

Early descriptions of South Australia

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The following lists of sources are designed to assist authors and researchers to locate useful background material on South Australia. The nineteenth-century list was carefully chosen to include what I believe to be the most useful works. Note, however, that they cover the whole State and hence many localities receive only a few lines, and some none at all.

The regional listing is not comprehensive, but comprises a selection of less widely known pamphlets and books. The majority of these works can only be consulted in the Mortlock Library of South Australiana. Brackets around an author's name indicate that author-ship has been attributed. An asterisk denotes a work containing substantial historical as well as descriptive material.

These lists formed the basis for the chapter entitled "Bibliography of Descriptive Works" in Andrew Peake's *Sources for South Australian History* (Tudor Australia Press, Adelaide, 2nd edition, 1998), although some of the citations here are a little fuller and the sizes of the regional works are indicated.

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- 1839 R. Gouger: **South Australia in 1837** London [Facsimile edition 1962]
1839* [J. Stephens]: **The Land of Promise** London [Facsimile edition 1988]
1843* J. F. Bennett: **Historical and Descriptive Account of South Australia** London & Edinburgh
1846* F. Dutton: **South Australia and its Mines** London [Facsimile edition 1978]
1847 G.F. Angas: **Savage Life and Scenes in Australia and New Zealand** London [Facsimile edition 1969]
1848 W.B. Wilkinson: **South Australia: Its Advantages and Resources** London [Facsimile edition 1983]
1849 W.B. Wilkinson: **The Working Man's Hand-book to South Australia** London [Facsimile edition 1962]
1849 C. Sturt: 'An Account of the Sea Coast and Interior of South Australia' in C. Sturt: **Narrative of an Expedition into Central Australia** Vol. 2. London. Also reproduced in C. Sturt: **Journal of the Central Australian Expedition 1844-1845** London, 1984.
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1858 [F. Algar]: **A Handbook to the Colony of South Australia** by the Editor of the *Australian and New Zealand Gazette*, London [Facsimile edition 1981]
1862 F. Sinnett: **An Account of the Colony of South Australia** Adelaide [Facsimile edition 1979]
1862 R. Harrison: **Colonial Sketches** London [Facsimile edition 1978]
1862 W.R.H. Jessop: **Flindersland and Sturtland** London
1866* A. Forster: **South Australia, Its Progress and Prosperity** London
1866 R.P. Whitworth: **Bailliere's South Australian Gazeteer and Road Guide** Adelaide [Facsimile edition 1991]
1875 R. & F. Hill: **What We Saw in Australia** London
1876* W. Harcus (ed.): **South Australia, Its History, Resources and Productions** London
1883* J.P. Stow: **South Australia: Its History, Productions and Natural Resources** Adelaide [2nd considerably expanded edition, 1884]
1886 J.F. Conigrave: **South Australia: A Sketch of Its History and Resources** Adelaide
1887 H.J. Scott: **South Australia in 1887** Adelaide
1890* W.F. Morrison: **The Aldine History of South Australia** Sydney & Adelaide
1890* J. Smillie (pub.): **Descriptive Australia and Federal Guide** Extended edition, Adelaide
1893* E. Hodder: **The History of South Australia** London
1894* J.D. Woods **The Province of South Australia** Adelaide
1894 [W.E. Ford?]: **Ford's York Hotel Guide to Adelaide, South Australia and Broken Hill, N.S.W.** Adelaide

REGIONAL DESCRIPTIVE WORKS

- Agricola: **Description of the Barossa Range and its Neighbourhood, in South Australia** London, 1849. 19 pp. [Facsimile edition 1979]
J. Allen: **Journal of an Experimental Trip by the *Lady Augusta*, on the River Murray** Adelaide, 1853. 86 pp. [Facsimile edition 1976]
Barossa News Ltd: **The Barossa District** Angaston & Tanunda, 1911. 120 pp. [Facsimile edition 1983]
W.H. Bunday: **A Winter Cruise on Australia's Great Waterway, and what I saw at Mildura** Adelaide, 1890. 24 pp. [J.L. Dow?]: **Agriculture in South Australia** by the Special Reporter of the *Leader*. Reprinted from the *Leader*. Melbourne & Adelaide, c. 1874. 59 pp.
E.H. Hallack: **Our Townships, Farms, and Home-steads, Southern District of South Australia** Comprising a series

of 25 articles written for the *South Australian Register* and *Adelaide Observer* Adelaide, 1892. 101 pp.

E.H. Hallack: **Toilers of the Hills** Norton Summit, 1987. [Originally published in 1893 as a series of articles in the *Adelaide Observer* under the pseudonym 'A Native'] 193 pp.

