

Transcribing the Past for the Future

Reimagining South Australia's 1894 Women's Suffrage
Petition to Parliament as an Interactive Public Resource

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**Parliament of
South Australia**

The Petition

PETITION.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly of South Australia, in Parliament assembled :

The Petition of the undersigned Adult Residents in the Province of South Australia, humbly sheweth :—

I. That your petitioners are convinced of the absolute justice of giving Women the Franchise for the Houses of Parliament, on the same terms as it is now, or may hereafter be granted to men.

II. They therefore respectfully pray that the necessary Legislation may be passed by your Honorable House with the least possible delay.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

NAME.

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1 Jessie Holt
2 Mable L. Watson
3 M. P. H. H. H.
4 Sarah Connor
5 Emily Clark

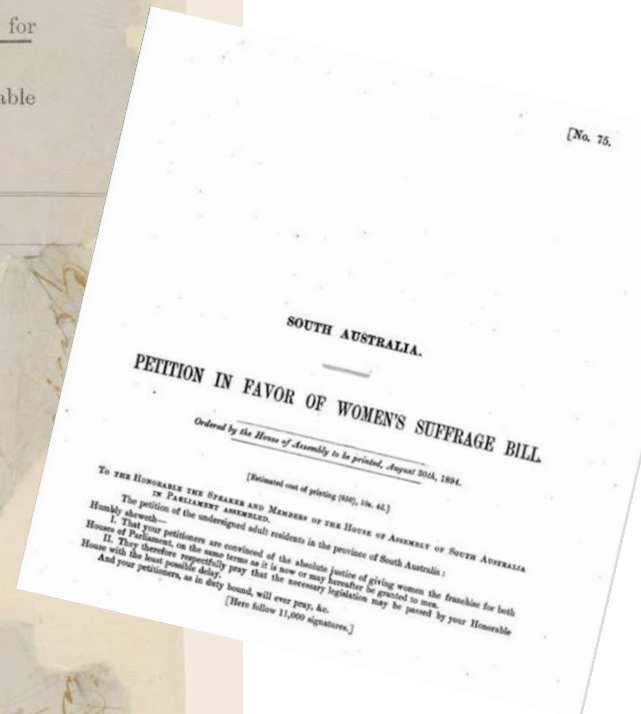
6 Alice Dalrymple
7 Ellen Rickman

8 Mabel H. H.
9 Sarah Field
10 Annie Field
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Ginger Street

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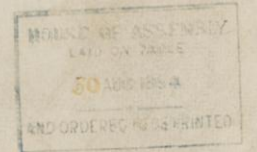


Petition No. 38

from 11000 persons
in favor of Women's
Suffrage (Constitution
Bill)

presented by
Hon. G. H. H.

23rd August 1894



Richard H. H.

2006
signatures
also
Riddoch

House of Assembly
The Honorable the ~~Legislative Council~~ of the Province
of South Australia in Parliament assembled.

*Bill for an Act to amend the
Constitution extending the franchise
to Women*
HUMBLY SHEWETH,
That your Petitioners are opposed to the passing of the "Adult Suffrage Bill," for
the following reasons:—

- 1st. Because the suffrage is to be regarded, not as a privilege to be enjoyed, but as a duty to be performed, which duty we do not want thrust upon us.
- 2nd. Because the household, not the individual, is the unit of the State, and the vast majority of women are represented by household suffrage.
- 3rd. Because the duties and life of men and women are divinely ordered to be different both in the State and in the home.
- 4th. Because the energies of women are engrossed by their present duties and interests from which men cannot relieve them.
- 5th. Because political equality will deprive women of special privileges hitherto enjoyed by the sex.
- 6th. Because suffrage logically involves the holding of public office, which is inconsistent with the duties of most women.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honorable House will not pass this measure.
And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

NAME.

ADDRESS.

NAME.

