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THE FIRST RECORDED FEMALE ABORIGINAL ARTIST

1 [Aboriginal Art]. SOLOMON, Yertabrida [Yertebrida] and others: Proof copies of the nine lithographs ('copied from aboriginal drawings') published in 'The Folklore, Manners, Customs, and Languages of the South Australian Aborigines: gathered from Inquiries made by Authority of the South Australian Government. First Series', edited by the Reverend George Taplin. They are presented on three roughly uniform sheets of paper (375 x 193, 208 and 203 mm respectively), with three illustrations – one under the other – per sheet. [Adelaide, Government Printer, 1879]. The book was illustrated with original photographs as well as these lithographs, and Taplin contributed some informative 'Notes on the Photographs, etc., accompanying this work' (pages 105-107). He commented that 'The aborigines themselves show some natural talent for drawing. The pictures in this volume, copied from aboriginal drawings, show this. Those [six illustrations] contributed by the writer are by a woman called Yertabrida: she was never in any school in her life, and never received any instruction in drawing'. [See the front cover of this catalogue.]

The six illustrations attributed to her (Numbers 1-4, 7 and 8) are described beneath the individual numbered titles as 'Drawing by "Yertabrida Solomon", an aboriginal of the Coorong, in 1876. [From original in possession of Rev. Geo. Taplin.]'. Plate 9 is described as 'Group of Warriors. Drawing by an Aboriginal Woman. [From original in possession of Capt. C.H. Bagot]'. The 1994 definitive work on the subject, 'Aboriginal Artists of the Nineteenth Century' by Andrew Sayers is a mixed blessing in this case. His detailed catalogue of artworks in the book lists only one original by Yertabrida that has been located. It is in pencil and watercolour, and he calls it 'Group of figures with shields'. He states that there is an inscription on the verso, that its exact form is 'Original of pl. 9 in / Taplin South Aust. Abor. Folklore p.168', and that its provenance is 'George Taplin, Raukkan; South Australian Museum'. The dilemma is that there is NO inscription on the verso of this item, and the museum cannot substantiate this account – nor can it substantiate the Taplin provenance. The latter is hardly surprising, given that the original of plate 9 was owned by Captain Bagot, and known by Taplin to be owned by Bagot when the lithograph was produced. Taplin died at the age of 47 in June 1879, before the book was published – it is highly unlikely that this item ended up in his estate. Be that as it may, a close reading of Sayers' pioneering work suggests to us that this material is significant in many ways. The catalogue of known artworks lists only 27 artists, nine of them unidentified. The bulk of the material discovered and discussed by Sayers is by three Aboriginal males (Barak, Tommy McRae and Mickey of Ulladulla), who 'made most of their drawings in the decade of the 1880s, and in the cases of Barak and McRae, into the 1890s'. Apart from these three key figures in Sayers' study, and three others from the 1890s, all other artists are known by no more than six works each (and eight of them by just one work each). Only some ten artists predate the 1870s and they are represented by a total of 32 known works. Yertabrida Solomon is the ONLY woman listed, and with six items recorded and known only by these 1870s lithographs produced from her originals, these uncut proof sheets represent a significant contribution to this fascinating subject. Interestingly, the remaining two plates in the series, each called 'War Dance', are attributed to 'an Aboriginal of the Kingston Tribe. [From original in possession of E. Spiller, Esq.]'. Spiller was Acting Government Printer when this book was produced – were these proof copies originally his? Minimal expert restoration has been undertaken to close a few tiny edge tears and a short split to a blank portion of one plate; there are a few insignificant light marks to the first sheet, and some creases across each sheet near the top and middle captions (where the sheets have been folded in three); essentially they are in excellent condition, now housed in an unfolded state in a mylar sleeve. We have every reason to believe they are unique.

\$4000

2 **An Account of the Celebration of the Jubilee Year of South Australia (1886)**, with the reminiscences [*sic*] of early settlers, the names of the pioneers who arrived in South Australia in the year 1836, and other interesting information connected with the foundation of South Australia. Adelaide, Old Colonists' Association, 1887. Octavo, 79 pages. Original wrappers (with the full title page details repeated on the front cover) a little marked; head and foot of the spine slightly chipped; top blank corner of four pages a little marked, with a light crease to the top corner of the first half of the item; a very good copy. An important collection of memoirs. Ferguson 13579 (noting a variant binding).

\$300

FROM QUEEN ADELAIDE'S PRIVATE LIBRARY

3 [ADELAIDE, Queen Dowager (1792-1849)]. GASKIN, John: Doctrinal and Practical Sermons, on Miscellaneous Subjects. Bristol, printed for the Author, by J. Chilcott, 1844. Octavo, xii, 431 pages. Extensively blind-stamped full burgundy morocco stamped in gilt on the front and rear covers 'A.R.' surmounted by a crown, with gilt dentelles on all edges of the boards and

surrounding the pastedowns, all edges gilt, with an attached silk marker-ribbon; extremities very slightly rubbed; spine a little darkened; covers a little mottled; endpapers slightly foxed, with a thin strip around the edges of the flyleaves a little discoloured by the leather; essentially a fine copy in a contemporary stamped Hatchards binding (in fact, offsetting from the tail of the bookmark suggests it has never been removed from where it was inserted by the binder).

From the personal collection of Adelaide, the Queen Dowager, after whom the capital city of South Australia was named. Her husband, King William IV, died in 1837; when Adelaide died in 1849, 'she left a sum of money and certain memorabilia to the public authorities of South Australia and the latter comprised ... several volumes of books with Queen Adelaide's autograph or the Royal Arms which belonged to Her Majesty' (The Manning Index of South Australian History, on the State Library of South Australia's website). This book was originally held in the State Library until 'Disposed of by authority of the Libraries Board of South Australia' on 31 August 1953, according to the rubber stamp placed on an early binder's blank in the book and signed by the then Principal Librarian, George Pitt. The only reminders of its 100 years' institutionalisation are early Public Library of South Australia blind stamps in the top corner of four leaves, and the date of publication and a call number in white ink at the foot of the spine. A recent inspection of the State Library's current collection of seventeen books from the Queen's collection enables us to confidently state that this book is in far better condition than all but one of them. Interestingly, the third page of this item is a full-page printed dedication 'To Her Majesty the Queen Dowager'. **\$2200**

4 **Adelaiders Blätter für Ernst und Scherz.** Belletristische Beilage zur *Süd-Australischen Zeitung*. Herausgegeben von Wilhelm Eggers und Georg Eimer [Volume 12, parts 1 and 2, and Volume 13, part 2]. Adelaide, *Süd-Australische Zeitung*, 1870 and 1871. Large octavo, two volumes, [ii], 620, 526 and [ii], 638 pages. Contemporary half roan and marbled papered boards rubbed at the extremities and on the covers, with some wear to the corners; scattered foxing and mild signs of use and age; essentially a very good copy (first volume): contemporary half calf and cloth; leather rubbed at the extremities with slight wear to the corners; cloth a little marked with trifling blemishes at the rear; replacement endpapers; an excellent copy (second volume). These are bound volumes of weekly issues of the literary supplement to the long-running Adelaide German-language newspaper *Süd-Australische Zeitung*. Offered here is the complete run of the 52 weekly issues of the twelfth year (1870) and issues 27-52 of the thirteenth year (4 July to 26 December, 1871). The indexes show that the contents are mainly short novels by German authors. **\$1000**

THE SECOND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ALMANACK – signed by Edward Stephens

5 [Almanack]. [BENNETT, J.F.]: The Royal South Australian Almanack and General Directory for 1840. Adelaide, Robert Thomas and Co., [1839]. Duodecimo, 150, xii (advertisements) pages plus advertisements on the outside rear cover. Original flush-cut limp cloth with the full title page details repeated on the front cover (with the additional line 'Price 5s., Bound in Cloth'); cloth a little stained and tidemarked, with the leading edge of the card underneath a little stained (and with minimal loss to the front one); expert restoration to a trifling nick to the leading edge of the first four leaves; some dog-eared corners and a few light marks; a very good copy.

Only the second South Australian almanack, with the preface dated 1 December 1839, less than three years after British settlement. It is an item of the utmost rarity, made even more significant by the ownership signature of Edw[ard] Stephens on the front cover. Edward Stephens (1811-61) arrived in South Australia in January 1837 'to manage the banking branch of the South Australian Company' (Pike: Paradise of Dissent); he is listed in the directory as 'banker, North Tr'. Not surprisingly for a colony in its infancy, the directory itself occupies a mere 10 pages, and the usual almanackery not a lot more than another 40 pages. The bulk of the book contains items of great historical interest. Apart from the short 'gardener and farmer's calendar' at the foot of the twelve monthly calendar pages, there is a very lengthy article on 'Gardening in South Australia', a series of interesting and instructive lectures delivered in Adelaide between 27 September and 13 December 1839 by George Stevenson (pages 21-56), anticipating McEwin's pioneering work by four years. Perhaps even more important is the section devoted to 'Progress of Discovery in South Australia during the year 1839', which the preface states gives 'a better and truer description of the colony than any of the publications which have yet appeared regarding it' (pages 98-125). There are first-hand accounts from 'the journals of these gentlemen ... now given almost at length' of Hawdon and Mundy's 'rather novel journey in a tandem' from Melbourne; Eyre's examination of the eastern parts of the province as well as the country between Streaky Bay, the head of Spencer Gulf and Adelaide; reports from Tod and Hawson in the Port Lincoln district, Cock and Hughes on Yorke Peninsula, and several others. Ferguson 3072. **\$5500**

6 [Almanack]. ALLEN, James: The Royal South Australian Almanack and General Directory for 1845. Adelaide, James Allen, [1844]. Duodecimo, 210 (last blank), [ii], xxiii (advertisements) pages. Original flush-cut quarter patterned cloth and plain papered boards with a printed paper titling-label on the front cover (now cleanly detached in one piece); cloth and front cover stained, with the rear one a little marked; minor surface silverfish damage, with a small piece missing from the front bottom corner; coffee-colour stain to the edges and margins throughout, extending into the printed areas in the first third of the book (unsightly but not affecting legibility); neat repairs to a few tiny tears; a few minor dog-eared or rounded corners to the first and last leaves; minor signs of use (not least, some simple arithmetic on the endpapers); overall a good copy of a very rare item. **The seventh issue of this early South Australian almanack; this copy has a tantalisingly indecipherable contemporary ownership signature on page 25 (H.S. Bagot?).** The directory itself still only occupies a mere 15 pages, with the bulk of the balance given over to the usual statistics, regulations and lists of assorted office-bearers. However, there are 14 pages devoted to the 'Horticultural and Agricultural Calendar' (apart from the short 'gardener and farmer's calendar' at the foot of the twelve monthly calendar pages). There is also a small but important 'Progress of Discovery' section (8 pages), **most of which deals with Sturt's major expedition to the north; in particular, it reprints his lengthy letter from Willorara, dated 16 October 1844.** There is also a page on the recent death of John Darke. Ferguson 4139. **\$1350**

ONLY EDITION OF 'Navigation of the Murray' BY ANDREWS

7 [Almanack]. **GARRAN, Andrew:** The Royal South Australian Almanack and General Directory for 1854. Adelaide, printed and published at the *Register* and *Observer* Office, 1854. Duodecimo, [xii], 244, 42 (Directory), 36 (advertisements) pages with the **hand-coloured plate featuring nine 'Signals used at the West Terrace Flagstaff'**. Flush-cut quarter cloth and printed card covers (repeating the title page details on the front, with advertisements on the rear); covers rubbed, marked and lightly tidemarked, with some simple arithmetic on the front cover and front flyleaf; extremities of the covers a little worn, with slight loss to the foot of the front hinge and the rear bottom corner; title written in ink on the spine; minor signs of age and use; essentially a very good copy with the contemporary ownership details of Joseph Grivell, 1854, on the flyleaf (and indistinctly on the front cover).