A. Kinloch: **The Murray River: being a Journal of the Voyage of the *Lady Augusta* Steamer from the Goolwa, in South Australia, to Gannawarra, above Swan Hill, Victoria, a distance from the sea mouth of 1,400 miles** Adelaide, 1853. 46 pp. [Facsimile edition 1997]

Mail Newspapers Ltd: **Industries of the South-East of South Australia** Adelaide, 1930? 224 pp.

J.R. Murif: **From Ocean to Ocean. Across a continent on a bicycle. An account of a solitary ride from Adelaide to Port Darwin.** Adelaide, 1897. 192 pp.

H. Paltridge: **Diary of a Visit to Port Lincoln, Streaky Bay, and Gawler Ranges** Reprinted from the *Mount Barker Courier*, March-April 1882. Mt. Barker, 1899.

E.W. Parish: **The Real West Coast** Adelaide, 1906. 46 pp.

[C. Proud]: **The Murray and Darling Trade in 1883** Being a series of articles written by a special reporter of the *South Australian Register* and *Adelaide Observer* and reprinted from those papers. Adelaide, 1883. 33 pp.

[C. Proud]: **The South-Eastern District of South Australia in 1880** Being a series of articles written by a special reporter of the *South Australian Register*, and reprinted from that paper, with an official map of the district. Adelaide, 1881. 67 pp.

J.E. Robertson: **The Delightful South-East** Adelaide, 1908. 66 pp.

[G. Sutherland]: **Our Inheritance in the Hills** Being a series of articles by a special correspondent. Reprinted from the *South Australian Register*, *Adelaide Observer* and *Evening Journal*. Adelaide, 1889. 65 pp. [Facsimile edition 1978]

The Critic: **The Land of the Golden Grain** Souvenir, Pinnaroo, Lameroo and Parilla. The New Wheat-growing Districts of South Australia. 1911. 71pp. [Facsimile edition 1982]

E. Ward: **The South-Eastern District of South Australia: Its Resources and Requirements** Reprinted with emendations and additions from letters written expressly for the *South Australian Advertiser and Weekly Chronicle* and *Mail* newspapers. Adelaide, 1869. 95 pp. + 64 pp. of advertisements.

E. Ward: **The Vineyards and Orchards of South Australia** Being a series of articles written expressly for the *South Australian Advertiser and Weekly Chronicle* and now reprinted from those journals. Adelaide, 1862. 78pp. [Facsimile edition 1979]

E. Whittington: **The South Australian Vintage 1903** Adelaide, 1903. [Originally published as a series of articles in the *Register*] 74 pp. [Facsimile edition 1997]

E. Whittington: **The Story of the Drought through the North and North-East** Reprinted from the *South Australian Register*. Adelaide, 1897. 33 pp.

J.G. Wilson: **Southern and Central Yorke Peninsula** Adelaide, 1909? 32 pp.

E.M. Yelland (ed.): **Colonists, Copper and Corn in the Colony of South Australia 1850-51** Melbourne, 1970. [A compilation of a series of articles by 'Old Colonist' which originally appeared in the *South Australian Register* in 1851 as 'Sketches of the Present State of the Colony of South Australia'] 212 pp.

O.L. Ziegler: **Review of the Lower North of South Australia** Illustrating and Describing the Industries, Business Establishments and Agricultural Holdings of the following Towns: Smithfield, Gawler, Sandy Creek, Angle Vale, Roseworthy, Wasleys, Reeves Plains, Hamley Bridge, Stockport, Tarlee, Giles Corner, Salters Springs, Riverton, Rhynie, Alma, Barabba, Owen, Two Wells, Virginia, Bolivar and Surrounding Districts. Adelaide, 1928. 172 pp.

O. L. Ziegler: **Vines and Orchards of the Garden State: South Australia's fruit growing industry** Adelaide, 1929. 271 pp.

O. Ziegler (pub.): **Souvenir of Berri, Lyrup and Waikerie** Adelaide, 1921. Unpaged.

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O. Ziegler (pub.): **Souvenir of Yorke Peninsula** Embodying Maitland, Curramulka, Ardrossan, Port Vincent, Kilkerran, Stansbury, Port Victoria, Yorketown, Minlaton, Edithburgh and their environs. Adelaide, 1921. 184 pp.

O. Ziegler (pub.): **Souvenir of the Nearer South-East of South Australia** Embodying Bletchley, Murray Bridge, Monarto and Monarto-South, Palmer, Woodchester, Callington, Mannum, Mt. Barker, Strathalbyn, Mount Pleasant, and environs: the garden of agriculture, grazing, dairying, etc. Adelaide, 1924. 110 pp.