Petition No 104

*From 2006 Women
of South Australia*

*Against the Proposed
Suffrage Bill*

*Presented by
Mr. Riddoch*

8th November 1894

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

8 NOV 1894

LAID ON TABLE

*14th Report of Printing Committee
to order made
28/11/94*

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

PETITION AGAINST WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.

Ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, August 30th, 1894.

[Estimated cost of printing (600), 11s. 10d.]

THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The petition of the undersigned women of South Australia:

Humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners are opposed to the passing of the Bill for an Act to amend the Constitution for the following reasons:—

- 1st. Because the suffrage is to be regarded not as a privilege to be enjoyed, but as a duty to be performed, which duty we do not want thrust upon us.
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[Here follow forty-three signatures.]

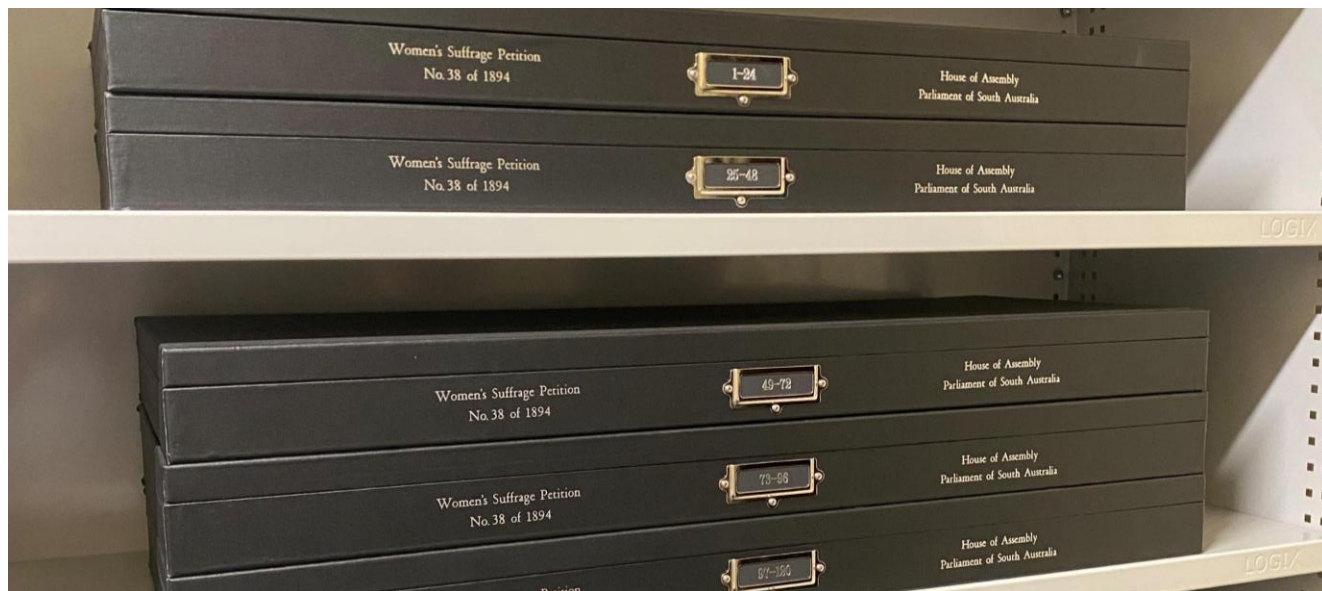
43 Signatures

Replica of how it was received

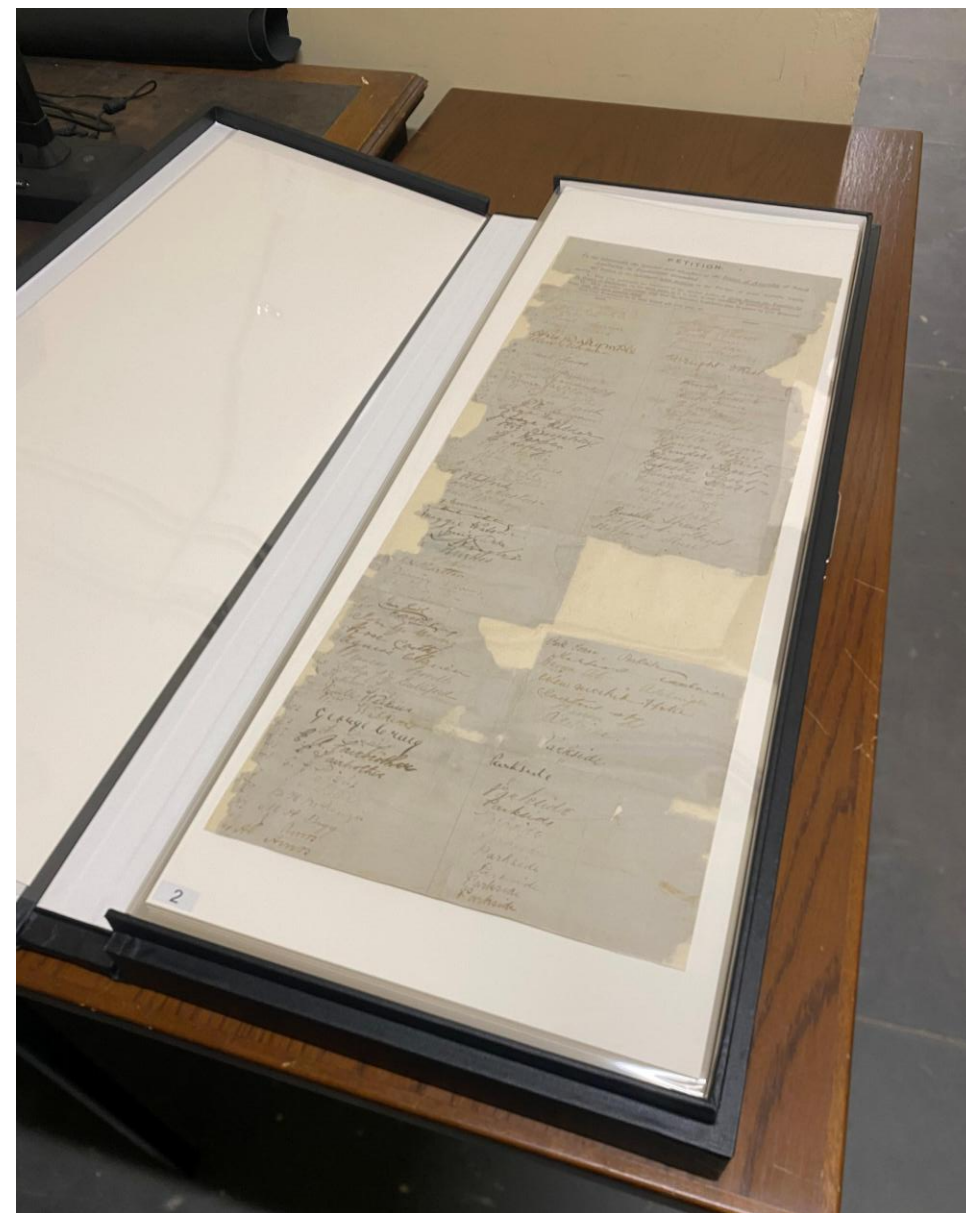
The largest petition in favour of suffrage was presented in 1894 and has 10,656 signatures (we know, we just counted them!).

It is a popular document with large public interest.