*In the preface, dated 10 January 1854, the compiler apologises for the lateness of the appearance of the almanack, the delay being 'occasioned by the extreme difficulty in obtaining compositors' – presumably all off to the diggings. He also apologises for the 'total omission of the Country Directory' for various reasons, so the 42-page directory covers only Adelaide and suburbs. Most of the balance of the book is given over to the usual statistics, regulations and lists of assorted office-bearers. However, the farmers' and gardeners' calendar runs to 18 pages, and there is a lengthy and important contribution by **E.W. ANDREWS: Navigation of the Murray. Being extracts from a journal kept on board the Lady Augusta during Captain Cadell's exploratory voyage from the Goolwa to Ganawarra' (51 pages). Fellow passengers James Allen and Arthur Kinloch published their independent accounts of this pioneering trip in book form in late 1853. In any event, Andrews' account was reasonably hot off the press; his last journal entry was dated 15 October 1853, less than three months before this almanack, delayed in publication, appeared. Ferguson 9829f. \$2500***

8 [Almanack]. **BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1864. Adelaide, C. Platts, E.S. Wigg and W.C. Rigby, [December 1863]. Duodecimo, [ii], viii, 216, 110 (South Australian Directory), [152] (South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages. **Publisher's blind-stamped full green leather** a little rubbed and slightly worn at the extremities; damaged portion of the spine expertly restored; a very good copy (internally unused). **The first of the long-running series of almanacks edited by Boothby**, the Government statistician. His superior product saw off a number of competitors and was incorporated with Sands and McDougall's South Australian Directory in 1884 (which finally ceased publication in 1973). The Farmer's, Gardener's and Vigneron's Calendar, revised by the pioneering horticulturalist George McEwin, occupies 17 pages; the lengthy advertising section is a treasure-trove of information about a colony founded barely 27 years earlier. Ferguson 5679 (the series, collating only this first issue, and recording only 'stiff green paper wrappers' with only 136 pages of advertisements before the printed endpapers). The six advertisements that appear on the available surfaces of the endpapers of the standard issue we have inspected are all present in this volume as part of the bound sections in different order (instead of running 1-6, they are now 4, 3, 6, 1, 2 and 5). **\$1500**

9 [Almanack]. **BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1864. Adelaide, C. Platts, E.S. Wigg and W.C. Rigby, [December 1863]. Duodecimo, viii, 216, 110 (South Australian Directory), [148] (South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages plus endpaper advertisements and a rear cover advertisement. Flush-cut quarter green cloth and stiffened green wrappers, with the title page details reprinted in full on the front cover; small corner pieces missing from the front wrapper, with minor chips to the rear one; slight surface silverfish damage to both covers; early institutional library stamp on the title page; some minor dog-ear creases and rounded corners; stitching a little strained in one early section; a very good copy. **The first of the long-running series of almanacks edited by Boothby**, the Government statistician. The Farmer's, Gardener's and Vigneron's Calendar, revised by the pioneering horticulturalist George McEwin, occupies 17 pages; the lengthy advertising section is a treasure-trove of information about a colony founded barely 27 years earlier. Ferguson 5679 (the series, collating only this first issue, and recording only 136 pages of advertisements before the printed endpapers). **\$850**

10 [Almanack]. **BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1864. Adelaide, C. Platts, E.S. Wigg and W.C. Rigby, [December 1863]. Duodecimo, viii, 216, 110 (South Australian Directory), [4] (only the first two leaves of the 148-page South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages plus endpaper advertisements and a rear cover advertisement. Flush-cut quarter fawn stippled cloth and stiffened green wrappers, with the title page details reprinted in full on the front cover; tiny corner pieces missing from the rear wrapper, with minor chips to the rear leading edge; slight surface silverfish damage to both covers; tiny dog-ears to the first few front bottom corners; light tidemark to the bottom corner throughout, but visible on relatively few leaves; a very good copy with the later ownership signature of E.A. Johnson in pencil on the title page. **The first of the long-running series of almanacks edited by Boothby**, the Government statistician. The Farmer's, Gardener's and Vigneron's Calendar, revised by the pioneering horticulturalist George McEwin, occupies 17 pages. Ferguson 5679 (the series, collating only this first issue). **\$550**

ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S EARLIEST PHOTOGRAPHICALLY-ILLUSTRATED BOOKS

11 [Almanack]. **BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1865. Adelaide, C. Platts, E.S. Wigg, J. Howell and W.C. Rigby, [1864]. Octavo, [iii, endpaper advertisements], viii, 144, 118 ('The South Australian Directory for 1865'), [163, advertisements] pages **with an original 'gem portrait' (a circular albumen paper print, 20 mm in diameter) of the photographer, Townsend Duryea**, on one of them plus tipped-in advertisements (2 four-page items, a small folding colour one for Levy Brothers and a large folding five-colour plate for – and by – the printer, W.K. Thomas). Flush-cut cloth boards recently rebacked, retaining the original spine (with the original cloth a little silverfish-nibbled); small stain to the top margin of the front cover and the first 15 leaves, with very slight loss to the edge of the cover; creases and a tiny repaired tear to the foot of the leaf containing the photograph; a very good copy.

There seems to be no justification for the claim in Robert Holden's 'Photography in Colonial Australia. The Mechanical Eye and the Illustrated Book' (Sydney, 1988) that this book was published in 1865; works of this nature traditionally appear prior to their year of application, and all internal evidence and contemporary newspaper advertisements suggest that 1864 is far more likely to be the date of publication. This would place it in the first year in which photographically illustrated books are believed to have been published in Australia, in the fitting company of Hamilton and Jeffrey (see Holden, page 13). Davies and Stanbury's 'The Mechanical Eye in Australia' (Melbourne, 1985, where the almanack is listed as being the first such illustrated book in the country) reproduces the portrait on page 165; the same one appears in this copy. However, we have identified a variant portrait in a copy of the almanack in the State Library of South Australia; it features Duryea with his head turned towards the left of the page, with his distinctive bow tie bent in the middle at quite an angle. The definitive bibliography of Australian books containing original photographs will be a daunting but enjoyable and worthwhile task.

\$2500

12 **[Almanack]. BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1866. Adelaide, C. Platts, E.S. Wigg, J. Howell and W.C. Rigby, [1865]. Duodecimo, [iii], viii, 130, [ii], 114 (South Australian Directory), [iv, index], 161 (South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages (including endpaper advertisements) plus a rear cover advertisement. Flush-cut cloth boards bumped at the front top corner and the foot of the rear hinge, and a little rubbed at the extremities; a few small inkstains and some simple arithmetic on the front cover; spine sunned; a very good copy. With the early ownership signature of H.R. Bassett (and his occasional annotations).

\$750

13 **[Almanack]. BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1866. Adelaide, C. Platts, E.S. Wigg, J. Howell and W.C. Rigby, [1865]. Duodecimo, [iii], viii, 130, [ii], 114 (South Australian Directory), [iv, index], 161 (South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages (including endpaper advertisements) plus a rear cover advertisement. Flush-cut cloth boards a little rubbed at the extremities, with slight wear to the head and foot of the rear hinge; bottom corner of the front cover cracked but now neatly strengthened; smudged inkmarks and a few inkspots (mainly) to the front cover; spine crinkled (it looks like the cover was detached at some stage and has been reglued inexpertly); one leaf in the first section supplied in early facsimile (pages 99/100) and one advertising leaf (pages 37/38) missing; tiny piece missing from the bottom margin of two leaves; a few minor ink marks and annotations; a good copy. An octavo leaflet relating to alterations to postal rates, dated 14 November 1866, has been folded to fit the book and tipped onto page 115.

\$550

14 **[Almanack]. BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1867. Adelaide, C. Platts, E.S. Wigg, J. Howell and W.C. Rigby, [1866]. Duodecimo, [iii], viii, 128, [iv], 122 (South Australian Directory), [iv, index], 145 (South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages (including endpaper advertisements) plus a rear cover advertisement. Flush-cut cloth boards a little bumped and chipped at the extremities, with minor surface silverfish damage; spine sunned; a very good copy. With the blindstamp of the publisher (and bookseller) Howell on an early leaf, and the contemporary ownership inscription 'SWS & Co.' in ink on the front cover.

\$750

15 **[Almanack]. BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1868. Adelaide, E.S. Wigg, J. Howell and W.C. Rigby, [1867]. Duodecimo, [iii], viii, 126, [iv], 124 (South Australian Directory), [iv, index], 139 (South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages (including endpaper advertisements) plus a folding inland mail table (350 x 287 mm) tipped onto the front flyleaf and rear cover advertising. Flush-cut cloth boards; cloth chipped with a little loss to the head and foot of the spine, and with some minor silverfish damage elsewhere; spine a little sunned; small section of the leading edge of the folding table a little frayed and sunned; a very good copy.

\$750

16 **[Almanack]. BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1868. Adelaide, E.S. Wigg, J. Howell and W.C. Rigby, [1867]. Duodecimo, [iii], viii, 126, [iv], 124 (South Australian Directory), [iv, index], 139 (South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages (including endpaper advertisements) plus a rear cover advertisement (but lacking a folding inland mail table originally tipped onto the front flyleaf). Flush-cut cloth boards a little rubbed and bumped at the extremities, with a tiny piece of cloth missing from the front bottom corner; spine sunned; edges a little marked; rear advertising leaf heavily creased; an excellent copy. With the blindstamp of the publisher (and bookseller) Howell on the front flyleaf, and the contemporary ownership inscription 'SWS & Co. Feb 1868' in ink on the front cover.

