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CHAPTER 20

BIOGRAPHY

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ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUALS are no longer regarded as the main influence in the making of history, as was the fashion fifty and more years ago, people have retained their curiosity about the lives of individual Australians of note. Biography, or the literature relating to persons and personal data, is extensive and varied; a library dedicated to collecting this type of material would be very large and reflect, as much as any collection can, the whole history of Australia.

It is useful to distinguish three categories of books that make up the literature of biography. One consists of directory-type publications that tell us basic facts about people such as their address, occupational details and other information according to the objectives of the sponsors and editors; occasionally they include personal data such as the date of birth, academic attainments, public distinctions and so on. This kind of directory, of which the telephone directory is perhaps the best known and simplest example, may be produced by professional groups or by government offices for purposes of maintaining a public register of licensed performers of particular skills (such as teachers, medical practitioners or clergymen) or by political organisations to ensure the performance of social obligations like voting or paying dues.

Totally different from this first category is the mass of studies of individual persons; this second group is best known as biographical literature. It is a large category, marked by some of our greatest and most competent writers. Biographies and autobiographies of Australians from almost all walks of life fill many rows of shelves in our libraries and are a staple in our bookshops. Whether indeed this preoccupation is prompted by idle curiosity, or by a genuine endeavour to understand the past through one person's reactions, or by a healthy interest in the achievements of others, it is worth noting that in spite of the current anti-individualistic trend of our history schools, many people continue to purchase or borrow biographical literature.

A special category within this genre is the autobiography. If the biographer needs the skills of a historian as well as those of a writer, the autobiographer also requires an ability to distance himself or herself from the subject (the self) and to adhere to a level of objectivity that is undoubtedly hard to attain. As may be expected, these ideal requirements cannot always be noted among the examples of autobiography that stud our literary landscape and it would be an invidious task to single out those authors who meet our criteria.

There exists, unfortunately, no up-to-date list of all the Australian biographies and autobiographies that have been published in book form. Besides, many short notes and thumbnail sketches of recently deceased or contemporary persons appear in journals, society records,

transactions of professional groups and company resorts—and their brevity is often a considerable advantage. While the monographs can be traced through the *Australian national bibliography*, the biographical articles in the periodical literature are captured in the National Library's *Australian public affairs information service*. Both these reference tools are described in chapter 8 of this volume.

The third category is an interesting variant of the full-scale biography. It is represented by a large class of books that provide more information about people than a mere street address while falling far short of a full biographical study. This type of work usually provides some form of assessment of individuals within a group of others with whom they have a certain affinity, either because of a common background or occupation, or some other common life experience. The overriding characteristic of this category of biographical literature is that it deals with individuals collectively—though we should note that the collective may be of varying size. Furthermore, while every work of collective biography has some common denominator as a *raison d'être*, there is no form of national access to the individuals included in each compilation. The only, though very important, guidance we have is that normally we would expect to find a famous woman painter in a biographical reference work or collection of biographies on women painters, and that a renowned medical practitioner is more likely to be listed in a collection of biographical essays on medical researchers than on Methodist ministers. If appropriate they could of course be in both types of works.

The bibliography that follows has been restricted to collective biographies as represented by reference works listing individuals at the national and state or regional level. Besides the standard current reference works containing details of the life of leading Australian citizens, and of many others as well, readers will find listed several older sources, perhaps compiled by different standards but nevertheless of considerable importance for the historian and excellent starting points for would-be biographers. Special attention is drawn below to the numerous categories of collective biography left unquoted but readers' attention is drawn to the fact that the topics included in this volume for Australian studies include many citations of biographical writing which complement this chapter. In addition, readers will find supplementary material in D.H. Borchart's *Australian bibliography* (3rd edn, Sydney, Pergamon, 1979) which, though somewhat aged, lists many reference books still useful on this topic.