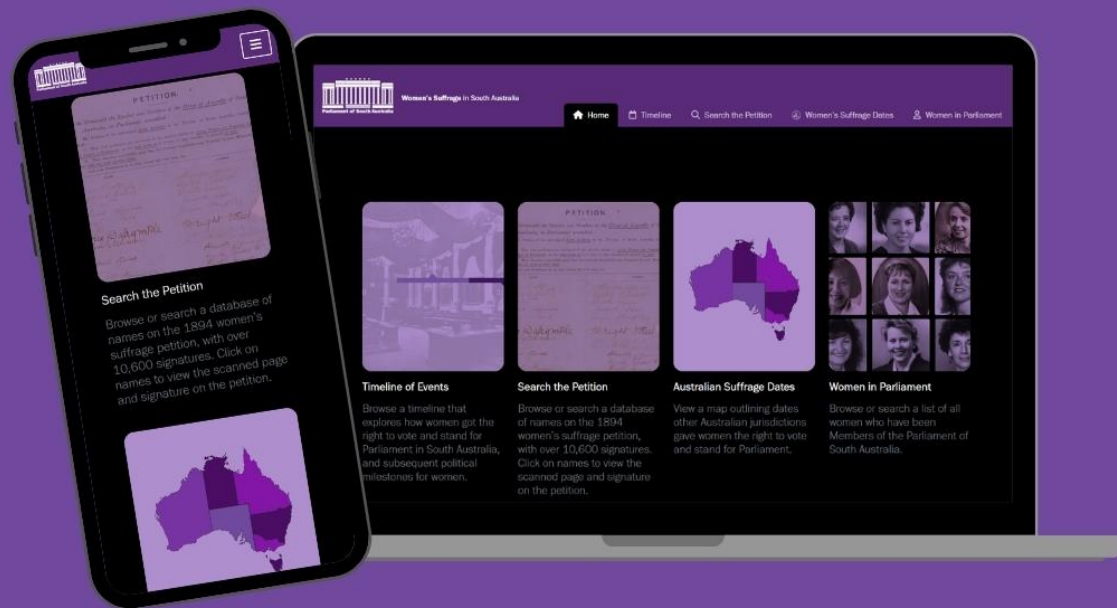
The pages are currently stored in secure custom-made boxes



While Victoria has a beautiful statue to commemorate their women's suffrage petition, we had to get creative here in South Australia!

Replica of the hundred metre scroll





Final display and product:
suffrage.parliament.sa.gov.au

How it started ...

- Honour the 1894 women's suffrage petition
- Re-paginate the digital scanned pages to make the petition index in the original order
- Public engagement opportunity
- Education Office + Committees Office (1+4=5)
- Create a searchable, interactive database for public use (available online + kiosk in-house)

Microfilm

Special List

GRG92/5

Women's Suffrage Petition, 1894 (master photocopy)

Arranged alphabetically by surname.

The Women's Suffrage Petition was signed by over 10,600 South Australians asking for women to be given franchise for both houses of Parliament on the same terms as men. It was presented to the Parliament by the then Member for North Adelaide, the Hon. George Hawker in August 1894.

The original petition is held by the House of Assembly, Parliament of South Australia.

A photocopy of this record can be accessed through the Research Centre - see two large bound purple books.

The page number in this list relates to a microfilm copy. To find the signature in the purple book in the Research Centre, use the key in the front of the book or at the end of this document.

A copy of this list is also being promoted through the Centre of Democracy's website <http://centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au/suffrage125/>. You can search the petition by name, occupation, township, etc.

Agency responsible: State Records of South Australia

Access Determination: Open

Note: While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of special lists, some errors may have occurred during the transcription and conversion processes. It is best to both search and browse the lists as surnames and first names may also have been recorded in the registers using a range of spellings. Please advise State Records if you discover any errors in this list.

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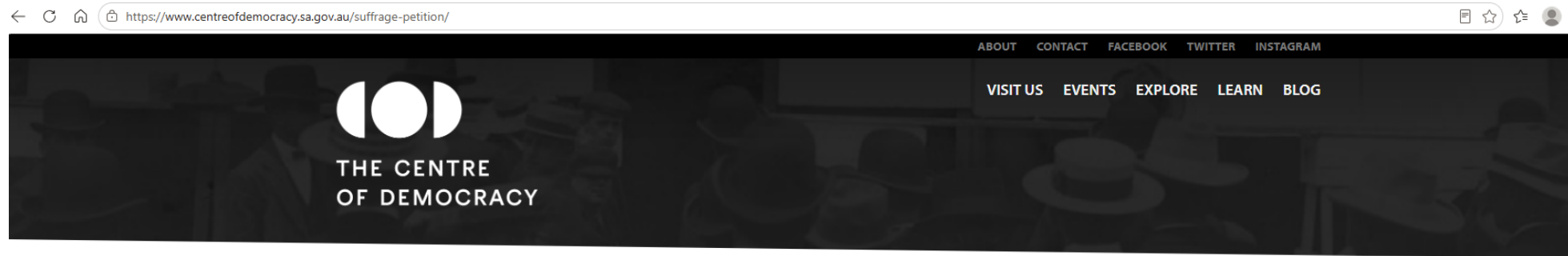