\$750

17 **[Almanack]. BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1869. Adelaide, E.S. Wigg and J. Howell, [1868]. Duodecimo, viii, 124, [4, index], 148 (South Australian Directory), [4, index], 177 (South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages (including the rear endpaper advertisements) plus front endpaper advertisements and rear cover advertising – but lacking the folding map originally tipped onto the title page. Flush-cut cloth boards rebaked, with the bulk of the original spine retained; extremities a little rubbed; cloth a little marked, with minor silverfish damage; top corner neatly trimmed from the last half of the book, with a shallow piece neatly scalloped out of the top margin of the last 50 leaves (well clear of the printed surface in all instances); a very good copy. The Farmers', Gardeners', and Vignerons' Calendar, revised by George McEwin, runs to 13 pages.

\$700

18 **[Almanack]. BOOTHBY, Josiah:** The Adelaide Almanack, Town and Country Directory, and Guide to South Australia for 1869. Adelaide, E.S. Wigg and J. Howell, [1868]. Duodecimo, viii, 124, [4, index], 148 (South Australian Directory), [4, index], 177 (South Australian Almanack Advertiser) pages (including the rear endpaper advertisements) plus front endpaper advertisements and rear cover advertising – but this copy lacks pages 169-76 of the advertising section and the folding map originally tipped onto the title page (a small portion of the first panel remains as proof). Flush-cut cloth boards rebaked, with the bulk of the original spine retained; cloth a little marked, with minor silverfish damage; corners a little bumped; a few trifling marks to some pages; a very good copy. The Farmers', Gardeners', and Vignerons' Calendar, revised by George McEwin, runs to 13 pages.

\$700

19 [Almanack]. **Howell's Adelaide Almanack, City and Port Directory and Guide to South Australia for 1872.** Adelaide, John Howell, [1871]. Duodecimo, [2]-140, 59 (advertisements) pages (including the printed endpapers) plus a folding advertising leaf and one printed on yellow paper, and rear cover advertising. This copy lacks the inland mails sheet referred to in the index ('On sheet in front of book') and does not contain the 'map gratis, showing the line of telegraph stations, &c., across the continent to the Northern Territory' referred to on the front cover and title page (almost certainly issued separately). Flush-cut cream cloth boards with the title page details repeated on the front cover; cloth slightly sunned and marked, with two tiny holes in the spine; head of the front cover bumped near the hinge, with a neat repair to the cloth at the head of the rear hinge; an excellent copy. The Farmers', Gardeners', and Vignerons' Calendar, 'copied by permission from "The South Australian Vigneron and Gardeners' Manual" (second edition), by George McEwin' runs to 13 pages; the directory occupies 49 pages. Ferguson 10602 (with a slight pagination discrepancy). **There is a full blank page each month for personal diary purposes; this copy has contemporary entries on more than half the available space.** A fair amount of it gives details of letters sent and received, but there are some interesting general observations by the unidentified, well-connected (possibly elderly male) writer. February 15: 'Recieved [*sic*] my letters by the October mail that went down in the *Rangoon* in Galle, all having been steeped in wet but still readable'. He attended the funeral of John Baker, corresponded with Charles Bagot, went to the 'assembly of John Bagot's friends as a farewell to his deportation to the Mount Margaret cattle station' (and subsequently records the receipt of telegrams from him), and attended the banquet 'at which [there was] much speech making' to celebrate the completion of the overland telegraph line to Port Darwin. Closer study of the many clues in the diary may bear fruit. **\$1100**

20 [Almanack]. **Howell's Adelaide Almanack, City and Port Directory and Guide to South Australia for 1872.** Adelaide, John Howell, [1871]. Duodecimo, [2]-140, 59 (advertisements) pages (including the printed endpapers) plus a folding advertising leaf and one printed on yellow paper, and rear cover advertising. This copy lacks the inland mails sheet referred to in the index ('On sheet in front of book') and does not contain the 'map gratis, showing the line of telegraph stations, &c.' referred to on the front cover and title page (almost certainly issued separately). Flush-cut light blue cloth boards with the title page details repeated on the front cover; cloth a little sunned, rubbed, marked and ink-stained, with the spine ends slightly frayed; minor silverfish damage to the first and last leaves, with very slight nibbling to some leading edges; a very good copy. The Farmers', Gardeners', and Vignerons' Calendar, 'copied by permission from "The South Australian Vigneron and Gardeners' Manual" (second edition), by George McEwin' runs to 13 pages; the directory occupies 49 pages. Ferguson 10602 (with a slight pagination discrepancy). **\$650**

21 [ANGAS, George French]: Australia. A Popular Account of its Physical Features, Inhabitants, Natural History and Productions. With the History of its Colonization. London, Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, [circa 1866]. Duodecimo, viii, [9]-365, [4, publisher's advertisements] pages with 21 illustrations (one at the head of each chapter) plus 6 plates and a folding colour frontispiece map of Australia (200 x 230 mm) – although none of them are signed, presumably all illustrations are by Angas. If some proof is required, 'The Palti, an Aboriginal Dance' opposite page 53 is definitely by him – the original is in the South Australian Museum, and it is reproduced in Angas's 'South Australia Illustrated'. Original gilt-decorated blind-stamped plum cloth slightly marked and dusty, and a little rubbed and bumped at the extremities, with minor wear to the bottom corners and the foot of the front hinge; spine a little sunned, with a tiny snag to the head; short split along one fold of the map neatly repaired; edges of the front flyleaf very slightly chipped; rear inner hinge a little cracked but firm; a very good copy with the author's name written in ink on the title page. The preface, by G.F.A., refers to the 'seventy-eight years that have elapsed' since the first fleet cast anchor in Botany Bay, and statistics from late 1863 are quoted. For what it's worth, a copy held in an Adelaide institutional library, with the bookplate of Edward Angas Johnson, contains the following note in his hand: 'Very rare and unobtainable. See page 38 where the Evans' Angas' Hannay (my stepfather in belltopper and wife beside him) are all drinking liquor – see empty bottles – and they [are] all solid teetotallers. All copies available bought up and burnt'. Ferguson 5999 (suggesting the date 1855). **\$250**

GEORGE FIFE ANGAS'S PERSONAL BIBLE, HEAVILY ANNOTATED

22 [ANGAS, George Fife]. The English Version of the Polyglott Bible; containing the Old and New Testaments, with a Copious and Original Selection of References to Parallel and Illustrative Passages exhibited in a manner hitherto unattempted. London, Bagster, 1833. Octavo, [xii], 585, [iii], 188, 42 pages. Original blind-stamped black morocco very slightly rubbed at the extremities, with slight wear to three corners; minute chips to two leading edges; light corner creases to a few leaves; essentially a fine copy.

*The personal bible of George Fife Angas, with his signature in full in ink at the head of the title page, and his signature and London address in pencil on the first blank. Eleven newspaper cuttings (seven full-page size, the others smaller) are laid in on the endpapers and blank leaves; they are generally of the 'Perseverance overcomes Difficulty' type. There are numerous annotations in ink and pencil to a blank page at the front of the book and five blank pages at the rear; one of them is worth quoting in full. It was written at Prospect Hall, his North Adelaide townhouse, in August 1868, when he was nearing 80: 'When God gives largeness of heart, as well as great wealth, he qualifies a man to be a public blessing: and doing good liberally is the proper pleasure and advantage of wealth. For the little pleasure of [a...?] enjoyments quickly grows insipid, old age destroys the relish for them, and death must soon separate a man from his riches & then he must give an account to God of his stewardship. It becomes us therefore, as we advance in life to relinquish worldly pursuits before we be torn from them, and prefer retirement & privacy, where we may best prepare for the loving hour'. [After retirement in 1866, 'Angas continued to contribute widely to many religious, educational and benevolent institutions. At the end he was said to be giving away £10,000 a year'.] Most of the other annotations are short scripture references, but some have Angas's comments and (occasionally) dates next to them. Some of these are what one might expect ('Isa. 30: 20-21 God will guide the perplexed. Nov. 27, 1842'), but 'Colonization. Gen XI', 'Colonizing 2 Kings 6:1-7. Jer 35:7. Babel also' and three references to South Australia also occur. **One of these is to Deuteronomy 8: 7-10, where the relevant verses have the words 'South Australia' pencilled in the margin beside them. For the record, we quote them in full: 'For the***

LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; / A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive oil, and honey; / A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. / When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee'. **Scattered throughout the text are numerous (mainly) pencilled underlinings, marginal emphases, dates and annotations. A couple of the latter are nothing short of extraordinary.** Psalm 140 commences with 'Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man ... who have purposed to overthrow my goings'. At the foot of the page Angas has written in pencil 'Apr. 17, 1843 on receipt of Forster's despatches & Edwd Stephens wicked devices against me' and 'July 1850 A.F.'s conduct @ Ram's[?] sale'. Edward Stephens (1811-1861) was appointed cashier and accountant of Angas's South Australian Company in 1836; he arrived in Adelaide in January 1837. In 1840 he became the Adelaide manager of the Bank of South Australia. It was during this time he 'was rebuked by George Fife Angas for dabbling in politics'. Anthony Forster (1813-1897) was employed by Angas as his agent and attorney in South Australia to replace Charles Flaxman; he arrived in the colony in April 1841. 'His main task was to take possession of the Barossa estate for Angas. Forster helped to lay out the town of Angaston and was an efficient manager but was disliked for his pomposity and self-importance. In December 1844 he returned to England ... and resigned as Angas's agent'. These biographical notes come from the Australian Dictionary of Biography; perhaps the concluding paragraph from the ADB's lengthy article on George Fife Angas (1789-1879) can put these annotations into perspective. 'Angas's prominence in the foundation of South Australia has been somewhat exaggerated, partly because his remaining papers in the Archives of the Public Library of South Australia are on that period, but he deserves full credit for the capital and settlers that he introduced into the new colony. The lifetime journal that he began at 18 has disappeared, but his biographer, Edwin Hodder, quoted liberally from it [in 1891]. In all his biographies Hodder sought the moral improvement of young men by setting ideal examples before them. Yet not even Hodder's deft pen catches all the lights and shades of this complex character. Angas was infinitely more than "philanthropy and five per cent" or a predatory Calvinist seeking salvation from total depravity. For all the certainty of his faith he lacked self-confidence, and knew it. For all his platform poise he knew that his beliefs gave offence. If he made it difficult for those he met to remain neutral to his views, he knew no neutrality in himself. His harshest critic never equalled his own self-criticism. His worry over trifles long after others had forgotten them drove him into deeper anxieties. From his perplexing inner world he found relief in actions; by them his qualities are revealed more clearly than by his scriptural vocabulary. With relentless self discipline he reached his goals and generations of men benefited from them.' Angas's bible seems to encapsulate these observations. **\$11000**

23 [ANGAS, George Fife]. HODDER, Edwin: George Fife Angas. Father and Founder of South Australia. London, Hodder and Stoughton, 1891. Octavo, xii, 440 pages plus a frontispiece portrait. Cloth slightly rubbed, bumped, sunned and flecked; an excellent copy, uncut and unopened. With the pencilled ownership signature of Will J. Sowden. We have previously identified variant portraits reproduced as the frontispiece; this copy has a portrait we have seen before, but not reproduced in the same manner. The entire leaf appears to have been produced by a developed photographic process (there is visible silvering-out to the portrait surface), using a photolithographic portrait as the original. Ferguson 10473 (noting an erratum slip). **\$300**

NOT IN FERGUSON – SIGNED AND ANNOTATED BY GEORGE FIFE ANGAS

24 [ANGAS, George Fife]. ROSCOE, William: Observations on Penal Jurisprudence, and the Reformation of Criminals, with an Appendix; containing the Latest Reports of the State-Prisons or Penitentiaries of Philadelphia, New-York, and Massachusetts; and other Documents. London, T. Cadell and W. Davies ..., 1819. Octavo, iv, 180 (last blank), 144 pages plus 3 folding tables. Original plain quarter cloth and blue papered boards (with the title 'State Prisons of America' handwritten in ink on the spine); cloth slightly moisture-affected at the bottom half of the spine and at the rear, with minor expert restoration to the ends of the spine; boards rubbed, bumped and worn at the extremities, with the loss of about half of the blue paper on the rear cover; short tears to the edges of a few leaves expertly repaired; slight marginal loss to a few leaves where uncut edges have been carelessly opened; rear endpaper and the last two leaves a little foxed and mottled; a very good copy, uncut on all edges.

