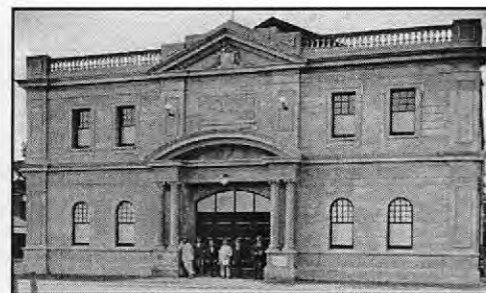


CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2013 – SUMMER 2014



THE SEMPLE INDEX TO THE NORTHERN ARGUS 1937 - 1990

History Group volunteer Carolyn Semple has been beavering away since 1998, on an index to The Northern Argus. Covering the years from 1937 to 1990, the index contains 35,000 entries and is arranged by surname.

The Semple Index has been printed in four volumes for reference in the History Collection and is also available as an Excel file on the History Group computer network. It can be searched by name, subject, date or locality. Proof-reading is still underway and help is sought with this job.

The years from the establishment of the paper in Feb 1869 until 1936 are included in the Abbott Index, available in the History Collection on microfiche. This index was developed in the 1970s by staff of the Newspaper Reading Room, then located in the basement of the State Library in North Terrace. It was a card index, photographed and developed as microfiche.

The Semple Index provides a comprehensive bridge to more recent records. Below is an extract from the Semple Index showing the range of entries and information to be found. This index is an invaluable addition to our Collection.

EVENT	DATE OF PAPER	PAGE	COLUMN	NAME/ NAMES	DESCRIPTION
PHOTO	26/10/1983	11	A-D	AITKEN, B	Australian Cycle Speedway meeting at Saddleworth.
PHOTO	11/04/1973	15	A-C	AITKEN, Bert	Presenting cup to Bowls championship winner.
PHOTO	23/11/1983	5	AB	AITKEN, Bert	At Catford Lake opening.
PHOTO	16/01/1974	Supp.		AITKEN, Bert (Mr)	Golden North celebrates 50 years.
PHOTO	12/03/1975	8	E-G	AITKEN, H J	In Clare Bowling Club singles final.
MARRIAGE	31/03/1939	6	BC	AITKEN, Herbert John	Marjorie Grace Phillips of Clare to Herbert John Aitken of Maitland, on 22/3/39, at Methodist Church, Clare.
DEATH	21/06/1940	3	D	AITKEN, J M (Mr)	Died Maitland, former Clare Postmaster.
OBITUARY	12/07/1940	3	E	AITKEN, J M (Mr)	Born Scotland 1876, former Postmaster at Clare.
OBITUARY	26/09/1941	6	E	AITKEN, Robert M (Pte)	Died of wounds 14.9.1941.
RETURN THANKS	14/11/1941	3	C	AITKEN, Robert M (Pte)	From family.

NEWS FROM THE GROUP

Meetings and Events

CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

Thurs 3rd Apr 4pm - Committee Meeting

Fri 4th Apr – 30th Birthday Show 'n Tell Dinner

Thurs 12th Jun 4pm – Committee Meeting

Thurs 14th Aug – AGM & Dinner

ANOTHER EVENT TO PLAN FOR

Our 30th Birthday

Fri 4th April 2014

Show 'n Tell Dinner

BJ Long Function Room, Clare Town Hall

\$25 per person.

Numbers to History Collection by Fri 28th March. This follows our very successful event held in 2013. Book early!

HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

We will promote the Collection being open each Thursday and Friday afternoon in May.

Helen is also offering an **Historical Research Master Class** on Fridays 10, 17, 24 and 31st May from 10 to 12 noon. It is aimed to help researchers use the facilities of the History Collection and will cover the following topics

–

Introduction to the Collection & catalogue

Newspapers

Council records

Church & school records

Miscellany – a guide to our boxes

Photos & scans

Land history

Old style researching to digital

The cost for all four weeks will be \$40 (or \$20 to members).

Enquire early as there are only 8 places.

MEMBERSHIPS

Thanks everyone for renewing their membership so promptly. Our membership income has already reached the same level as last year; we have several new corporate members, and four new financial life members.

COMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stanley Flat Memorial Hall

ANZAC World War 1 Centenary Celebrations –
Sunday 27th April 2014

Assembly for Parade 10.30 am for an 11 am start.
Bands, marquee, lunch, entertainment and unveiling of monument.