The emphasis here, then, is on those sources commonly known as the 'who is who' type of reference work. The quality of such reference works depends entirely on the basis of compilation—whether the data listed have been supplied by those included or whether they are based on research undertaken by others. A third possibility is, of course, that the data provided by those listed have been closely checked for accuracy by the editorial staff of the work.

There is an obvious and close link between the preceding chapter (19: Genealogy) and these notes and listings on biography. These two sections should be read together, for titles listed in each section will serve well as sources for both biographical and genealogical research.

Certain criteria of exclusion had to be established and are noted here to ensure that readers will not seek in vain for unlisted titles. Works on local and regional history have been excluded unless their biographical content is particularly strong: Margaret Kiddle's *Men of yesterday* (MUP, 1961) and Ravenscroft's history of the Snowy Mountains were considered outside the scope of this survey. There are hundreds of such works, often sponsored or commissioned by communities of all kinds—local councils, church groups, school parents' associations, rural societies and many others—to celebrate a significant anniversary and bent upon listing everybody who was linked, however remotely, to the group or association. All too often they contain a mere mention of many names, but little detail about the persons involved—and certainly no biographical detail beyond, maybe, a note on age and on activities relevant to the history of the group. The people cited or described have been mentioned to enliven the tale—as indeed this approach to local history frequently does—but they are of limited value as sources of biography.

The exclusion of collective biographies concerned with professional and other affinity groups may well appear to be the most serious shortcoming of this listing. There exist hundreds of such

collective biographies containing accounts of artists, lawyers, medicos, members of the military, politicians, preachers, sportspersons, teachers, women, ethnic groups and so on. The compilers are conscious of the importance of this class of literature and an attempt is now being made, by D.H. Borchardt and Sandra Burr, to overcome the difficulty by compiling a 'Checklist of collective Australian biographies' which should appear late in 1987. It does not claim to be exhaustive but its hundreds of entries, arranged in major occupational or professional groups, indicate the large volume of this category of biographical writing. Another group of collective biographies excluded here is that addressed to schools and younger readers.

A significant source of biographical data is represented by the several state-oriented *Cyclopedias* that appeared at the beginning of this century and by the modern encyclopaedias, particularly the *Australian encyclopaedia* in its several editions. The most important of these are listed in chapter 7 and readers should consult the comments made there.

Reference has already been made to the professional, political or social registers that will offer some help in the identification of individuals. An example of this source of information on individual members of the teaching profession is the list of registered teachers held by state education authorities—indeed, at times some of the states have seen fit to publish lists of all their senior civil servants. Another example is the *Directory of members* of the Sociological Association of Australia and New Zealand (Sydney, 1971). Some of these membership lists are updated regularly, while others remain uncorrected for years on end. None can claim to be a biography, and they have therefore not been included in this bibliography. Furthermore, few of them are national lists because the control of professional registration rests in most instances with the state authorities. Nevertheless they contain personal data which may help biographers and historians, and for that reason further mention is made of them below in the discussion of archival material relating to individuals.

There exist some large-scale biographical indexes produced in Europe and the United States which, while claiming to be international in character, do not include numerically significant data on Australia. To mention just some current works, neither the *Biography and genealogy master index* (Detroit, Mich, Gale Research Co) nor *Prominent scientists: an index to collective biography* (New York, Neal-Schuman) lists Australian works among its information sources; *Current biography* (New York, H.W. Wilson), though it includes *Who's who in Australia* among its data bases, does not contain more than the odd reference to Australians. In this context they are of minimal significance and have not been listed or discussed further.

The most important sources of biographical information are the 'who is who' type of reference works or, with respect to our 'rude forefathers', the compilations best referred to as the 'who was who' type. While the criterion of inclusion for the first type is simply achievement and community respect, the latter category contains only the names of dead persons who fill, in the eyes of the compiler, a sort of pantheon for particular classes of endeavours. Yet it is this type of biographical register which, if based on genuine research, creates the foundations of historical writing. Many countries have seen fit to cause such a biographical register to be compiled, sometimes through their national academies, sometimes through historical commissions.