William Roscoe (1753-1831), historian and attorney, here advocates 'milder punishments as efficacious in reforming the criminal'. The early ownership signature of George Fife Angas is written in full in ink on the front flyleaf, and the following is the commencement of a lengthy note in his hand on the recto of the rear flyleaf: 'The experiences of all ages agrees in this that there can be no reformation of the morals of the people except through religions ...'. Annotations by him appear on three pages, and a small piece of paper with relevant notes (about 40 words) by him is loosely inserted. The later (1913?) ownership details of J.H. Coombe of the Adelaide suburb of Keswick are also on the front flyleaf (and his signature appears on two early pages). Appendix IX (pages 116-134) contains 'Two Reports of John Henry Capper, Esq. Superintendent of Ships and Vessels employed for the Confinement of Offenders under Sentence of Transportation' and other correspondence relating to New South Wales. Not in Ferguson. **\$5000**

25 [ANGAS, John Howard]. BURGESS, H.T.: John Howard Angas. Pioneer, Pastoralist, Politician and Philanthropist. Adelaide, Vardon and Pritchard, 1905. Octavo, [vi], 309 pages plus 14 plates. Gilt-decorated purple cloth a little flecked and mottled (especially at the rear); spine and a small section of the front cover sunned; endpapers very slightly rubbed; recto of the frontispiece slightly marked and foxed; corner crease to one plate, with a few marginal fingermarks; a very good copy, uncut (and unopened from page 141). **\$220**

26 [Angaston Chapel Case]. Statement of Facts and Circumstances relative to the Angaston Chapel Case. For private circulation only. Adelaide, printed by David Gall, 1861. Octavo, 32 pages. Titling-wrappers unevenly sunned and slightly rubbed at the extremities, with a few light creases; slight silverfish damage to the front cover neatly restored; a very good copy. A prefatory notice

printed on the inside front cover sets the scene. Ferguson 6005 has a lengthy and informative note on this controversy 'which became a bitter one, [and] led to the separation of the Baptist and Paedo-Baptist (Independent) members, the latter erecting their own building and forming an Independent fellowship'. Perhaps the numerous church buildings surviving in small Australian country towns are monuments to religious intolerance as much as anything else. **\$550**

27 **AYERS, The Hon. Sir Henry:** Pioneer Difficulties in founding South Australia. A Lecture delivered to the Australian Natives' Association ... on the 8th June, 1891. Adelaide, W.K. Thomas and Co., 1891. Octavo, 19 pages. Bound without the original wrappers in early binder's cloth lettered 'Sir H. Ayers' in gilt on the front cover; cloth a little flecked; an excellent copy. Ferguson 6459. **\$250**

28 **B[AGSHAW], J.A.:** How I went to the Goldfields over Sixty Years ago. A Story told on a Wet Day. Adelaide, W.K. Thomas & Co., Printers [for the Author, 1916]. Small octavo, 32 pages. Pictorial wrappers slightly rubbed and creased; occasional scattered light foxing; small dog-ear creases to five bottom corners; an excellent copy. **Inscribed 'To the Editor of the Register & Observer with the writers compliments. August 13 1919'; the author has also made one correction to the text.** The recipient, Will Sowden, has put his personal library reference number (73A) in ink in the top left-hand corner of the front cover and the author's surname in pencil on the title page. An indistinct portion of the cover illustration ('Jupiter Creek 1857' carved on a tree trunk) has been partially picked out in ink, presumably by the author; a small inkspot is barely discernible in the underbrush. The author, John Augustus Bagshaw (1838-1920) was the son of John Stokes Bagshaw, the pioneering manufacturer of agricultural machinery; John Augustus himself was also a skilful engineer and inventor who worked in the family firm. An engaging account of a few months spent by the author and two teenage mates at the Jupiter Creek diggings near Echunga in early 1857. **\$750**

29 **[Bank of South Australia].** Two early items associated with the Bank of South Australia are offered as one lot. (1) A **manuscript personal promissory note** (90 x 167 mm) dated Adelaide, 24 October 1840 – 'Three months after date pay to my order Thirty Pounds value received. F.W. Allen. To C.W. Stuart Esqre'. Stuart has written across it 'Accepted Payable at the Bank of South Australia'. It was subsequently stamped by the Bank of South Australia, Adelaide when it was paid on 27 January 1841. The verso is endorsed by F.W. Allen, C. Crispe and 'For the Bank of South Australia Edwd Stephens Manager'. Apart from two vertical creases and a tiny spike hole, it is in fine condition. (2) A **printed Bank of South Australia cheque** (80 x 180 mm, printed by Batho and Bingley, London) with manuscript insertions – 11 February 1841, from C.W. Stuart to Harry Léchahdee[?] for £3. A bank stamp on it indicates it was paid out in Adelaide on 15 February 1841. It is endorsed on the verso by Robert Champlay, an indecipherable signature and three small Xs. It is lightly creased, with a tiny spike hole; on the verso, there is a discoloured band denoting the outer surfaces when the item was originally folded; essentially it is in excellent condition. It goes without saying that these are utterly rare ephemeral items, dating from the colony when it was barely four years old. However, because of this, we are able to identify most of the signatories, thus giving these trifles much greater weight. **Edward Stephens (1811-1861)** was appointed cashier and accountant of the South Australian Company in 1836; he arrived in the *Coromandel* on 17 January 1837 at Holdfast Bay. 'There he set up his office in a tent but at first business was slight. He was induced to sign a letter to Governor [Sir] John Hindmarsh asking for a public meeting to reconsider the site of Adelaide. Although in February the meeting decided in favour of Colonel William Light's choice Stephens did not hesitate to buy eight city acres [3.2 ha] when they were auctioned, and later became very friendly with Light. Stephens fell foul of Hindmarsh and was rebuked by George Fife Angas for dabbling in politics' (Australian Dictionary of Biography). In 1840 he became the Adelaide manager of the Bank of South Australia. **Charles William Stuart (~1811-1891)** arrived in the colony in 1836, and became Acting Police Commissioner during Alexander Tolmer's extended absences on overland gold escort duties in 1852-53. Tolmer's dismissal in November 1853 was in part due to his involvement 'in demeaning disputes with his subordinates', not least Stuart. **Frederick William Allen (1813-1850)** arrived on the *Buffalo* and became a publican. **Clement Crispe (~1804-1857)** arrived in 1837 on the *John Renwick* and was a butcher and farmer. Robert Champlay was married in Adelaide on 30 January 1840. (Most of the biographical details have come from the Biographical Index of South Australians, 1836-1885). We have not yet traced Harry, but there are some intriguing possibilities. **\$1100**

30 **[BASTARD, Thomas]:** The Autobiography of 'Cockney Tom'. Showing his struggles through life, and proving the truth of the old saying 'that honesty is the best policy'. Adelaide, McClory and Masterman, Printers [for the Author], 1881. Octavo, 66, [2, an epilogue in verse and an advertisement for the City Baths, listing the author as 'Swimming Master to the Government Model School'] pages plus 2 plates (a frontispiece portrait and 'On the Diggings at Tarrangower [*sic*]'). Gilt- and blind-decorated full green morocco slightly rubbed at the extremities; inner hinges cracked but very firm; endpapers lightly offset; an excellent copy. The list of subscribers records only 185 names; this is a presentation copy, presumably in a presentation binding, to one of the subscribers, **inscribed beneath the frontispiece to 'J.H. Parr Esq with the Author's Comp's [*sic*]'.** Parr was an Adelaide auctioneer. The author arrived in Adelaide in 1853 with gold fever and spent some time at the Forest Creek and Tarangower diggings; over a third of the (admittedly short) work is devoted to his exploits on the Victorian goldfields. From 1866 he was lessee of the City Baths, Adelaide. In our experience, the book is scarce, and this presentation binding rare – we certainly know of subscribers' copies in cloth. Ferguson 6788 (noting only pink paper wrappers, which we have not seen). **\$750**

31 **BENNETT, J.F.:** Historical and Descriptive Account of South Australia, founded on the Experience of a Three Years' Residence in that Colony. London, Smith, Elder, 1843. Duodecimo, 152 pages. Salmon-coloured cloth (the secondary binding); spine lightly sunned; endpapers very lightly foxed and offset; an excellent copy. **The author lived in South Australia from March 1839 to March 1842;** chapters include 'Sketch of Adelaide and Surrounding Villages – Colonial Life and Manners', 'The Native Inhabitants' and 'Information for Emigrants', plus an appendix bringing the information up to date to the end of 1842. Ferguson 3566 (mentioning four different bindings, but not noting this one, which in our experience is not rare). **\$550**

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extremities; endpapers discoloured at the edges by the leather and a little offset; all edges uncut, with upwards of a centimetre variation in the length and width of the leaves; some edges dusty, with one leading edge lightly chipped; trifling signs of use; a very good copy. **The author lived in South Australia from March 1839 to March 1842;** chapters include 'Sketch of Adelaide and Surrounding Villages – Colonial Life and Manners', 'The Native Inhabitants' and 'Information for Emigrants', plus an appendix bringing the information up to date to the end of 1842. **This copy contains the ownership signature of Robert Kyffin Thomas, 1902 on the front flyleaf.** Sir Robert Kyffin Thomas (1851-1910), the grandson of Robert Thomas, who arrived on the *Africaine* at Holdfast Bay in 1836 with a printing press, was himself an influential newspaperman in the state. Ferguson 3566. **\$750**

33 **BLACKET, The Reverend John:** Early History of South Australia. A Romantic Experiment in Colonisation, 1836-1857. Adelaide, Methodist Book Depot, 1907. Octavo, 393, [2, advertisements] pages plus 18 plates. Deep red cloth very lightly flecked and rubbed at the extremities; essentially a fine copy. **\$135**