State Library of SA @ Port Pirie Public Library

Researching your Family History

Fri 21st March 2014

9.15am to 2.30pm

Bookings 8632 1649

The following photo which hangs in the Stanley Flat Hall is of Private Ken Gericke who died as a prisoner of war in Changi Camp, Java in 1943. He had been brought up by his grandmother, Mrs S Pavey at Stanley Flat and enlisted at the aged of 20 in 1940.



FINAL HISTORIC CHURCH PLAQUE UNVEILED

A plaque detailing the history of the Lutheran Church in Clare was unveiled at St Paul's Lutheran Church on 13 Oct 2013.

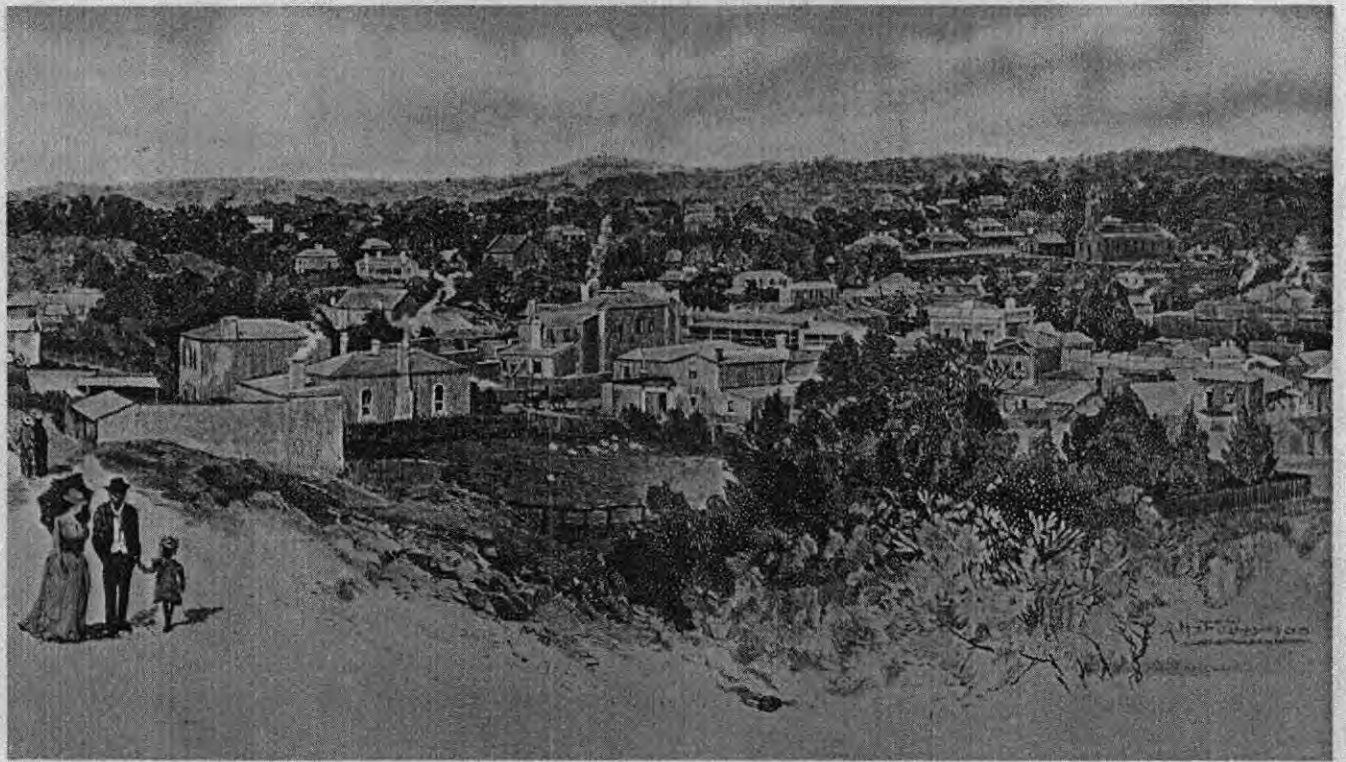
The interpretive sign, featuring photographs of the original construction and dedication, was unveiled by Mrs Betty Sparre, daughter of Pastor Hugo Stiller who initiated the building of the new church sixty years ago.

Pastors Graeme Simmonds and Peter Kriewaldt dedicated the plaque, the sixth in the Clare Regional History Group's church recognition program. Similar plaques can be found at Clare Uniting Church, St Barnabas' Anglican Church, St Michael's Catholic Church, Clare Baptist Centre and the site of the former Clare Presbyterian Church in Union Street.

