
FINNISS, Boyle Travers and family

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Series List

FINNISS, Boyle Travers born 18 August 1807 at sea en route to India. In 1822 entered Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and in 1827 appointed to 82nd Regiment and went with it to Mauritius in 1833. Md. Anne Rogerson in Ireland 1835. Became member of South Australian Building Committee. Sailed to colony with family on Cygnnet as assistant surveyor to Colonel William Light. Held many civil positions in colony, including Colonial Secretary in 1851. In 1856 became first Premier of South Australia. Appointed Government Resident in Northern Territory 1864 but later recalled. Helped form the S.A. Volunteer Force. In retirement wrote "The Constitutional History of South Australia", published 1886. Died 24 December 1893. Seven children by his first wife and one daughter by second wife Sophia F.M. Lynch.

- Reminiscences. 1
c1892. 1cm. Typescript.
[Extracts from the reminiscences of Boyle Travers Finniss, beginning with his arrival at Kangaroo Island in 1836. Formerly V1071.]
- Diaries. 2
1853, 1864-1866. 3cm. Manuscript, typescript.
[Volume 1. Typescript copy of diary kept by B.T. Finniss on board the "Cygnnet", London to South Australia, 16 March - 11 September 1836, with copies of letters written by Finniss in 1837 and 1838. [Formerly V1054.]
Volume 2. 31 December 1864 - 8 October 1865.
Diary of Frederick Robe Finniss son of B.T. Finniss. [Formerly V451.]
Volume 3. 7 January - 12 February 1866.
Diary of B.T. Finniss during voyage on the "Ellen Lewis" from the Northern Territory to Kangaroo Island. (1862 diary used and over-written.) 25 April - 6 July, November - December 1864.
Diary kept by F.R. Finniss during voyage on the "Henry Giles" to Northern Territory. [Formerly V451.]
Volume 4. 20 August - 9 October 1853.
Diary kept by B.T.N. Finniss (eldest son of B.T. Finniss) during trip up the River Murray on "Lady Augusta". [Formerly A1129.]
- Lecture notes. 3
1826. 1 cm. Manuscript.
[By B.T. Finniss while at Royal Military College, Sandhurst. Finniss entered the College in 1822. Formerly D3858.]

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- Journal. 4
1833-1836, 3.5cm, Manuscript.
[Written by B.T. Finniss, covering many subjects.
Index pasted in on front page, with date 20 January 1833
written nearby. (Contents list by archivist included also).
Subjects include:
Notes about Mauritius p. 69; letter written at Portsmouth,
England p 111-115; notes on Egyptian Campaign p119-123;
papers relating to regimental matters, England, p. 125-127;
letter written by Finniss, London, August 1835, p 193;
House plan, p 194; letter written by Finniss' son B.T.N. Finniss,
16 June 1853 p. 194A; notes on a police force in colony of
South Australia p201-207; Trigonometry p 210-215; surveying
p 217; plans and dimensions of portable dwelling houses
p 218-220; lists of equipment to bring to South Australia
p 227-228; undertaking to arrange for emigration of James
Hoare and wife, 12 December 1835, p 229; End of volume in
reverse arrangement: surveying details p 256-243; newscuttings
p 242-240. Formerly V44.]
- Correspondence and personal papers of B.T. Finniss. 5
1838-1891. 10cm. Manuscript, typescript, printed.
Part 1: Nos 1-136. Organisation by B.T. Finniss or other
person into categories of Personal; Survey; Police; River
Murray Customs Duties; Waterworks; Responsible
Government 1838-1891. Civil Service; Finance; General.
[Formerly V76]
Part 2: Nos 137-200. Correspondence between B.T. Finniss,
Lord Hobart & Governor Sir R. MacDonnell. [Formerly V78]
Part 3: Nos 201-221. Correspondence between Finniss and
others. [Formerly V91, A993, A350 & A349.]
See Special List for Series 5 for further details.
- Papers relating to the Northern Territory Survey Expedition. 6
1863-1868, 1871. 9.5cm. Manuscript, printed.
(8 volumes & 5 items),
See special list for further details.
[Formerly V455, V105, V104, V106, V455, V457, V450 & V456.]
- Notebooks. 7
1870-1890. 31cm. Manuscript, printed. (24 volumes).
Used by B.T. Finniss for recording his views on
miscellaneous subjects, lecture notes, copies of letters,
and extracts from writings of others. Finniss used an
alphabetical sequence which corresponds to the chronological
order of these volumes.
See special list for further details.
[Formerly V42, 43, 47, 48, 51 and 76.]