Government of South Australia
State Records

GRG92/5 Women's Suffrage Petition 1894 (Master photocopy)

Surname	Given names & titles	Address	Occupation	Microfilm Page
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[Illegible]	-	-	-	9
[Illegible]	-	Magill	-	10
[Illegible]	-	Murray Park	-	10
[Illegible]	-	Essex Street	-	14
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[Illegible]	-	Gouger Street, Adelaide	-	93
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[Illegible]	-	Ovingham	-	146
[Illegible]	-	Quorn	-	179
[Illegible]	-	[Illegible]	-	183
[Illegible]	H.F.	Whitmore Square, Adelaide	-	127
[Illegible]	Henry H	Stirling West	-	67
[Illegible]	Joseph	[Illegible]	-	150
[Illegible]	L	Thebarton	-	99
[Illegible]	Lucien	Adelaide	-	5
[Illegible]	Miss	Torquay St, Glenelg	-	25
[Illegible]	Walter	Brown Street, Adelaide	-	122
[Illegible]	William	Unley	-	148
[Illegible] ...ARDS	-	Carrington Street, Adelaide	-	121
ABBOT	J.	Dalrymple	-	151
ABBOTT	Eliza Jane	Stirling East	-	163
ABBOTT	M	Port Augusta	-	139
ABBOTT	Mrs J.	Gilles Street, Adelaide	-	4
ABBOTT	T.	Stirling East	-	163
ABERNETHY	Annie	Private Hospital, Wakefield St, Adelaide	-	11
ABERNETHY	R.	Port Augusta West	-	138
ABRAHAM	Florence	Pulteney St., Adelaide	-	162
ABRAHAM	Mary	-	-	94
ABSLOM	K. Mrs	Southwark	-	101
ACKLAND	Edith M.	Medindie	-	99
ACKLAND	J.B.	Medindie	-	99
ADAMS	A.C.	Parkside	-	4
ADAMS	Charles	Redruth	-	54
ADAMS	E.	Meadows	-	69
ADAMS	F.	Petersville	-	69
ADAMS	Fanny	Port Pirie	-	189
ADAMS	G.	Naracoorte	-	72
ADAMS	H.R.	Meadows	-	69
ADAMS	Henry	Moonta Mines	-	54
ADAMS	J	McLaren Street, Adelaide	-	118
ADAMS	J. [Jane]	Strathalbyn	-	65
ADAMS	J.A.	Naracoorte	-	76
ADAMS	Jane	New Glenelg	-	25
ADAMS	Jane	Moonta Mines	-	54
ADAMS	L.	Yatala	-	172
ADAMS	L.	Magill Road, St Peters	-	178
ADAMS	M.	Quorn	-	179
ADAMS	M.A.	Redruth	-	54
ADAMS	Mary	Lyndoch	-	77
ADAMS	Mr James	Gawler South	-	28
ADAMS	Mrs James	Gawler South	-	28
ADAMS	Priscilla	Naracoorte	-	72
ADAMS	R.	Ethel St., Goodwood West	-	178
ADAMS	S.H.	Glanville	-	173
ADAMS	T.	Moonta Mines	-	54
ADAMS	T.E. [Thomas Edwin]	Strathalbyn	-	65
ADAMSON	Anne	Malvern	-	82
ADAMSON	J.B.	Malvern	-	82
ADAMSON	L.	Malvern	-	82
ADCOCK	A.B.	Adam St, Hindmarsh	-	105
ADCOCK	Edward B.	Wellington Road, Maylands	-	169
ADCOCK	Elizabeth	Adam Street, Hindmarsh	-	105
ADCOCK	J.J.	Wellington Road, Maylands	-	115
ADDISON	G.C.	Port Augusta	-	163
ADDISON	James	Andamooka	-	130
ADDISON	James Mrs.	Andamooka	-	130
ADDISON	M.	Portland Ward	-	112
ADEY	M.B.	Hutt St, Adelaide	-	120