34 **BLACKET, Reverend John:** The Early History of the Old and Thriving Town of Narracoorte. Narracoorte, A. Caldwell, [late 1920s?]. Small octavo, 19 pages. Wrappers with minor silverfish damage in two spots at the rear; an excellent copy. **\$150**

35 **BLACKET, Reverend John:** History of South Australia. A Romantic and Successful Experiment in Colonisation. Adelaide, Hussey and Gillingham, 1911 ['second edition – revised, enlarged, and continued to a later period']/ 1907. Octavo, xxiv, 480 pages with 39 plates and a map. Gilt-decorated black cloth a little flecked; spine slightly creased, with a trifling snag to the head; endpapers a little offset, rear flyleaf very slightly silverfish-nibbled, both inner hinges slightly pulled but unbroken and firm; an excellent copy. **A review copy, marked as such on the flyleaf by the author, with an autograph letter signed by him loosely inserted.** The letter (2 pages small quarto on a pair of conjugate leaves, from the Parsonage, Brompton, 30 December 1911) is to 'Dear Mr Editor'. Blacket explains that this is a 'larger & much better book' than the first edition, and he itemises the new sections, in particular the chapter on 'Legislative Difficulties'. He also explains that he is selling the book too cheaply; 'when I sent out my prospectus, twelve months ago, I was not aware that the Book would consist of so many pages, and [having] advertised it at 5/- I cannot increase the price now, as faith must be kept with the public'. The letter has been folded for posting, and has a few other minor creases. The editor is none other than Will J. Sowden, whose signature, dated 1911, appears in ink at the head of the title page; his notes are pencilled on the rear flyleaf. **\$200**

36 **BLACKET, Reverend John:** A South Australian Romance. How a Colony was founded and a Methodist Church formed. London, Charles H. Kelly, 1899. Octavo, xii, 214, [2, advertisements] pages with vignette illustrations and 14 plates. Gilt- and black-lettered olive cloth with a black embossed pictorial cover (based on the frontispiece, an Aboriginal man with a spear and club), with leaf-pattern endpapers; cloth very slightly rubbed at the extremities and scuffed at the rear; spine very lightly sunned; one preliminary page slightly marked; an excellent copy. **Inscribed on the recto of the frontispiece 'To the Right Hon. C.C. Kingston With Author's Compliments Aug. 21st 1899'.** Charles Cameron Kingston (1850-1908) was at the time the Premier of SA, a position he held from 16 June 1893 until 1 December 1899. 'Kingston was the dominant and outstanding figure in late colonial politics in South Australia. He was also one of the leading figures in the Federation movement and left his stamp on the early Commonwealth. A passionate and explosive personality, he was a warm and generous friend. But he was also a bullying and vindictive foe. In 1898 he insisted that his former friend turned critic, E. Paris Nesbit QC, be kept in a lunatic asylum, despite the medical superintendent's opinion that Nesbit should be released' (Australian Dictionary of Biography). Ferguson 7077 (noting only 'Brown cloth boards, title repeated in gold on front cover and spine'). **\$250**

37 **BLACKET, Reverend John:** A South Australian Romance. How a Colony was founded and a Methodist Church formed. London, Charles H. Kelly, 1899. Octavo, xii, 214, [2, advertisements] pages with vignette illustrations and 14 plates. Original gilt-lettered red cloth with a black floral decoration on the front cover and spine, with plain endpapers; cloth very lightly marked and flecked, with the spine lightly sunned; essentially a fine copy. **Inscribed on the flyleaf 'To Mr E.J. Thomas from the Author Aug. 19th 1913'.** We have handled a copy with a more elaborate binding and endpaper material, with an author's inscription dated at the time of publication. The inscription in this copy is dated some fourteen years later, which suggests that this binding may be a secondary one. Ferguson 7077 (noting only 'Brown cloth boards, title repeated in gold on front cover and spine'). **\$150**

38 **BLACKMORE, Edwin Gordon:** The Story of the South Australian Bushmen's Corps, 1900. Adelaide, Hussey & Gillingham, Printers, 1900. Octavo, 32 pages. Orange wrappers with the title page details repeated within a border on the front cover; the entire pamphlet is creased down the middle where folded, and the top edge of the rear cover is slightly bumped; an excellent copy. **Inscribed in ink on the front cover 'Advance Print for Major He[...?]son: see page 30 for scale of pay' and initialled by the author,** with a correction to that page in his hand. The story of the formation, training, equipping and embarkation of the corps, under Captain Samuel Hübbe; the complete nominal roll is included. The 'South Australian Corps has been raised, equipped, and sent forward, by private subscription'; this history ends shortly after their troopship reached Table Bay on 2 April 1900. In his concluding summary, dated 18 May 1900, Blackmore comments: **'Well equipped and well horsed, self-reliant and used to hardship, of excellent physique, and in the prime of life, they should be invaluable auxiliaries to regular troops in such a country as South Africa and against such foes as the Boers'.** Ferguson 7094; Fielding and O'Neill, page 126. **\$1000**

39 **BORTHWICK, Thomas:** A Contribution to the Demography of South Australia. London, Bailliere, Tindall and Cox, 1891. Octavo, 67 pages with 3 charts. Cloth flecked and a little bumped at the extremities; title page creased; a few marginal fingermarks; an excellent copy with two manuscript corrections (page 4, 'Death Curses' now reads 'Death Curves'; page 25, line 4, the first 'natural' now reads 'necessary') and the ownership signature of Arthur Edmund Shepherd (1867-1942), a local doctor. Demography in its broadest sense: 'a description of the geographical features of the colony which have a hygienic relationship; of the meteorological conditions and their relation to certain diseases; of the sanitary progress of the colony'. Ferguson 7288; Ford 362. **\$200**

40 **BULL, John Wrathall:** Early Experiences of Life in South Australia, and an Extended Colonial History. Adelaide, Wigg and London, Sampson Low (but printed in London), 1884. Octavo, xvi, 416 pages plus 4 plates. Black pictorial dark green cloth very slightly flecked; a fine copy, uncut and entirely unopened. 'Publishers' Note: The first edition of this work was privately printed by the author for circulation in South Australia only. **This new and enlarged second edition may therefore be regarded virtually as a new work.** Ferguson 7653. **\$250**

41 **BULL, J.W.:** Early Experiences of Colonial Life in South Australia. Adelaide, printed at the *Advertiser, Chronicle* and *Express* Offices [for the Author], 1878. Octavo, x, 304, [24, advertisements] pages plus a frontispiece lithograph ('Adelaide 1838') and an advertising slip for Alfred Waddy, bookbinder (whose small paper label is affixed to the rear pastedown). Original blue stippled cloth a little rubbed and slightly bumped at the extremities and lightly flecked and scuffed; spine a little sunned; endpapers offset; expert restoration to the top corners of the title leaf and the rear endpaper (both had suffered a little loss to silverfish); very slight silverfish nibbling to the leading edge of a few leaves; a very good copy. Inscribed on the front endpaper in fine copperplate to 'Miss Lucy, August 24th 1878' – wishful thinking perhaps, but why not Lucy Josephine, daughter of Sir Henry Ayers, who a month later became Mrs John Bagot? **Essentially the period 1836 to 1842 (and far more detailed than the 1884 edition).** Curiously, 'Barrow & King / Adelaide' is stamped in gilt at the foot of the spine. Ferguson 7652. **\$500**

42 **BUNDEY, W.H.:** Reminiscences of Twenty-Five Years' Yachting in Australia. An Essay on Manly Sports, a Cruise on Shore ... Notes of a Voyage to China and Japan. Adelaide, Wigg, 1888. Octavo, xx, 224, xvi (advertisements) pages plus 15 lithographs (5 ensigns, 3 maps, 6 views by members of the author's family and a frontispiece by 'the well-known artist, Mr Leonard'). Original gilt-decorated green cloth slightly rubbed and bumped at the extremities and a little flecked; pages facing the flyleaves a little offset; top corner crease to one leaf; an excellent copy (virtually unread). **This copy is inscribed in ink at the head of the title page to 'Fred W. Sims, with the author's best wishes',** with 'Sept 1908' added in pencil in another hand. Sir William Henry Bunday (1838-1909), for ten years Commodore of the South Australian Yacht Club, was a South Australian MP (Attorney-General, 1878-81) and later a Supreme Court judge. A scarce book, one of very few on the subject of colonial yachting. Ferguson 7674 (noting only brown cloth – we have seen brown, black and blue cloth as well as the green offered here). **\$750**

43 **BURR, Thomas:** Remarks on the Geology and Mineralogy of South Australia. Adelaide, Andrew Murray, 1846 [but in fact the 1890s facsimile reprint]. Duodecimo, 32 pages. Green wrappers slightly marked; first and last pages a little offset or foxed; an excellent copy. The small name-stamp of Arthur W. Piper (1865-1936), a South Australian Supreme Court judge, appears at the head of (both sides of) the front cover and the title page. Ferguson 4245 (with details on this early photolithographic reprint, itself now a rarity). **\$500**

44 **CAPPER, Henry:** Capper's South Australia. Containing the History of the Rise, Progress and Present State of the Colony, Hints to Emigrants, and Useful and Authentic Information ... London, The Author, 1839 [third edition, considerably enlarged]/ 1837. Octavo, iv, 243, 16 (advertisements) pages plus 3 folding maps ('District of Adelaide', with an inset 'Sketch of Encounter Bay', 310 x 312 mm; 'Maritime Portion of South Australia', 240 x 425 mm, and 'The City of Adelaide', 162 x 198 mm), a folding leaf of shipping statistics and a folding advertising slip (with an engraved illustration). Original blind-stamped purple cloth slightly rubbed and bumped at the extremities, with minimal expert restoration to the head of both hinges; spine sunned to brown; first map lightly foxed; an excellent copy (internally fine). **With the armorial bookplate of the Marquess of Downshire** – most probably Arthur Wills Blundell Sandys Trumbull Windsor Hill, 4th Marquess of Downshire (1812-1868). The preferred edition, being more than twice as large as its predecessors of 1837 and 1838. Ferguson 2725. **\$1000**

45 **CAPPER, Henry:** South Australia. Containing Hints to Emigrants; Proceedings of the South Australian Company; a Variety of Useful and Authentic Information ... London, Robert Tyas, 1838 [second edition, 'considerably augmented']/ 1837. Octavo, vi, 118 pages plus a folding leaf of shipping statistics and a folding frontispiece (147 x 268 mm, containing on it a map of Australia with South Australia marked out, a map of the eastern coast of Gulf St Vincent and a plan of Adelaide). Original cloth slightly mottled and a little silverfish-nibbled; spine renewed, with most of the original spine retained; frontispiece a little foxed; an excellent copy. **This copy contains the ownership signature of Robert Kyffin Thomas, 1902** on the front flyleaf. Sir Robert Kyffin Thomas (1851-1910), the grandson of Robert Thomas, who arrived on the *Africaine* at Holdfast Bay in 1836 with a printing press, was himself an influential newspaperman in the state. Ferguson 2452 (our copy does not have the four pages of 'book advertisements', clearly never present). **\$750**