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- Papers relating to Defence Commission. 8
c1876. 1cm. Manuscript.
Notebook with title on front cover: Defence Commission
1876 Colonel Finniss. Dates inside notebook 1866-1871.
Notes made by B.T. Finniss about defence. [Formerly V102.]
- Articles of Agreement. 9
1871. 0.5cm. Printed.
Agreement to hire [?] Sheridan as carpenter for the expedition
to the Northern Territory. [Formerly A347.]
- Papers relating to the Constitutional History of South Australia. 10
1855-c1891. 5cm. Manuscript, printed.
[Miscellaneous manuscripts and original documents
used by B.T. Finniss in the compilation of his "Constitutional
History", published in 1886.
See special list for further details.
[Formerly V77.]
- Newspaper cuttings kept by B.T. Finniss. 11
c1849-1893. 13cm. 4 volumes.
Contents according to Finniss' index in the front of each
volume as follows:
Vol 1: 1849-1851 [Formerly V49]
Vol 2: 1856-1866 [Formerly V49]
Vol 3: Notes & newspaper cuttings relating to G.W. Goyder's
Northern Territory Survey Expedition 1868-1870. [Formerly V453]
Vol 4: 1890-1893. [Formerly V49].
- Letters written by Julia Howard Finniss to Dr Aitchison. 12
1898-1900. 2cm. Manuscript.
Written by B.T. Finniss' daughter from "Swynfield", Hutt Street,
Adelaide, to Dr R.S. Aitchison of Edinburgh Scotland. Some
include enclosures and copies of other letters.
See also Series 13.
- Research notes on the Finniss family. 13
1898-1900. 1cm. Manuscript, typescript.
Assembled by Julia Howard Finniss from a variety of
historical sources, documenting various members of the
Finniss family.
- Photographs. 14
c1860-1900. 10 items.
Include portraits of Susannah Finniss (wife of Captain John
Finniss), Captain John Finniss, Boyle Travers Finniss, Julia
Finniss, Caroline Susan Lawson (nee Finniss), Frances Amelia
Barnes (nee Finniss).

Baptismal entry. 1837. Photoprint. Entry No. 18 from the Baptismal Register of Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide for Fanny Lipson Finniss, the first (European) female child born in the colony. [Formerly A751.]	<u>15</u>
Assessments for District Council of Palmerston. 1899. 1cm. Manuscript. Shows the no. of Town allotment, occupier, owner and value of assessment of property in Palmerston, Northern Territory for year ending 30 June 1899. Possibly belonged to Frederick Robe Finniss who died in Darwin in 1908. [Formerly A348]	<u>16</u>
Letterbook of B.T. Finniss while Port Darwin Agent for British Australian Telegraph Co. 17 March 1871-7 October 1871. 0.5cm. [Formerly V116].	<u>17</u>
Letters written by Frederick Robe Finniss relative to the Northern Territory. 1885-1899. 1cm. Manuscript. [Formerly V 473.]	<u>18</u>
Rough notes kept while Chief Secretary 1856-1857. 0.5 cm. Manuscript. [Formerly A 36.]	<u>19</u>
Maps	<u>20</u>
ca. 1860-1872. 1 cm 1. Ink on tracing paper, showing an 'area containing 168,000 acres, within which is proposed to lay out Rural Sections, with other sections abutting on the River where the communication is practicable'. Carries annotations and a date of 1/3/[1865] and a later annotation of 24 July 1867. 41 cm x 33 cm. 2. Ink and wash on paper, showing a grid layout using trig points from Beatrice Hill, Clump Hill, Manton's Hill and Mt Daly. A large number of pencil annotations and calculations are on the map. Not dated, but presumed to be from Finniss' participation in the Northern Territory Survey Expedition, 1860-1868. 50 cm x 67.5 cm (irreg.) 3. Plan of stockade and buildings at Escape Cliffs. Ink and wash on paper. Not dated, but presumed to be from Finniss' participation in the Northern Territory Survey Expedition, 1860-1868. 47 cm x 72 cm (approx.). 4. Ink and wash map on linen, showing 'sections surveyed under Finniss in 1865' comparing them with sections surveyed by Mr Manton under Mr Goyder. 22 July 1872. 29 cm x 22 cm (irreg.) 5. Section of a published map showing the northern coastline of Northern Australia, with ink and pencil annotations. Not dated, but presumed to be from Finniss' participation in the Northern Territory Survey Expedition, 1860-1868. 23 cm x 42 cm (irreg.)	

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- Papers of Kathleen Alice FINNISS (1905-1995) 21
ca. 1900. 35 cm
Papers of Kathleen Finniss, daughter of John Henry Suffield Finniss and Alice (nee Evelyn), sister to Leslie Howard Finniss (b.1891) and Harold Court Finniss (b. 1896), comprising photographs of the Finniss family including relative William Charles Maxwell Finniss (b.1842), who was the first son of Boyle Travers Finniss (Hon. B. T. Finniss) and Anne Frances (nee Rogerson). Series also comprising a published pamphlet entitled 'When Adelaide was Very Young' by George Morphett. The article in the pamphlet relates to Boyle Travers Finniss (Hon. B. T. Finniss) who was the first Premier of South Australia under constitutional government. Hon B. T. Finniss was assistant surveyor to Colonel William Light aboard the 'Cygnet' in 1836 and was also associated with Light, Finniss & Co. His daughter Fanny Lispon Finniss (b.1837) is known as the first white female child born in South Australia.
- List of Articles shipped 22
1871. 1 cm
List of Articles, Stores etc. belonging to the British Australian Telegraph Company Limited) shipped to Port Darwin per "Bengal".
[Formerly V 75]
- Letter book 23
1871. 1 cm
Letter book of B.T. Finniss as agent for the British Australian Telegraph Company.
[Formerly V.74]
- Correspondence and miscellaneous items 24
1871-1872. 9 cm (2 vols.)
Correspondence and other manuscript and printed items relating to the establishment of the Port Darwin Cable.
[Formerly V 73]