Australia embarked on such an enterprise in 1966 and by 1986 ten of the projected twelve volumes of the *Australian dictionary of biography* (*ADB*) had appeared. Unquestionably the largest and most scholarly source of Australian biographical information, the *ADB* is the product of a well-organised Australia-wide co-operative effort, centred on the Australian National University. A national committee and appropriate state-based working parties determined the selection of contributors as well as the names to be included in the *ADB*. The principal criteria for inclusion, as explained by the first editor, Douglas Pike, have been that the persons were important to Australia and had set foot on Australian soil, however briefly; furthermore, those selected for inclusion must be dead. In spite of the large number of names listed, many suggested entries could not be followed up for want of material on which to base a reliable biographical entry. The *ADB* headquarters at the Australian National University maintains an index of all names put forward for inclusion and the file may be consulted on application.

J.G. Marshall and R.C.S. Trahair have compiled an interesting supplement to the *ADB* (1979, 1985) which lists the names in the *ADB* according to the main occupation cited. Their index is an important aid to social and population analyses of nineteenth-century Australia.

The *ADB* is divided into three chronological sequences with entries in each sequence arranged alphabetically over the constituent volumes. There are two volumes for the period 1788–1850; four volumes for 1851–90; and there will be six volumes for the period 1891–1939. To conclude this note on Australia's most important collective biography, here is what the historian A.W. Martin wrote when reviewing the first two volumes in *Hist Stud* (12, 1967, 584–6):

It is already clear that, in one vital respect the *Dictionary* will certainly be more than a mere reference tool: to read consecutively through the entries on the governors (with supplementary cross-reading of relevant q.v.'s) will in effect be to read a crisp and rewarding little history of the colony concerned. It is a tribute to the skill of the editorship that this exercise repeatedly reveals as between entries a continuity of thematic emphasis . . .

Earlier efforts to list all who contributed to the history and development of Australia are, of course, deficient merely by the effluence of time—Heaton (1879) Mennell (1892) and Serle (1949)—while others like the Royal Commonwealth Society's *Biography catalogue* (1961) were based on criteria of inclusion that were lacking in definition.

Of the numerous biographical directories that deal with the living, the Herald and Weekly Times' *Who's who in Australia* is the best known and most reliable. A series of responsible editors have ensured, over the years, that the criteria for inclusion would measure up to a national consensus regarding the importance of those listed. Data are supplied on a standardised form by those included and there seems to be some check on details. *Who's who in Australia* appears every three years and includes appendices showing membership of particular groups such as officers of the Order of Australia.

The second part of the bibliography below lists state or regional works of collective biography. The justification for inclusion has been the general usefulness of the work cited; even a dated or local restricted list of persons can be of great help to the researcher. Again it is stressed that this bibliography of collective biography should be used in conjunction with Borchardt and Burr's checklist noted earlier. For instance, while H. Munz's *Jews in South Australia* (Adelaide, Tornquest, 1936) might well qualify as a regional work, it seemed more useful to include it in the checklist with other works on Jewish settlers.

Those who are interested in pursuing biographical studies will find that the resources vary considerably according to subject. Students may be well advised to consult the biography indexes maintained by the state libraries, the National Library and numerous other institutions where they are usually kept in vertical files, made up from newspaper cuttings, photocopies of magazine articles, snippets from commercial in-house journals and so on.

Many of the larger newspapers, and some of the weekly, monthly and quarterly magazines concerned with political and social issues, maintain a clipping file for biographical data. These files and indexes may be inspected on application. Biography indexes like these will help to identify the more public facets of the subject's life—the date of his or her birth or death, public offices held, involvement in social, professional or charitable activities. It is from the data thus gleaned that the next steps in biographical research evolve. Associations tend to keep records of membership and activities and such records should be sought. They may consist of minutes of meetings, membership of committees, correspondence and of course membership lists.