St Paul's Council chairman Kym Dreckow stated that the plaque highlighted the vision and faith of the Lutheran congregation in Clare.



Chairman Kym Dreckow, Mrs Betty Sparre, Pastor Graeme Simmonds, Betty Fidge, part of the original church dedication, and Jenny Ottens, who co-ordinated the historical plaque project for St Paul's.



A. H. Fullwood, 1886

CLARE

Reproduced by the National Bank in 1972 from the engraving in the La Trobe Library Collection, State Library of Victoria, by permission of the Library Council of Victoria.

CLARE.

This wood engraving appeared in *The Picturesque Atlas of Australasia*, which was published in 1886. The Atlas was produced by American publishers and planned as a comprehensive and lavishly illustrated periodical which was to progressively cover each Australian state. However, the publication was a financial failure and was never completed.

Although there were many fine engravers in Australia, engravers were brought from America to assist with the vast amount of work which was to be done. L. Hirschmann, who made this block after A. H. Fullwood's drawing, was one of these American engravers. At this time photo-lithography was just being introduced and it revolutionized the production of illustrated material. The new method was cheaper and faster than printing from hand-engraved blocks and plates. Doubtless this was a factor in *The Picturesque Atlas'* financial failure.

Henry Burgess' article, which appeared in *The Picturesque Atlas*, contained the following description of the town of Clare as it was in 1886:—

"Four miles from Seven Hills and eighty-seven from Adelaide is Clare, by far the largest and most important town of the district. It lies along a pleasant valley sheltered by tree-clothed hills, and from every point of view is charming. The population numbers about twelve hundred; there are three large agricultural implement manufactories, a tannery, mill, and fruit preserving establishment. In addition to the usual government offices, it has a casualty hospital, public baths, churches, five hotels, a large town hall, and a grammar school. Many of these buildings are of an unusually high order of architecture and there are a good many handsome private residences. In the neighbourhood are several large sheep and cattle stations; and some of the estates have mansions that are large, elegant, and complete, and stand as evidences of the success of the owners.

"Clare is the focus whence roads radiate through the Broughton, Guinare, and other agricultural areas. Fertile plains, divided by low ridges running nearly north and south, succeed one another till it seems as if there were no end to them. . . . Diverging routes lead to Anama, Rochester, Koolunga, Red Hill, Yacka, Narridy, Georgetown, Spalding and other townships."

FROM OUR NEWEST MEMBER – PETER WOOD OF CLARE

WHY DID I JOIN CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP?

I have always held the Group in high regard, but it was only recently, while looking through some old records kept by my father before his death, that I realised I should know more about my "roots".

Fortunately, Helen Perry encouraged me to visit her at the History Collection, and also gave some very handy tips regarding sources of information/accuracy etc, and I have already discovered some very interesting facts about my family which I had previously no knowledge of:-

My great grandfather was a stalwart of the railwaymen at Peterborough (then Petersburg) who worked tirelessly for his fellow workers.

My grandmother had a baby girl who didn't survive long, before she married my grandfather (and subsequently had four sons).

While much of the work done by the History Group in Clare is centred on people and events close to Clare, much more information of a general nature can also be sourced.

CAN YOU HELP?

An enquiry from Trevor, received in Feb 2014:

My ancestors come from the Clare area, and for over 100 years, various parts of the family have lived (among other Mid-North places) in Brinkworth, Blyth, Gulnare, Clare, Auburn and Watervale.

I'm trying to unravel various family "mysteries" that have been lost over time. I am wondering whether you can help me by providing any details about when and where US Military Forces during WWII were bivouacked or billeted in your area.

Do you have any books written by locals that might mention this? Is there an appropriate website that might have some details? Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Please reply to trevjeanbryant@gmail.com

If you have information that could help Trevor but do not have access to email, please contact the History Collection (details on back page).

