

[Commonplace Book] Volume 1

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Comprised of loose inserts, mounted letters, notes and newspaper cuttings, arranged alphabetically. A summary of the contents is as follows:

- Adelaide Steam ships
- Articles and notes on Apples
- Horse Racing
 - Adelaide Racing Club balance sheets, revenue and expenditures 1901
 - Melbourne Cup
- Notes on general finances, costs and payments
- Articles on deaths of prominent individuals and their wills including: Rev. George Clazy, Louisa Da Costa, C.G. Hawker, David Murray
- Early South Australia
- Lists of Birthdays and gifts
- List of 'The children of Robert and Joanna Barr Smith' (typed with some handwritten annotations)
- Trade of butter
- Wines (Australian and Overseas)
- Notes on livestock, finances, staffing and land for various stations, including:
 - Cowra (predominately cattle)
 - Wellington
 - Delta
 - Yalata, Fowler's Bay
 - 'Rainfall for 15 years'
 - 'extract from letter from G.W. Murray Fowler's Bay dated 26th October 1889
 - 'Sheep shorn by people who took up blocks of Fowler's Bay Country', 1898.
- 'List of shareholders' for unidentified company, 1885
- Notes of leases and estates
- Handwritten notes and sketches for drains and pipes
- 'List of Plates and Dies in N & A Possession'. [Nissan and Arnold, London], 1885
- 'Effects of Drought on some stations' [undated]
- Notes on Sir Thomas Elder's estates
- Elder Music Scholarships
- Articles and notes on public education
- Foals, studs, horses. Includes
 - Records of horses, 1884
 - Disposition of horses , 1883
 - Horses, 1885
- 'Free trade association, list of books sent by me'
- Articles on Federal elections, 1901
- Hunt Club Luncheon, lists of
 - Those who accepted and came
 - Those who accepted and did not come but apologised
 - Those who accepted and did not come and did not apologise
 - Those who declined

- Notes on various syndicates
- Sketches and plans of hot water installation at Torrens Park
- Religion
- Articles and notes and letters on Mount Kosciusko
- Photographs of Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland captioned:
 - (A) My father's church (B) The [illegible] church where I was schooled
 - The house in which I was born, 1824
 - The house in which my mother died, 8th May 1881
- Lands and estates, pastoral development
- Letter to Robert Barr Smith from William Boothby, 1891.
- Articles on Millionaires and wealth
- 'Old People'
- South Australian Railways
- Russia
- 'Statement of my shares,' 1885
- South Australian Company
- Voyage to England, 1883-4
- Torrens Park, buildings, modifications, gardens, trees, wines in cellar, water conservation etc
- Wool clips, comparisons, 1895
- Sir Samuel James Way
- List of Wool Importers