The public life of those who have become renowned is usually a great deal easier to ascertain than their private life. Yet nobody lives only a public life and good biographers will do their utmost to discover the real people through their relationship with others, their tastes and habits, their off-duty preoccupations. Biographers therefore will have to seek access to private diaries, letters, recollections of the subject's family and close friends. If the subject has been dead for some time, such personal sources may be hard to find, but therein lies the challenge, and in the end, the merit of a biography depends on the proper use that has been made of these resources.

GENERAL BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARIES

1000 famous Australians. Adelaide, Rigby, 1978. 368 p, illus. Superficial sketches with entries arranged by occupation.

AUSTRALIAN dictionary of biography. MUP, 1966– . v.

Ten volumes of this projected twelve-volume work had been published by 1986. Vols 1–2 cover 1788–1850; vols 3–6, 1851–90; vols 7–12, 1891–1939. For description see essay.

BURKE, B. *A genealogical and heraldic history of the colonial gentry*. London, Heraldry Today, 1970. 862 [xxvi] p.

First published in 1897. Includes Australian members of the British peerage, but these cannot be identified as such through the index.

DEBRETTS handbook of Australia and New Zealand. Ed by S. Duke. Sydney, Debrett's Peerage, 1982. 703 p.

A current who's who. Includes essays on ceremonial forms, genealogical research etc. Not as extensive as *Who's who in Australia*. Scheduled to be updated every two or three years.

DEBRETTS peerage and baronetage. Australian edition 1980 . . . comprises information concerning the Royal Family, the peerage, privy counsellors, Scottish Lords of Sessions, baronets, chiefs of names and clans in Scotland and Australian honours list: ed by Patrick Montague-Smith. London, Debrett's Peerage, 1980. Various paging, illus.

Title on spine: Australian edition. This is essentially the English gentry's biographical bible, with an Australian chapter added.

DE BRUNE, C.F.A. *Fifty years of progress in Australia, 1878–1928*. Sydney, Halstead Printing Co, 1929. 310 p, illus.

One-quarter of the volume lists 'well known citizens of the period'.

DIGBY, E. ed, *Australian men of mark*. Sydney, C.F. Maxwell, 1889. 2 vols, illus.

Contains 200 full and 700 brief adulatory biographies intended to show the forces that shaped Australia's first hundred years. Many portraits. Most entries relate to persons from NSW. There were four different editions of the second volume.

HEATON, J.H. *The bedside book of colonial doings*. A & R, 1984. 272 p, illus.

First published in 1879 as *Australian dictionary of dates and men of the time*. A general reference work, half of which contains biographies of notable Australians, lists of members of various occupations and professions and, under subject headings, hundreds of persons who 'made' the newspapers of the period. The absence of an index makes it difficult to use.

JOHNS, F. *An Australian biographical dictionary*. Melbourne, Macmillan, 1934. 386 p.

Based on the mass of data collected by Fred Johns over decades in his preparation of *Who's who in Australia* and left unused at his death, this retrospective work was prepared for publication by BS. Roach.

KENYON, AS. *The story of Australia, its discoverers and founders*. Geelong, Vic, Corio, 1940. 635 p, illus.

Essentially a history through biography, of the Deuteronomy type. Lists hundreds of names associated with the growth of Australia to 1939. Binder's title: Founders of Australia and their descendants.

LEAVITT, T.W.H. *Australian representative men*. Melbourne, Wells and Leavitt, 1887. 2 vols, illus.

Victorian counterpart to Digby's *Australian men of mark*, covers a wider range of people. Poorly produced. Many sketches were reused in Leavitt's *Jubilee history of Tasmania and Jubilee history of Victoria and Melbourne*.

MARSHALL, J.G. AND TRAHAIR, R.C.S. *Occupational index to the Australian dictionary of biography (1788–1890)*, Bundoora, Vic, La Trobe University, Dept of Sociology, 1979, 1980. 2 vols.

For description, see essay.