Seeking family photos - from Frank, received in June 2013:

We spoke last Thursday when I visited the Clare Regional History Group researching blocks of land belonging to my ancestors Bernard Kanopka & his mother Mary Konopka at Penwortham. Now I can confirm Mary's block 28, 13 is the one listed as Pearsons 1995, page 54, in the Pictorial of Penwortham 1839-1996 book. I asked about obtaining old photos, and you asked for me to supply a list of names etc,

Arrived 1874 "Dinapore" - Konopka, Leton (Leon) (1843-1882) father Martin, married 1870 to Marianna (nee Wayman) (1843-1881) father Joseph, mother Elizabeth. Children: Lawrance 1873-1892, Rosalie 1876-1876. Leton remarried 1881 to Mary Ann Pawelski (nee Ruciak) (1855-1936), father Thomas, mother Mary. Child Bernard (1882-1936) married 1902 to Mary B Teitz (1884-1971). Children: Gertrude 1903-1991, Theresa (Trix) Tina (Teen).

Arrived 1877 "Papa" - Konopka, Francis Xavier (Franz) (1849-1909), father Martin, married 1875 to Franciska (Frances) (nee Wyman) (1850-1918), father Joseph ?, mother Elizabeth ?. Children: Thomas 20/9/1877, James (Jacob) 25/7/1887, Annie 15/02/1880, John 26/12/1882, Joseph 24/3/1884, Elizabeth 15/11/1885, Leo 21/3/1887, Francis 26/12/1888, Victoria 21/12/1891.

Pawelski, Anthony married 1875, to Mary Ann (nee Ruciak) (1855-1936). Children Anton ?-?, Frances ?-1949, married ? to Edward Charles Segdman, children

Mary 20/4/1901, Isabel 27/8/1902, Edward 11/1/1904, Cyril 14/3/1906, Elize 4/9/1907, Thomas 20/2/1913, Frances 3/8/1914, Beatrice 22/10/1917. Now as I don't have any photos of my great grandparents or their close relatives that would be my most preferred option but of course if I would also value others like weddings, family or school photos. I hope this is enough to get the ball rolling and look forward to your reply in the near future.

Frank Knopka fpknopka@bigpond.com

Curator, Helen Perry is still on the hunt for photos of local World War II servicemen:

- Leslie Fred DACK born 1917, parents Ernest Henry & Edith Louise (nee Slade Bristow) of Armagh. Brother to Keith and Stan. Killed in the Middle East in 1942.
- Donald W FERGUSON born 1923, father James, a bootmaker. Died in an air accident near Charters Towers in about 1944. Very little known about him.
- Donald Richard GILCHRIST born 1912, son of James Drennan and Emily Naomi (nee Bowley). James was a tailor and mayor of Clare. Don also worked as a tailor. He died over Germany while on air operations in 1942.
- Ronald Horace HENDERSON born 1916, son of Robert & Sarah (nee Zilm) of Sevenhills. Killed on active service in New Guinea in 1942.
- Hartley PAGE born in 1911 at Spalding. His parents were Henry & Annie (nee McAskill). He was killed in action at Tarakan in 1945. His brothers Rod & Charlie also served in the war.
- Dudley Gordon PRISK born in 1911, the son of Ernest & Maud (nee HERRING). Gordon operated the family skin, wool and hide business on Farrell Flat Road prior to enlisting. He died of beri beri while a prisoner of war in Thailand in 1943.

The History Group has newsprint photos of these men but seeks a print or digital copy to add to our CD for Anzac Day.

A souvenir of Australian Federation, 1901



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The Table and Inset are from Photos, kindly lent by the Proprietors of "The Argus" and "The Australasian."

Here follows a transcription of the text to the left:

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BOOKS FOR SALE

A History of Ngadjuri Lodge Trust by Win Johnson (2011) \$10

The story of Bungaree Station by Rob Linn (2011) Illus. \$17

The annual reports of Rotary Club of Clare 1964 – 2011 (DVD) \$20 Limited release

TIMES PAST – a pictorial history of Farrell Flat by Gerald A. Lally (2012) \$30 194pp.

“A walk with Laurel” a walking tour of the buildings and families of Farrell flat from the memories of the period 1929 – 1939 by Laurel Mickel (nee Mickel) (2012) \$5.