46 **CAWTHORNE, W.A.:** The Kangaroo Islanders. A Story of South Australia before Colonization, 1823. Adelaide, Rigby, [1926]. Octavo, viii, 122, [2, advertisements] pages with a plate and a map. Flush-cut limp pictorial cloth slightly sunned on the spine; front endpaper and first two leaves a little crinkled across the middle (a production flaw); essentially a fine copy. The first edition in book form; written 'about the year 1854 under the title of The Islanders [it] appeared first in serial form in a journal called *The Illustrated Adelaide Post*' (established in 1867 by the author). A work of fiction but **'Probably the most grimly realistic story written in South Australia in this period'** (Depasquale: A Critical History of South Australian Literature, 1836-1930). **\$165**

47 **COCKBURN, Rodney:** Nomenclature of South Australia. Adelaide, Thomas, 1908. Octavo, [iv], 150 pages plus 4 plates. Original green papered boards slightly rubbed at the extremities with light wear to the corners; spine a little sunned, with minimal expert restoration to the head; endpapers offset, with the flyleaves heavily discoloured; text paper discoloured and brittle (as ever); an excellent copy of a notoriously poor production. **Offered together with a quantity of relevant newspaper clippings,** and two mimeographed sheets (folded, unevenly discoloured and a little chipped) comprising 'A Full List of the New Names given to places bearing Names of Enemy Origin'. The list contains nearly 70 changed Germanic names, some of which have been altered in pencil in the book. A small clipping concerning Aboriginal place names is mounted on the verso of the title page, and a few small relevant clippings are tipped in throughout the book. With the ownership signature of [Miss] Sedley Towler (11 April 1923). **\$400**

48 **CONIGRAVE, Mrs J. Fairfax:** My Reminiscences of the Early Days. Personal Incidents on a Sheep and Cattle Run in South Australia. Perth, Brokensha & Shaw, 1938 [revised edition]/ 1916. Octavo, 84 pages with a tipped-in frontispiece portrait plus 8 pages of plates and a folding map. Contrasting silver and buff papered boards (an attractive modernist binding of the period, and quite belying the contents); covers rubbed and a little worn at the extremities with minor loss to the head and foot of the spine now expertly made good; closed v-shaped tear to the spine; title page and the verso of the folding map a little offset, as ever (due to contact with the acidic boards – there are no flyleaves, as issued); early gift inscription on the front pastedown; a very good copy of a fragile production. Mrs Price was 'a daughter of one of South Australia's well-remembered pioneers, Mr Charles Price' and her memoirs concern **Hindmarsh Island in the early days.** **\$200**

49 **COOMBE, E.H.:** History of Gawler, 1837 to 1908. Published by the Gawler Institute as a Memento of the Jubilee of the Institute and of the Municipality of Gawler, 1908. Adelaide, Gawler Institute, 1910. Octavo, [iv], 428, xxv (advertisements) pages with numerous plates. Cloth slightly flecked, a little rubbed at the extremities and very slightly worn at the bottom corners; spine lightly sunned; front cover slightly bowed; small chip to the leading edge of the front flyleaf (the missing piece is stuck to the edge of the pastedown – presumably a production flaw); overall an excellent copy (internally fine). Mounted on the front flyleaf is a presentation plate from the Gawler Institute, dated Christmas 1935. Some 25 years after its publication, **the book was given to Sir Edward Lucas (1857-1950), the South Australian 'draper and politician' with strong Gawler connections** (see page 286). 'In 1886 Lucas moved to Gawler where he established Edward Lucas & Co. He thrived and stayed fifteen years, becoming active in community affairs. He was president of the Gawler Institute' and Mayor in 1893 and 1894 (Australian Dictionary of Biography, incorrectly stating 1899 for the latter date). Lucas has added a few dates to his own entry and that of Stephen King in the book's biographical register. **\$500**

50 **DALY, Mrs Dominic D.:** Digging, Squatting, and Pioneering Life in the Northern Territory of South Australia. London, Sampson, Low, Marston, Searle and Rivington, 1887. Octavo, xii, 368 pages plus a folding colour map (435 x 190 mm). Original mustard yellow cloth with extensive brown and green floral decoration and attractive gilt lettering; all edges uncut; cloth very lightly flecked and lightly sunned on the spine; verso of the flyleaves, first and last pages and the edges lightly foxed; essentially a fine copy **with the armorial bookplate of John Bagot on the pastedown and his signature in ink at the head of the title page.** John Bagot (1849-1945) was a 'Pastoralist, Bank Director, Politician' and son-in-law of Sir Henry Ayers (Biographical Index of South Australians, 1836-1885). 'Shortly after the return of Mr Goyder's surveying expedition to Adelaide in April, 1870, my father was appointed Government Resident of the Northern Territory'; 16 year-old Harriet accompanied William Bloomfield Douglas (see the Australian Dictionary of Biography) and the rest of the family north. She spent the better part of the next three years in the Territory (returning south for her marriage in 1871 to a nephew of the late Governor), before leaving for good in 1873 when her father was dismissed for incompetence. Her chatty account based on her personal experiences concludes then (at page 208); the rest of the book is written 'by means of researches in newspapers, official reports and other documents'. Ferguson 8939 (not noting the map, and recording a variant binding 'printed in gold floral design'). **\$1100**

THE EXPLORER JOHN LEWIS'S COPY

51 **DALY, Mrs Dominic D.:** Digging, Squatting, and Pioneering Life in the Northern Territory of South Australia. London, Sampson, Low, Marston, Searle and Rivington, 1887. Octavo, xii, 368 pages plus a folding colour map (435 x 190 mm). Original light fawn cloth with extensive gilt floral decoration and attractive gilt lettering; all edges uncut; cloth very lightly marked and very slightly rubbed at the extremities, with a tiny amount of wear to the front bottom corner; vertical crease near the centre of one leaf; trifling occasional fingermarks; an excellent copy.

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52 **DAVENPORT, Samuel:** Some New Industries for South Australia. Silkworms, Mulberry, Olives, Tobacco, etc., etc. Adelaide, Rigby, 1864. Octavo, xii (last one blank), 82, [2, colophon] pages plus **2 lithographs by William Wyatt** (a double-page plate of 'Method of training the White Mulberry to a standard' and 'The Reeling Machine'). Original yellow card covers expertly respined; absolutely trifling surface loss to silverfish; essentially a fine copy with the contemporary blind stamp of Rigby (as bookseller) on the front flyleaf. Sir Samuel Davenport (1818-1906) was an ardent promoter of agriculture and new industries in South Australia and served as president of both the RAHS and the RGSSA (Australian Dictionary of Biography). Other new industries discussed in the book are Verdigris and Flower-Farming. Ferguson 8971 (pagination incorrect, and the plates are not recorded). **\$750**

53 **DAY, Alfred N.:** Names of South Australian Railway Stations with their Meanings and Derivations. Adelaide, Government Printer, 1915. Octavo, 32 pages with a large folding map (710 x 510 mm) showing all SA railway stations. Wrappers lightly discoloured around the edges; tiny hole nibbled in the front cover by silverfish; staples a little rusty; title page and last panel of the map a little offset; edges of the leaves a little browned; an excellent copy. **\$300**

54 **DUFFIELD, T.:** Protected Native Birds of South Australia. Adelaide, Government Printer, 1910. Octavo, [ii], 30 pages plus 12 full-page chromolithographs (by Alfred Vaughan after drawings by C. Wall). Bound without the wrappers in early quarter calf and stippled cloth; leather slightly rubbed; cloth slightly flecked and marked and very lightly worn at the corners; an excellent copy. A Special Bulletin issued by the South Australian Department of Intelligence. 'The purpose of this book is not to catalogue or to scientifically describe our native birds; but to bring prominently before the public, the police, and others in authority, and more especially the children in our State, those of our protected native birds that most often fall victims to thoughtless boys and sportsmen'. **Bound together with ten other contemporary pamphlets or offprints – #1 ZIETZ, A.H.C.:** List of the Edible Fish of the Lower Murray [Adelaide, an offprint from the RSSA, 1902, pages 265-67, a little torn]. **#2 Murray Cod Fisheries.** Extracts from Evidence collected by the South Australian Authorities during October, 1900, with notes [Sydney, Government Printer, 47 pages, comprising lengthy contributions by H.C. Dannevig and David Stead (on the gear used in their capture, among other things)]. **#3 SMITH, W. Ramsay:** On the Food of Fishes [an extract from the Tenth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, pages 211-231]. **#4 DANNEVIG, Harald:** The Influence of Temperature on the Development of the Eggs of Fishes [an extract from the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, pages 147-152 plus a double-page graph]. **#5 DANNEVIG, Harald:** On the Rate of Growth of Plaice [an extract from the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, pages 232-246 plus a folding graph]. **#6 SMITH, W. Ramsay:** The Aborigines of South Australia [Melbourne, reprinted from the Official Year Book of the Commonwealth, Number 3, 1909, 19 pages plus the front titling wrapper inscribed 'With the author's compliments']. **#7 JOHNSON, E. Angas:** Trypanosomiasis [Adelaide, Government Printer, 1906, 14 pages plus a large folding plate (with slight discolouration and a neat repair)]. **#8 O'LOUGHLIN, The Hon. L.:** The Northern Territory of South Australia. Proposed Transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth of Australia ... reprinted from Hansard, October 15th, 1907 [Adelaide, J.L. Bonython, 1907, 15 pages plus the original front titling wrapper]. **#9 GLYNN, P. McM.:** Speech ... on Water Conservation, Thursday 30 June 1904 [Melbourne, Government Printer, 18 pages]. **#10 PRICE, The Honorable Thomas:** The Murray River Waters. Speech ... in the House of Assembly, Adelaide ... Thursday, 25th July 1907. Reprinted from Hansard [Adelaide, J.L. Bonython, 1907, 31 pages]. The name S. McIntosh is written or stamped on four items; overall, in fine condition. **\$900**