MENNEL, P. *The dictionary of Australasian biography: comprising notices of eminent colonists from the inauguration of responsible government down to the present time (1855–1895)*. London, Hutchinson, 1892. 542 p.

Unsatisfactory with regard to detail but the range of persons included makes this a useful source of basic data.

SERLE, P. *Dictionary of Australian biography*. A & R, 1949. 2 vols.

Over 1000 short biographical sketches. Serle's work remained the most reliable source of biographical information until superseded by the *Australian dictionary of biography*.

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY. Library. *Biography catalogue of the library of the Royal Commonwealth Society, by Donald H. Simpson, librarian*. London, The Society, 1961. 511 p.

One of several catalogues of that library; the biographical references to Australians can be found on pp 423–9. The society's *Subject catalogue* contains supplementary material on Australian biography in its seventh volume, issued in 1971.

WHO'S WHO IN AUSTRALIA 1906– . Melbourne, Herald and Weekly Times.

Title of earlier issues varies: 1st–2nd edn *Johns's notable Australians*, 3rd–5th edn *Fred Johns's annual*; 6th edn *Who's who in the Commonwealth of Australia*. Up to and including the issue for 1955 there was a useful obituary section, but this has since been discontinued. This work is not to be confused with the *Who's who in Australia* issued from 1922 to 1935 by the International Press Service Association in Melbourne and Sydney. For details see Borchart, *Australian bibliography* (3rd edn, Sydney, Pergamon, 1976, p 137).

REGIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES:

New South Wales

BARKER, H. AND HAWKINS, R. *Early Wesleyans of Pennant Hills*. Sydney, Hornsby Shire Historical Society, 1983. 216 p, illus, map.

Includes biographies of early settlers of the Methodist persuasion.

BOWD, D.G. *Macquarie country: a history of the Hawkesbury* (Rev edn). Sydney, Library of Australian History, 1982. 242 p, illus, map.

As well as passing biographical references in the text, a portion of this work deals with prominent individuals and founders of Hawkesbury families. First published in 1979.

CROSS, R.L. AND SHEEBY, B. *Queanbeyan pioneers. First study: pocket biographies of 112 pioneers . . .* Queanbeyan, NSW, Queanbeyan Books and Prints, 1983. 233 p, illus, map.

A combined local history, complete with details of properties in 1885 and non-British residents to 1927, and biographies of the pioneers and their families and descendants.

ELDERSHAW, F.S.P. ed, *The peaceful army: a memorial to the pioneer women of Australia 1788–1938*. Sydney, Women's Executive Committee and Advisory Council of Australia's 150th Anniversary Celebration, 1938. 138 p, illus.

Early women writers and artists, biographies of Elizabeth Macarthur, Mary Reibey, Caroline Chisholm, Rose Scott and the Windeyers.

GIBBNEY, H.J. *Eurobodalla: history of the Moruya district*. Sydney, Library of Australian History in association with

the Council of the Shire of Eurobodalla, 1980. 191 p, illus, maps.

In addition to many references to local residents the book contains brief biographical details of nearly ninety settlers in a special appendix.

MORRISON, W.F. *The Aldine centennial history of New South Wales, illustrated*. Sydney, Aldine Publishing Co, 1888. 2 vols, illus, maps.

A history through biography. Not very reliable.

NOTABLE citizens of Sydney. Sydney, Notable Publications of Australia, 1940. 301 p, illus.

SHINE, T. ed, *The Australian portrait gallery and memoirs of representative colonial men. Appendices: Constitution Act. History of the Soudan expedition*. Sydney, Southern Cross Publishing Co, 1885. 196, 115 p, illus.

Collection of short biographies of leading figures in NSW first issued between 1884 and 1885, but later reprinted in one volume with two appendices.

SYDNEYITES as we see them 1913–14–15. Sydney, Newspaper Cartoonists' Association of NSW, 1915[?]. Unpaged, illus.