Search the Women's Suffrage Petition (1894) | Centre of Democracy



Search the Women's Suffrage Petition (1894)

On 23 August 1894 George Hawker, member for North Adelaide, presented to the South Australian House of Assembly a petition in favour of women's suffrage. It was signed by approximately 11,600 men and women. Members of the Women's Suffrage League, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the Working Women's Trade Union were primarily responsible for collecting the signatures from metropolitan and country areas.

The original petition (all 30m of it) is held by the House of Assembly, Parliament of South Australia. A sample page can be seen on display in the Centre of Democracy.

A transcription project was undertaken by State Records of South Australia in 1994. Due to the age and size of the petition some names were illegible and unable to be transcribed accurately (indicated by a '?'). Others are absent from the transcription, leaving a discrepancy of some 1300 records. State Records made every effort to identify names against a series of relevant primary sources.

In January 2019 the History Trust of South Australia developed a dataset and searchable database from the State Records transcription project. The dataset has since been enhanced with geo-coordinates and we are experimenting with different representations of the data [here](#).



You can use the search box to search the petitions using name or address. Click [here](#) to clear the search filter.

Show 25 entries

Search:

Surname	Givenname	Building/House	Street	Town	Occupation	Gender	Page
ABBOT	J.			Dalrymple			122
ABBOTT	Eliza Jane			Stirling East		F	132
ABBOTT	M			Port Augusta			113
ABBOTT	Mrs J.		Gilles Street	Adelaide		F	3



Process

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52 Henry B. Milne
53 Edw. Grimes
54 M. d. Lloyd
55 Mary Ann Hocking
56 Mary Knight
57 Julia Williams
58 James Knight
59 Hannah Marshall
60 Elizabeth Buck
61 Joseph Proctor
62 Charles Johnson
63 John W. Hartor
64 Isaac Kane. Wharton
65 Nellie Gay
66 Theresa Gay
67 Elizabeth Rogers
68 W. F. Leach
69 John Lockman
70 Thomas Turner
71 Michael Nicass
72 Elizabeth Nicass
73 Fanny Coppins
74 Coppins
75 W. W. Lam Fooks
76 C. S. Danderson
77 Mary Ann Platt
78 John Platt
79 W. F. Knight
80 Rebecca Martin

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- 191 scanned pages (156 pages in the State Records microfilm pages)
- Average was 55 signatures per scanned page
- Largest number of signatures on a page was 80

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NAME	ADDRESS
22 Mary. Cooper	Semaphore Road
23 Arch. Bond	Semaphore
24 Robert Jones	Semaphore Road Glamville
25 J. Caplan	Semaphore Road Glamville
26 W. G. G. G. G.	Semaphore Road Glamville
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30 J. G. G. G.	Semaphore Road Glamville
31 Daniel. Mc	Semaphore Road Glamville
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3	2	2	WATSON		Isabel L.		Hurtle Square				1 002
4	3	3	GLALER [SLATER]		W.		Hurtle Square				1 002
5	4	4	CONNOR		Sarah		Gouger Street				1 002
6	5	5	CLARK		Emily		Gouger Street				1 002
7	6	6	COLE		Rose		Gouger Street				1 002
8	7	7	DALRYMPLE		Alice		Wright Street				1 002
9	8	8	AIKMAN		Ellen						1 002
10	9	9	HAILES		Agnes		King William Street South				1 002
11	10	10	FIELD		Sarah		Hurtle Square West				1 002