THE PATHS OF GLORY LEAD BUT TO THE GRAVE a history of Clare Cemeteries by EHH 'Clarion' Tilbrook and Miss M Tilbrook (originally published in *The Northern Argus* in 1939) Re-released with updated index \$20.00

CLARE CAMEOS by Win Johnson (1986). 2nd ed. Includes oral histories of our older Clare residents as interviewed by Win in the State's Sesquicentennial year. \$15.00

TALKING HISTORY – Tales of Clare S.A. by R.J. (Bob) Noye (2003). 50 articles published weekly in *The Northern Argus*. \$15.00 (\$12.00 members)

THE CLARE I REMEMBER by J.J. 'Boss' Simons. 13 articles published in *The Northern Argus* in 1944, describing the Clare of Simons' boyhood in the 1880's and 1890's. Fully indexed. \$15.00

THE LAND HISTORY OF POLISH HILL RIVER 1842 - 1990 by William Pattullo (1991). Details the ownership history of 120 sections of land in Polish Hill River, to the edge of Mintaro township. \$25.00

CARINYA 1956 - 1989 A Peaceful and happy home Compiled by Marj. Ashby. \$5.00

THE METHODISTS OF CLARE 1851 - 1977 by Win Johnson (1994). 124pp. Indexed. \$12.00

CLARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - a history 1856 - 1988 by Helen Dickeson (1993). 120pp. Includes baptisms, marriages, burials, and extensive index. \$14

HARD-YACKA - The story of a Mid-North town in South Australia by Julie-Ann Ellis (1995). \$40.00

MAGPIE CREEK JUNCTION a history of Brinkworth and district 1892 - 1992 (1992). Compiled by Brinkworth Centenary Book Committee. 233pp. \$40.00

JUST AS IT WAS by Winifred Johnson (2001) Tells the story of Win's life with humour & affection. 96pp including photos \$18.00

BLYTH - a silo of stories 1860 - 1990 by Win Johnson (1991). A comprehensive history of the town and district of Blyth, including family stories, farming, community and sporting activities. Excellent photographs, many in colour. \$45.00

CLARE - A DISTRICT HISTORY by R. J. Noye (1998).

Definitive history of the town and district. Includes photographs, sketches & maps. Essential starting point in Clare research. 231pp. 4th edition, with new index.

\$20.00 (\$15 - members)

BUNGAREE – Land, Stock & People: History of Hawker family and Bungaree Station (1992). 230pp \$45.00

CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL 1879–2004 by Ro Wood & 125TH Committee (2004) \$10.00

SADDLEWORTH - Hub of the Wheel by Elinor A. Bellman (1995) \$35.00

CLARE – A BACKWARD GLANCE – by J. Haynes & E.J. Schmaal (1980) \$8.00 (Recently reprinted)

HEAD OF THE RIVERS – Black Springs, Manoora, Waterloo (1992) \$25.00

MARRABEL AND DISTRICT – The Legend of Curio – a history of Marrabel & district \$25.00

MARRABEL & DISTRICT REVISITED – additional material of the 'early days' at Marrabel \$25.00

HILL RIVER A Valley of History by Gerald Lally (2004) \$30

A LANDMARK OF FAITH Church of the Immaculate Conception Mintaro and its parishioners 1856–2006 by Gerald Lally (2006) \$30.00

FROM WHERE I SIT A Collection of articles on chosen themes written over past times by Win Johnson \$16.00

South Clare Sports Club – Celebrating 50 years of success 1960 – 2010 by Gerald Lally et. Al. (2010) \$20

THE INCHQUIN STORY by Jean Schmaal. \$4

A QUIANT COURTHOUSE by Jean Schmaal, \$4.

CD-ROMS

HEADSTONE PHOTOS FROM LOCAL CEMETERIES (CD Rom) (2005) \$10.00



FEDERATION CD ROM - history of the Clare & Gilbert Valley District for all computer buffs and their friends - a great gift idea! (2002) Special price \$10.00 (\$15 for 2)

CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP - CONTACT DETAILS

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OPENING HOURS (these have recently changed)
Thursdays & Fridays – 1.00– 4.00pm
(If travelling some distance it is wise to ring and check.)
Out of Hours Opening Fee - \$20.00

ACQUISITIONS Spring – Summer 2013/2014

BOOKS

We gratefully acknowledge the donation of a number of the following books from the estate of Ralph Hazel (1943-2005).