55 **DUTTON, Francis:** South Australia and its Mines, with an Historical Sketch of the Colony, under its Several Administrations, to the Period of Captain Grey's Departure. London, Boone, 1846. Octavo, [ii], x, 361 pages with a few illustrations plus 5 tinted plates and a map, plus a large folding Arrowsmith map (490 x 600 mm, with applied hand-colouring to the mines and coastlines) in a front pocket; there are tipped-in publisher's advertisements on the front flyleaf (2 pages, for the Lort Stokes), before page 1 (a slip, for the Eyre) and on the rear flyleaf (an 8-page Boone 'Library of Australian Travels' catalogue). Blind-stamped and gilt-decorated brown cloth a little rubbed and bumped at the extremities, with slight wear to the corners and bottom edges; cloth very lightly marked, with two small and barely noticeable areas nibbled by silverfish; expert restoration to slight wear to the head and foot of the spine; plates and pages facing them a little foxed; an excellent copy of a scarce work difficult to find in this condition (and complete with the map). **This copy has the ownership signature of R[obert] Kyffin Thomas, 1902** at the head of the advertising leaf tipped onto the front flyleaf. Sir Robert Kyffin Thomas (1851-1910), the grandson of Robert Thomas, who arrived on the *Africaine* at Holdfast Bay in 1836 with a printing press, was himself an influential newspaperman in the state. An earlier indecipherable signature (Hon'ble ...) is written at the head of the flyleaf. Ferguson 4267 (not noting the advertisements at the beginning of the book, which we have seen before). **\$1500**

56 **EDMUNDS, W.H.:** Topographic Maps of South Australia [cover title]. [Adelaide, The Compiler], 1926. External dimensions 305 x 385 mm, 6 colour maps (295 x 375 mm), printed rectos only. Original colour pictorial wrappers slightly marked and creased, but with expert restoration to some tears and small missing pieces and with the string binding renewed; short tears to the leading margin of four maps neatly closed; overall an excellent copy. The copy in the State Library of South Australia has a presentation inscription on the front cover 'by the author'. It also contains an introductory leaf of text which is worth quoting: 'These maps are to be issued in sets of six at short intervals. They will comprise all parts of the State, and the remotest Districts will be included. The further the District is from the Capital the more minute will be the detail supplied. The maps are all made to join up with those adjacent so that a complete wall-map may be built up as the various sets are made available. The first set comprising the Adelaide Hills has a limited issue, and those who wish to have complete wall-maps as well as the sets in Book-form are advised to secure special mounting copies without delay'. The maps (identical in both copies inspected, albeit in different order) are Semaphore (#1), Henley (#4), Brighton (#7), Millbrook (#2), Uraidla (#5) and Aldgate (#8). **No further maps were published.** **\$400**

THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY PHOTOGRAPHS, 1891-92

57 **[Elder Scientific Exploration Expedition]. [ELLIOT, Dr Frederick John]:** The Elder Scientific Exploration Expedition, 1891-2. Photographs [gilt cover title on a pair of matching albums]. [Adelaide, Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (South Australian Branch), 1893]. Oblong quarto, two volumes: FIRST (general) ALBUM – mounted printed index leaf plus 88 original albumen paper photographs (each plate approximately 132 x 200 mm, mounted one per page on each side of thick card leaves with numbered and printed captions below); SECOND (Aboriginal) ALBUM – mounted printed index leaf plus 36 original albumen paper photographs of Aborigines (each plate approximately 132 x 200 mm, mounted one per page on each side of thick card leaves with numbered and printed captions below). Matching original brown cloth albums ornately captioned in gilt on the front cover; a few leaves in the first album lack small corner pieces, but overall it is in excellent condition; the second album is in fine condition.

The Elder Expedition was the most ambitious and important of the late nineteenth-century expeditions; indeed, it 'has been described as the strongest and best equipped that has ever set out to explore the interior of Australia' (Peake-Jones: A Study of Incompatibles, 1991). Its stated aim was nothing less than 'that the exploration shall be as complete and exhaustive as possible, so that the information obtained may enable the whole of the blank spaces on the map of Australia be filled up in all important geographical aspects'. Those areas 'may be briefly described as the unexplored and unknown country in South Australia, the Northern Territory, and Western Australia, situated near as well as between the routes of previous Explorers Forrest, Giles, Warburton, and Gosse, within the fifteenth and thirtieth parallels of south latitude, comprising an area of about a million square miles' (Handbook of Instructions ... of the Elder Scientific Exploring Expedition, 1891). The expedition, led by David Lindsay, was organised by the South Australian Branch of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, and named after its instigator, Sir Thomas Elder, who provided for its entire cost. Less well known is the fact that it was the first expedition in Australia on which the camera was successfully used. Dr Frederick John Elliot (c.1855-1897), the expedition's medical officer, was also 'entrusted with the photographic apparatus to secure views of natural scenery illustrative of the geological and botanical features of the country; also portraits of the natives'. In spite of his proven ability, as evidenced in these albums, Elliot then effectively disappeared from the photographic history books. After spending several years as a medical practitioner in the South Australian country towns of Mt Barker and Petersburg (Peterborough), he went to West Africa and was a member of the Benin Expedition, the small armed force under Lieutenant James Phillips all but wiped out in January 1897 in the massacre that led to the destruction of the Kingdom of Benin. **Our research indicates that not more than 25 of the general albums were produced, and we have every reason to believe that the Aboriginal album was produced in a much smaller quantity. The Elder Expedition albums in any form are utterly rare on the open market, and we are aware of only three recorded sales (including this copy) of the general album and one of those comprised merely the second half of it. Known institutional holdings ensure that very few are left to be found. The Aboriginal album is essentially unique on the open market; indeed, most commentators until recently were ignorant of its very existence. The South Australian Branch of the Society has only an unbound set lacking plate 28; the South Australian Museum now has the Royal Society of South Australia's copy in its possession; other institutional holdings, while few and far between, account for the bulk of the very limited number produced. **To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time the pair of Elder Scientific Exploration Expedition albums, Aboriginal and general, have ever been offered for sale.** The general album comes from the collection of the Australian anthropologist and photographer Charles Percy Mountford (1890-1976), who later presented it 'with compliments to my friend and fellow wanderer Harold L. Sheard from C.P. Mountford. Dec. 1938'; Sheard's bookplate, and that of a subsequent owner, Rodney Davidson, are mounted inside the front cover. The Aboriginal album comes from the collection of William Birkinshaw Wilkinson (1854-1927), a long-serving member of the Council of the South Australian Branch of the Royal Geographical Society, a member of the Expedition Sub-Committee and one of the two men responsible for the selection of the images for the albums; his bookplate is mounted inside the front cover. **[These notes come from our much longer essay on the albums; copies are available.]** Ferguson 9409 and 9409a (recording only the 'Handbook of Instructions' and David Lindsay's published journal). **\$165000****

58 **FINNISS, Boyle Travers:** The Constitutional History of South Australia during Twenty-one Years from the Foundation of the Settlement in 1836 to the Inauguration of Responsible Government in 1857. Adelaide, Rigby, 1886. Octavo, xii, 610 pages. Original bright red cloth slightly marked and and very lightly sunned; endpapers offset; an excellent copy. The author was 'late Colonial Secretary of the Province, and First Chief Secretary under Responsible Government'. Ferguson 9610. **\$200**

RARE SURVIVOR FROM JAMES HURTLE FISHER'S LIBRARY

59 **[FISHER, James Hurtle]. A Cabinet of Portraits consisting of Distinguished Characters, British and Foreign:** accompanied with a Brief Memoir of each Person. London, William Darton, [circa 1825]. Octavo, xii, 64 pages plus 64 engraved portraits with tissue guards. Early gilt-decorated half calf and marbled papered boards a little rubbed and bumped at the extremities; corners and the rear leading edge a little worn; 'Vol III' label missing from the spine; occasional scattered foxing; a very good copy.

From the collection of James Hurtle Fisher, with his armorial bookplate on the pastedown and his signature in ink at the head of the engraved title page. Sir James Hurtle Fisher (1790-1875) 'was one of the most important pioneers of South Australia' (Australian Dictionary of Biography). He commenced practice as a solicitor in London in 1816 and 'was drawn into the colonizing movement in 1835.... [He] was selected as resident commissioner, one of the most important offices under the South Australian Act ... second only to the governor'. Fisher 'left England in July 1836 with the governor's party in the Buffalo, arriving on 28 December 1836 at Holdfast Bay, where the official oaths were administered, a proclamation was read and a ceremony marked the beginning of settlement. In January 1837 Fisher erected his reed hut and Land Office near the survey camp of Colonel William Light at the north-western corner of the new capital site; the destruction of these temporary buildings by fire on 23 January 1839 caused both men serious loss. Fisher had been allowed to draft his own instructions, which were not shown to Governor [Sir] John Hindmarsh. Disputes between the two men over their respective powers had begun on the voyage and were soon revived in the new Council of Government, and more violently outside, and led in February 1837 to the Resident Magistrate's Court binding the participants over to keep the peace towards each other.... The new governor, George Gawler, was appointed both governor and resident commissioner, a radical departure from the principles on which the colony had been founded'. Fisher returned to his profession, and became a leader of the South Australian Bar. In October 1840 he was elected first mayor of Adelaide; in 1860 he became the first resident South Australian to be knighted. The destructive fire referred to above is described in detail in the biography of Light (Dutton and Elder, 1991). Light was living 'in the wood and reed surveyor's hut alongside Fisher's equally combustible house in the parklands on North Terrace. In his own account, "... we discovered Fisher's house to be on fire. At the same time, the breeze freshening up, the destruction to both houses became inevitable. In less than ten minutes both houses were burnt to the ground, mine catching fire at the roof by a lighted piece from Fisher's. We saved nothing of value". Accordingly, personal mementoes such as this, presumably brought out by Fisher on the Buffalo, must be of the utmost rarity. **\$2500**

60 **FORSTER, Anthony:** South Australia. Its Progress and Prosperity. London, Sampson Low, Son, and Marston, 1866. Octavo, xii, 474, [2], 16 (catalogue) pages plus a folding hand-coloured frontispiece map (370 x 325 mm). Original blind-stamped dark green cloth slightly rubbed and bumped at the extremities and slightly worn at the head of the front hinge; map very slightly chipped on the two bottom corners (when folded), with two short tears expertly repaired; a very good copy (internally a fine uncut copy). The author was 'late Member of the Legislative Council at Adelaide' (from 1855 to 1864); he was also George Fife Angas's agent in SA from 1841 to 1844. **This copy comes from the collection of the South Australian historian and bibliographer Thomas Gill,** with his signature on the flyleaf and the first contents page, along with his attractive ownership stamp (based on the letter G). His collection was bequeathed to the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia, which later disposed of duplicates; this copy has the cancelled RGSSA stamp on the title page and the John Goodchild-designed Gill bequest bookplate on the front pastedown. Ferguson 9691 (not recording the map). **\$650**

PURCHASED AT GOVERNOR GAWLER'S FIRE SALE IN MAY 1841

61 **[GAWLER, George]. LESAGE, [Alain René]:** Histoire de Gil Blas de Santillane. Paris, Librairie de A. Pougin, 1837. Duodecimo, three volumes bound as one, viii, 233; iv, 220 and iv, 236 pages. Contemporary half calf and marbled papered boards; leather slightly rubbed and bumped, with slight wear to the corners and light tidemarks to the leather on the panels near the spine; marbled paper heavily rubbed and a little marked; light waterstain to the top left corner throughout the book, and to the top right corner of the front half, staining the leading edge a little; a very good copy.