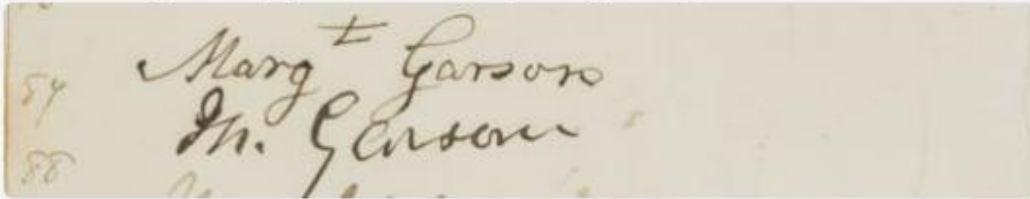
10636	10635	46	OSBORNE	Mrs				Millicent		156	191
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10638	10637	48	SERLE		Lydia			Honey Suckle Ford		156	191
10639	10638	49	WILLIAMS		M.			Millicent		156	191
10640	10639	50	WILLIAMS		M.			Millicent		156	191
10641	10640	51	WILLIAMS		W.J.			Millicent		156	191
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Abbreviation Queries

Smith, Evan 16/01 3:38 pm

ES

With the entry 22 on page 119, are we deciphering the top or bottom name?



Zweck, Jonathan 16/01 3:41 pm

JZ

The top one. Shortening on manuscript but records have printed full name



Margt [Margeret]

Smith, Evan 9/12/2025 10:36 am

ES

Hello Nat, when there is a first name in square brackets in the spreadsheet, but only an initial or shortening in the original record, should we flag this? How did SRSA determine these? Do we know?

Badcock, Natalie 9/12/2025 10:59 am

ES

State records told me that the square brackets are for searching purposes - e.g. Geo. [George] is to help people who enter "George" in the search field

The square brackets indicates information that is not on the original record

No need to flag these entries, as the square bracket info is additional. If you think the square bracket info is wrong, then you can make a note of that!

Zweck, Jonathan 9/12/2025 11:03 am

JZ

Thanks Nat. Another questions about detail, would you like us to note is addresses are inconsistent. For example if state records have added the suburb when it's not provided on the manuscript?

Smith, Evan 9/12/2025 11:05 am

ES

Thanks Nat. I am wondering how SRSA determined these. There is 'I.' in original record but square bracket says 'Ida'. Not important for the task at hand, but historians must know lol!

Badcock, Natalie 9/12/2025 11:09 am

ES

Zweck, Jonathan 9/12/2025 11:03 am

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That is interesting - on the earlier pages the address was only there if it was physically written on the page or if " had been used. I hope this isn't a cell sorting issue 🤔 If you think there is a major discrepancy, enter a note in and mark up as yellow

Smith, Evan 9/12/2025 11:05 am

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Some people contacted state records and gave them the info over the years! Or they had a profile about a person who lived at that address



Including style guide to assist

Column	Rule	Example(s)
Surname	All caps ex. for Mc or Mac	SMITH McDONALD
Given name	<p>Name written in full, sentence case</p> <p>Full stops after any initials</p> <p>No space between each initial</p> <p>No full stops on honorifics ex. Rev. and Esq. as “v” or “q” is not the last letter</p> <p>Standardised abbreviation of Junior (Jnr) and Senior (Snr) in brackets if different in original document</p> <p>No full stop after abbreviated names</p>	<p>George Arthur</p> <p>George A. Maud E.J. L.</p> <p>E.S.</p> <p>Mrs Eliza Rev. George A. Esq.</p> <p>Thomas Junr [Jnr] Mr Thomas Senior [Snr]</p> <p>Wm Jas Jno Chas</p>