A cartoon-based collection of biographical notes, showing the head of the subject in a 'funny' scene allegedly representative of his (there are no women) character and preferred activities.

WHO'S who in the world of women, New South Wales, Australia . . . Sydney, Reference Press Association, 1936. Unpaged, illus.

Biographies with portraits of society women.

WYATT, R.T. *The history of Goulburn, N.S.W.* Goulburn, Municipality of Goulburn, 1941.

A local history which mentions hundreds of inhabitants of the district and contains biographical detail of the more prominent citizens. Facsimile edition, Lansdowne, 1972.

REGIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES: Queensland

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY PUBLISHING CO. *Queensland and Queenslanders, incorporating prominent Queenslanders*. Brisbane, Brooks, 1936. 317 p, illus.

Biographical information usually a little more extensive than other Qld compilations in the period between Fox (1919–23) and World War II.

BARTLEY, N. *Australian pioneers and reminiscences*. Ed by J.J. Knight. Brisbane, Gordon & Gotch, 1896. 424 p, illus.

Mainly concerned with Queenslanders, but includes also some NSW pioneers.

BERNAYS, C.A. *Queensland politics during sixty years (1859–1919)*, Brisbane, Government Printer, 1919. 564 p, illus.

BERNAYS, C.A. *Queensland: our seventh political decade, 1920–1930*. A & R, 1931. 388 p, illus.

Notable character summations, based on the author's and his father's intimate knowledge of the period.

BLACK, J. *North Queensland pioneers*. Charters Towers, printed by the North Qld Newspaper Co, 1932. 110 p, illus.

Short description of the life and achievements of the early settlers in north Qld. Name and place index.

BROWNE, R.S. *A journalist's memories*. Brisbane, Read, 1927. 351 p, illus.

Condensation of articles in the *Brisbane Courier* of reminiscences, principally biographical, by a veteran Brisbane journalist. There is an index of those mentioned (towards 1500 names).

FOX, M.J. *History of Queensland, its people and industries*. Brisbane, States Publishing Co, 1919–23. 3 vols, illus, maps.

A rich but not always reliable source of biographical information, particularly on pastoralists.

HALL, T. *The early history of Warwick district and pioneers of the Darling Downs*. Toowoomba, printed by Robertson and Provan, 1935. 111 p.

LOYAU, G.E. *The history of Maryborough and Wide Bay and Burnett districts from the year 1850 to 1895*. Brisbane, Pole, Outridge, 1897. 385 p.

Includes biographical details of scores of persons not easily found elsewhere.

MEN OF Queensland: representative of the public, professional, ecclesiastical and business life of Queensland as existent in the year, 1928. Brisbane, Read, 1929. 197 p, illus.

MORRISON, W.F. *The Aldine history of Queensland*. Sydney, Aldine Publishing Co, 1888. 2 vols, illus.

A history through biography.

NEWSPAPER CARTOONISTS' ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND. *Queenslanders as we see 'em, 1915*. Brisbane, The Association, 1916. 187 p, illus.

Shows photographs of faces set in cartoon framework, with brief biographies appended.

NOTABLE men of Queensland 1950, representative of the public, professional, ecclesiastical and business life of Queensland in this year of 1950 A.D. Brisbane, M.G. Macdougall for Consolidated Publications, 1950. unpagged, illus.

A Qld who's who of persons 'who are proving of value to the State in this year 1950'. A new edition appeared in 1975.

PUGHS (Queensland) official almanac, directory and gazetteer. Brisbane, T.F. Pugh, 1859–1927.

This extremely useful source of information on the history, geography and administration of Qld also contains a wealth of data on individuals and groups who played a leading role in Australia's second largest state. Title varies.

QUEENSLAND, 1900: a narrative of her past together with biographies of her leading men. Brisbane, Alcazar, 1900. 371 p, illus.

A general history, to which has been added a series of over 150 biographical sketches.

REGIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES: South Australia

BROWN, L. et al. *A book of South Australia: women in the first hundred years*. Adelaide, Rigby, 1936. 253 p, illus.

Pays tribute to pioneer women and outstanding women in the arts, education law, medicine and welfare.

CIVIC record of South Australia, 1921–3. Adelaide, Associated Publishing Service, 1924. 865 p, illus.

Includes biographical sketches of those who served in local government.

COCKBURN, R. *Pastoral pioneers of South Australia*. Adelaide, Stock and station journal, 1925–1927. 2 vols.

Short biographies, most of them with a small portrait, of the landed gentry in SA, emphasising achievement rather than character. Facsimile edition, Lynton Publications, 1974.

COCKBURN, S. *The patriarchs*. Adelaide, Ferguson Publications, 1983. 176 p, illus.

Profiles of 30 South Australian men and women from all walks of life whose average age, in 1983, was about 87 years.

LOYAU, G.E. *The representative men of South Australia*. Adelaide, George Howell, 1883. 264 p.

LOYAU, G.E. *Notable South Australians, or, colonists past and present*. Adelaide, Carey, Page, 1885. 288 p, illus.

Though uneven, the two volumes of South Australian biography are informative and reasonably reliable. Include over 600 leading personalities. Facsimile editions, Adelaide, Austaprint, 1978, include a name index.

MEN of South Australia: representative of the public, professional, ecclesiastical and business life of South Australia as existant in the year 1933. Adelaide, Men of SA, 1933. 106 p, illus.

A fairly reliable who's who.

MORRISON, W.F. *The Aldine history of South Australia*. Sydney, Aldine Publishing Co, 1890. 2 vols, illus, maps. A history through biography.

OFFICIAL civic record of South Australia, centenary year, 1936. Adelaide, Universal Publicity Co, 1936. 962 p, illus.

Includes biographical sketches of local government councillors.

OLD COLONISTS' ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA. *An account of the celebration of the jubilee of South Australia, 1886, with the reminiscences of early settlers, the names of the pioneers who arrived in South Australia in the year 1836 . . .* Adelaide, The Association, 1887. 79 p.

PASCOE, J.A. ed, *History of Adelaide and vicinity with a general sketch of the province of South Australia and biographies of representative men*. Adelaide, Hussey and Gillingham, 1901. 691 p.

This interesting account includes a who's who of scores of South Australians considered important at the turn of the century. Facsimile edition, Austaprint, 1978.

PRICE, A.G. *Founders and pioneers of South Australia*. Adelaide, F.W. Preece and Sons, 1929, 266 p, illus, maps. A more scholarly approach than most; discusses nine South Australians, with a bibliography of primary and secondary material. Facsimile edition, Adelaide, LBSA, 1973.

RICHARDSON, NORMAN A. *The pioneers of the north-west of South Australia, 1856 to 1914*. Adelaide, W.K. Thomas, 1925, 155 p, illus, map.

Facsimile edition, LBSA, 1969. Reprinted 1980.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN biographies, 1980. Adelaide, V.C.D. Barnes, 1980. xv, 136 p.

Biographical details supplied by those included; this is simply a South Australian who's who.

WHO'S who in Adelaide, South Australia 1921-22. Adelaide, Associated Publishing Service, 1922. 129 p, illus.

WHO'S who: South Australia centenary, 1936. Adelaide, Amalgamated Publishing Co, 1936. 353 p, illus.

Includes contemporary portraits.

REGIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES:

Tasmania

BETHELL, I.S. *The valley of the Denvent*. Hobart, Government Printer, 195[9?]. 139 p, illus, maps.

LEAVITT, T.W.H. *Jubilee history of Tasmania . . .* Melbourne, Wells and Leavitt, 188[8?]. 2 vols, illus.

The biographies in this book also appear in *Australian representative men and Jubilee history of Victoria*.

McARTHUR, M. *Prominent Tasmanians*. Hobart, G.J. Boyle & Co, 1924. 88 p, illus.