*Inscribed in ink on an early binder's blank 'Bought at the sale / of Governor Gawler's effects / May 27, 1841. J F'. Unfortunately it is not James Hurtle Fisher – we have checked! There are approximately 40 male JFs in the 1841 South Australian census (and Fisher is not listed), and easily half as many women, so we leave the detective work to those with more spare time. A name on both the pastedown and front flyleaf has been blacked out at a very early stage; we suspect underneath the black ink it reads 'George Gawler' but again we leave the forensics to the experts. One thing we can say is that when Colonel George Gawler (1795-1869) was summarily dismissed from his post as South Australia's second governor on 11 May 1841 when Captain George Grey knocked on his door, he lost no time in clearing the decks. The Register of the following Saturday, 22 May, contains a large advertisement for a public sale to be conducted by the Adelaide Auction Company, acting 'under instructions from Colonel Gawler to sell ... on Wednesday next, at twelve precisely, his surplus Furniture and effects'. Before the 'very elegant and useful' carriage and 'A lot of pigs' but after the superb piano with 'extra set of Strings, Oilcloth Cover, Canterbury, Tuning Key and pair of elegant Music Stools', a pair of globes, 'iron bedsteads (brass ornaments) with mattress, bolster, and pillows' and '300 ounces of useful plate, in spoons, forks, fish slices, butter knives, teapots, ladles, &c.', there are 'About 200 volumes of books'. **This item is one of them.** Consult the Australian Dictionary of Biography for the potted history of Gawler's 31 months in South Australia, from his arrival in October 1838 with the task of rendering 'viable the experiment in systematic, self-supporting colonization' until he was abandoned as the scapegoat under 'the combined weight of outraged Wakefield theorists, commissioners anxious to whitewash themselves, and enemies of the colony'. He left Adelaide a month later on the Dumfries. **This small volume, with its curiously affecting inscription inserted on the day by someone with a sense of history in the making, is a wonderful footnote to the story.** **\$2500***

62 **GEE, Lionel C.E.:** Bush Tracks and Gold Fields. Reminiscences of Australia's 'Back of Beyond'. Foreword by F. Wood-Jones ... Adelaide, Preece, 1926. Octavo, viii, 109 pages plus 3 plates. Cloth very lightly flecked; endpapers offset; a fine copy with the dustwrapper slightly creased, marked, sunned and chipped with slight loss (including a few small spots of silverfish damage). The title page has been **signed by the author**, 'sometime South Australian Government Surveyor, Warden of Goldfields and Special Magistrate'. The book has much Aboriginal and north Australian content. **A print-run of a mere 300 copies has been established, and signed copies are scarce.** **\$250**

63 **GILL, S.T. and others:** 14 Views of Old Adelaide from Sketches in 1840-1849 by S.T. Gill, F.R. Nixon, S. Calvert and O. Korn. [Adelaide], E.S. Wigg, [1890]. Oblong quarto, [19] leaves, all rectos blank, comprising the gilt-pictorial title page (by E.C. May), 14 full-page tinted lithographic views with tissue-guards, the 3-page list of 181 subscribers and the key to plate 5 (between plates 4 and 5). Original gilt-decorated half maroon morocco and gilt-lettered brown cloth slightly rubbed at the extremities; plates a little foxed around the edges; an excellent copy. Ferguson 9924e (but we have seen any number of bindings identical to ours, and none as described by Ferguson). He also states that 'The Mitchell Library copy has a pencil note: 200 printed, in George Robertson's hand-writing'. In spite of this comment, and the 181 subscribers' names, in our experience the book is not as rare as these figures would suggest. The fact that this item is essentially the same as Ferguson 9807, with the Galbraith imprint under the gold blocking carrying the Wigg imprint, and the Wigg binder's label on the rear pastedown, leads us to suspect that the answer has something to do with this change of publisher after the book was printed. Correspondence on this matter is invited ... **\$1650**

64 **GILL, Thomas:** Bibliography of South Australia. Adelaide, Government Printer, 1886. Octavo, [ii], 118 pages with an attractive lithographed pictorial title page (signed 'Leo'). Original mustard-yellow cloth with black lettering and decorative borders; cloth very lightly marked and flecked; endpapers offset; an excellent copy (essentially unused). **Inscribed to 'His Honor [sic] Mr Justice Boucaut, from the compiler, Adelaide 18th May 1886'.** Sir James Penn Boucaut (1831-1916) was twice Premier of South Australia and for 27 years a Supreme Court judge. The work was prepared for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London in 1886; it includes an eight-page bibliography of the Northern Territory (plus extra material in the appendix). Ferguson 9925. **\$250**

65 **GILL, Thomas:** A Biographical Sketch of Colonel William Light, the Founder of Adelaide and the First Surveyor-General of the Province of South Australia. Compiled from various sources by Thomas Gill ... Enlarged edition, with portraits, maps, illustrations, and facsimiles. Also, a supplement containing a facsimile reprint of Col. Light's Brief Journal, and his reasons for

fixing the City of Adelaide where it is. Adelaide, Royal Geographical Society of South Australia, 1911. Octavo, [viii], 108, [vi], 84 pages plus 18 plates, 2 folding maps and 2 folding facsimile documents. Attractive gilt-pictorial full red roan very slightly rubbed at the extremities and along sections of the rear hinge; spine lightly sunned and marked, with a tiny nick to the head; top edge gilt, others uncut; the inside margin of one folding map slightly creased; silk marker-ribbon still attached; an excellent copy. **Number 79 of only 200 copies numbered and signed by Thomas Gill. This is a deluxe, enlarged edition** of an item first published as the Supplement to Volume 11 of the Proceedings of the RGSSA in the same year. The extra material includes text, maps and facsimile documents. This copy has the ownership signature of Will J. Sowden (dated 20 August 1912) at the head of the title page, and loosely inserted is his original purchase receipt for this copy from the RGSSA, dated 20 August 1912. Tipped onto the verso of the front flyleaf is a **vintage gelatin silver photograph** (106 x 151 mm) inscribed in pencil on the verso: 'House occupied or owned by Colonel Light at Thebarton in early days of the colony'. The building was demolished in 1926 to make way for a factory. **\$700**

66 **GILL, Thomas:** A Biographical Sketch of Colonel William Light, the Founder of Adelaide and the First Surveyor-General of the Province of South Australia. Compiled from various sources by Thomas Gill ... Enlarged edition, with portraits, maps, illustrations, and facsimiles. Also, a supplement containing a facsimile reprint of Col. Light's Brief Journal, and his reasons for fixing the City of Adelaide where it is. Adelaide, Royal Geographical Society of South Australia, 1911. Octavo, [viii], 108, [vi], 84 pages plus 18 plates, 2 folding maps and 2 folding facsimile documents. Attractive gilt-pictorial vellum with minimal (and barely noticeable) silverfish nibbling near the edges; top edge gilt, others uncut; minor creases to a few inside margins of the folding maps and facsimiles; silk marker-ribbon still present but detached; an excellent copy. **Number 151 of only 200 copies numbered and signed by Thomas Gill. This is a deluxe, enlarged edition** of a item first published as the Supplement to Volume 11 of the Proceedings of the RGSSA in the same year. The extra material includes text, maps and facsimile documents. **\$600**

67 **GILL, Thomas:** A Brief Sketch of the Coinage and Paper Currency of South Australia. With Facsimile Illustrations of the First Currency Notes, and other interesting Documents, including Reprints of the Historic 'Bullion' and 'Gold Token' Acts, of 1852.... Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, South Australian Branch. Adelaide, Vardon & Sons, Printers [for the RGSSA], 1912. Octavo, [viii], 101 pages plus 22 plates (one folding), 2 folding facsimile documents (8 and 4 pages respectively), a folding map and a tipped-in errata slip. Original half black leather and dark green cloth; leather a little rubbed at the extremities, cloth slightly flecked and scuffed; endpapers a little discoloured at the corners by the leather turn-ins; minor silverfish nibbling to the rear endpaper; an excellent copy **inscribed at the head of the title page by the author to E.W. Hawker, East Bungaree**. Loosely inserted is the illustrated front panel of a mailing cover (wrapped around a periodical when posted, for example) from George Collingridge's Jave-la-Grande Library, addressed to Gill; the two NSW centenary one penny stamps on it are postmarked 1893. **\$250**

68 **GILL, Thomas:** A Cruise in the SS *Governor Musgrave* among the Islands in Spencer's Gulf, January 1907. Adelaide, J.L. Bonython and Co., *The Advertiser* Office, 1909 [Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Royal Geographic Society of Australasia, South Australian Branch', Volume 10, 1907-8]. Octavo, viii, 162 pages with 52 plates (19 unnumbered) and 2 folding maps. Full red morocco (with a contrasting leather titling-label on the front cover) retaining the original front wrapper (with a reproduction of the title page illustration of the *Governor Musgrave* mounted on it); leather slightly rubbed at the extremities, with trifling loss to the head of the spine; an excellent copy (internally very fine). 'Notes on the Physical Geography and Early History of Kangaroo Island and some of the Islands in Spencer's Gulf. Also Reports on Ornithology, Botany, Geology, and on the Aborigines of the Localities visited by Scientists and others in the SS *Governor Musgrave* in January 1907.' **Inscribed to 'Arthur Searcy Esqre. JP with kind regards from Thomas Gill 17.9.09'** at the head of the title page – from one local worthy to another. **\$550**

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72 **GOUGER, Robert:** South Australia in 1837, in a Series of Letters. With a Postscript as to 1838. London, Harvey and Darton, 1838 [first edition]. Duodecimo, viii, 136 pages. Original blind-stamped dark green cloth; edges lightly foxed; trifling surface

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78 **[HAMILTON, George]:** Experiences of a Colonist Forty Years Ago, and A Journey from Port Phillip to South Australia in 1839. By an Old Hand. Adelaide, Frearson and Brother, Printers, 1879 [first edition]. Octavo, [ii], 64 (last blank), [3]-59 pages plus 6 full-page wood engravings and an errata slip tipped in at the rear. Original bright green blind-stamped cloth very lightly marked and flecked, and slightly rubbed and bumped at the extremities; endpapers offset; small light mark to the leading edge; an excellent copy with the small name-stamp of Arthur W. Piper on the front pastedown. Arthur William Piper (1865-1936) was a South Australian Supreme Court judge. **The illustrations are based on drawings by Hamilton; he contributed similar sketches to the published journals of Grey and Eyre.** An enlarged second edition appeared the following year, with extra text ('A Voyage from Port Phillip to Adelaide in 1846') and with three albumen paper photographs (of five of the six original drawings) replacing the wood engravings. Ferguson 10183 (hopelessly wrong regarding the pagination and the illustrations). **\$1650**

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