttings from Aylmer, Canada relating to R.A.A.F. airmen in training. Three cuttings refer to St Peter's College schoolmates of D.M. Fowler.]	
Map of South East England	<u>82</u>
1942 Folded on cloth backing	
[Ordnance Survey of Great Britain map published by the War Office, with ink and pencilled lines possibly denoting flight paths. Used by Flying Officer D.M. Fowler during World War Two in the R.A.A.F.]	