PIKE, R.A. *Pioneers of Burnie: a sesquicentenary publication, 1827-1977*. Burnie, Tas, The Author, 1977. xii, 100 p.

VON STIEGLITZ, K.R. *The history of Bothwell and its early settlers at the Clyde in Van Dieman's Land*. Launceston, Telegraph Printery, 1958. 87 p, illus.

K.R. von Stieglitz, descendant of an early German settler in Tas, compiled numerous small books on the history of Tasmanian villages and small towns, each of which includes biographical sketches of the founding families and of leading personalities of the districts.

REGIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES:

Victoria

500 VICTORIANS' centenary edition, 1934. Melbourne, M.G. Henderson, 1934. 303 p, illus.

Biographical data are supplied in telegram style; the pictures—except the one of the governor—show the face of the subject and his body in a caricature style.

ALLAN, J. ed, *The Victorian centenary book: a series of records of people and firms at the time of the centenary*. Geelong, Tavistock, 1936. 312 p, illus.

A useful work although biased to the Geelong area.

BILLIS, R.V. AND KENYON, A.S. *Pastoral pioneers of Port Phillip*. Melbourne, Macmillan, Stockland, 1932. 277 p, map.

A useful source book on the rural history of Vic. Revised edition published in 1974.

FRASER, F. AND PALMER, N. eds, *Centenary gift book*. Melbourne, Robertson & Mullens, 1934. 166 p, illus.

A tribute to women 1834-1934 by women writers and artists on women in the arts, education, citizenship and employment.

HENDERSON, A. *Early pioneer families of Victoria and Riverina: a genealogical and biographical record*. Melbourne, McCarron, Bird, 1936. 584 p, illus.

HENDERSON, A. *Henderson's Australian families: a genealogical and biographical record*. Melbourne, The Author, 1941. 430 p, illus.

Vol 1 of a proposed two-volume work dealing mainly with Victorian and Riverina families, Henderson's lists concentrate on the landed gentry and read like a stud book. Entries provide useful but rarely adequate data on the early settlers.

HUMPHREYS, H.R.M. *Men of the time in Australia, Victorian series* (2nd edn). Melbourne, McCarron, Bird, 1882. x, c1xxxii, 274 p.

The first published collection of biographical sketches of Australians. First issued in 1878. Many entries in the second edition are simply reprinted from the first although there are some deletions. There were no volumes for the other states.

JEFFERY, R. ed, *Victorian personalities past and present (illustrated): an historical review*. Melbourne, Pioneer Publishing Co, 1934.

Exclusively concerned with the landed gentry of Vic. The biographical data have probably been supplied by the subjects.

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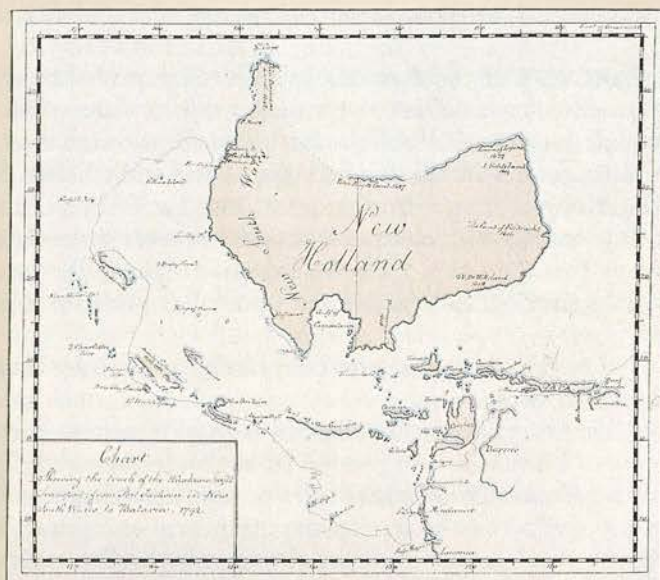
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