Douglas, John *South Australia from Space*, 1980
Maitland & Kilkerran Centenary Committee *Yesterday -Today – a selection of photographs taken in the hundreds of Maitland and Kilkerran 1872 – 1972*, 1972
Twidale, C.R., Tyler, M.J. & Webb, B.P. *Natural History of the Adelaide Region*, 1976
Northern and Yorke Agricultural District Soil Conservation Boards *Soil Conservation Project*, Aft 2004
Brigden, Roy *Agricultural Hand Tools*, 1997
Linn, Rob *A Diverse Land: A history of the lower Murray, lakes and Coorong*, 1988
Linn, Rob *ETSA: The history of electricity in South Australia*, 1996
Stowe, Harold J. *They Built Strathalbyn*, 1973
Bach, John *A Maritime History of Australia*, 1982
Baker, June, Cant, Margaret & Murdoch, Beth *West of the Peesey: an account of a community: Warooka, Corny Point, Stenhouse Bay*, 1976
Chambers, Margaret *Finding Families: A guide to the National Archives of Australia for Genealogists*, 1998
Kapunda Primary School Centenary Committee *Kapunda Model School 1878 Kapunda Primary School 1978: centenary magazine*, 1978
Bailey, Keith *Men of the Mines*, 1988
Field Geology Club of South Australia *A Field Guide to the Geology of Yorke Peninsula*, 1976
Hoyle, Alison (compiler) *Ancestors in Archives*, 2000
Gill, Edmund D. *Rivers of History*, 1970
Mulvaney, D.J. *The Prehistory of Australia*, 1969
Bailey, H.K. *The Wallaroo Mine: Kadina, South Australia 1860-1923, a pictorial history*, 1985
Connell, J.E., McCarthy, Justin & Hazel, Ralph *Proceedings of the Local Heritage Seminar 'Wallaroo Mines & Kadina'*, 1986
Dutton, Francis *South Australia and its Mines*, 1978 (Facsimile edn. Of 1846 volume)
Williams, Michael *The Making of the South Australian Landscape: a study in the historical geography of Australia*, 1974
Robbins, E. Jane & Robbins, John R. *A Glossary of Local Government Areas in South Australia 1840-1985*, 1987
DC of Copper Coast *Moonta Enlistments: World Wars I and II*, date unknown

Idriess, Ion L. *The Silver City*, 1956
Cannon, Michael (Readers Digest) *The Exploration of Australia*, 1987
Sayer, Max *Jack Babbage's Appila – A pictorial history of 20th century Appila featuring photographs by, and from the collection of, Jack Babbage*, 2013
Slee, Max *John Hill c.1810 – 1860 South Australia's Discoverer of Rivers*, 2013
Eaton, Peter, et al *Whippets for Wishes III: The third journey of two grand ladies from Clare South Australia to the Kimberley Western Australia and return*, 2012
Stevenson, Dianne, et al *Welcome to Clare 2008*, 2008
Kapunda & District Peace celebrations Souvenir 1919, 1919 (Enlarged photocopy)
Kapunda Centenary Celebrations Official Souvenir, 1946 (Photocopy)
Stories of Australian Colonial Days (Collected short articles, date/origin unknown)
Hood, Susan *Transcribing Tasmanian Convict Records*, 2003
Ralph, Glen and Coombe, Albert *A Matter of Independence: A history of the South Australian Auditor-General's Department 1848 – 1990*, 1990
Smailes, Peter J. *The Support Base and Performance of Small Towns in the South Australian Wheat Belt*, 1973
Smailes, P.J. & Hugo, G.J. *Forecasts of Population Development in Small Country Towns: Some examples from South Australia*, c1981
Narridy School Records: Enrolments 1880 – 1967
Colwell, Max and Finch, Peter *The National Trust of South Australia*, 1973
Reader's Digest Services P/L *Scenic Wonders of Australia*, 1976
Pickering, Larry *Pickering's Salute to the Sentimental Blake: C.J.Dennis's favourite verse illustrated by Larry Pickering*, 1987
Hema *Australian Easy Read Road & 4WD Atlas*, 2012
Dickey, Brian *Rations, Residence, Resources: A history of social welfare in South Australia since 1836*, 1986
O'Loughlin, Michael *Micky O: Determination. Hard work. And a little bit of magic*. 2012
Sim, Terry & Muller, Kerri *A Fresh History of the Lakes: Wellington to the Murray Mouth, 1800s to 1935*, 2004
Favier, Diane, Rixon, Sharon & Scholz, Glen *A River Plan for the Wakefield Catchment*, 2000

PAPERS & Other

Eaton, Peter *Whippets for Wishes III*, 2012 (DVD)
New Zealand Sources of Family History (Collected papers and sources by Ralph Hazel c.2000)
SA Museum and Dept. of Environment and Planning, State Heritage Branch *Shipwreck! and Conserving Our Historic Shipwrecks*, c1988 (Locally bound information sheets from bicentennial exhibition 1988)
Narridy School Records: Enrolments 1880 – 1967

Thomas REED (c1849-1935), Mayor of Clare 1896-1898, whose relation visited the collection recently.