Column	Rule	Example(s)
Street	<p>Street names written in full, no abbreviation</p> <p>A direction when part of a place name (street or suburb/town) written in full</p>	<p>Hindley St > Hindley Street Port Rd > Port Road Sth Tce > South Terrace First Ave > First Avenue 15th Street > Fifteenth Street</p> <p>North Tce > North Terrace W. Thebarton > West Thebarton East Adelaide Lower North Adelaide Extn > Extension</p>
Town	<p>Town names written in full, no abbreviations</p> <p>Ex St as place name, as the convention is abbreviation</p> <p>Contemporary spelling in brackets if needed</p> <p>If no town was listed on the original petition, it is not on the database</p>	<p>W. Thebarton > West Thebarton Mt Druitt > Mount Druitt Pt Pirie > Port Pirie Unley Pk > Unley Park</p> <p>St Kilda</p> <p>York Town [Yorketown] The Grange [Grange] City [Adelaide] Hd Stokes [Homestead Stokes]</p>

Resources along the way

https://maps.sa.gov.au/heritagesearch/SearchResultPage.aspx?p_searchtype=LOCATION&p_suburb=NORT... having fun on here



27/01 1:25 pm

this site might be useful: [Location SA Viewer](#)

22/01 3:47 pm

in case this is useful (although Wiki, so unsure of credibility, but still): [List of Adelaide obsolete suburb names - Wikipedia](#)



List of Adelaide obsolete suburb names

This List of Adelaide obsolete suburb names gives suburb names which were officially discontinued before 1994, an...

en.wikipedia.org

SLSA has digitised street directory from 1894 <https://images.slsa.sa.gov.au/almanacsanddirectories/1894sandsandmc/8/>



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images.slsa.sa.gov.au



Trove and Genealogy SA

ES

Page 154, Line 37 - I think this is Stehbens

M Stephens

From Trove in 1891

daughter of J. Wilkins, Birkenhead, Port Adelaide.
MORGAN—STEBBENS.—On the 10th September, at the residence of the bride's parents, Edithburgh, by the Rev. T. Edmeades, James William, second son of Edmund Morgan, of Portland Estate, Port Adelaide, to J. W. (Minnie), eldest daughter of Jacob H. Stebbens, Edithburgh.
FEATHERSTONE — FRANCIS — On the 24th

They were from Edithburgh

ES

I think watchers were some kind of dockworkers, watching ships come in etc.




BIRTHS.

STONE.—On the 16th February, 1897, at Sutherland-street, Glanville, the wife of **Alfred Stone**, of Nackara, of a son.

CLARK.—On the 4th April, at the Telegraph-station, Fowler's Bay, the wife of **Thomas Clark**, of a son. Both well.

MARRIAGES.

STONE—BROWN.—On the 15th February, 1896, at St. Paul's Church, Port Adelaide, by the Rev. F. W. Samwell, **Alfred Stone**, youngest son of **Alfred Stone**, of Port Adelaide, to **Clara Brown**, daughter of **John Brown**, of Sutherland-street, Glanville.

POLICE COURT.
KADINS; MORAN; NOVEMBER 2.
(Before Judge J. W. Curran and R. J. Mahon, J.D.'s.)
Thomas Burdell, charged with having assaulted Elsie Vinson at Kadins on November 1, was fined \$100. His co-defendant, Walter deposed—has a stockpile living in Taylor-street, Kadins. At about 7 p.m. of Friday, October 30, he was taken to the Municipal Police Prison, where he saw the woman, Elsie Vinson, who hit him on the cheek and cut my mouth. Burdell said, "You're the—"
"I never interfered with you nor your family." He seized me by the collar, hit me, and pulled me about. Called out to the Municipal Police Prison, Frank Komper, the butcher, was there. After some time I managed to get up to the second floor and saw the woman on the screen. Miss Hall came out and pulled Burdell away. I then went home. By defendant—Miss Hall pulled you away, and the woman kept you from further attacking me.

p48, l24 - Arthur Kempster, Kadina

36	W. W. Ramsey	Thomas S. G.
37	W. W. Ramsey	Thomas S. G.
38	Arthur Kempton	Ka deiro

I think G.M. Loake is G.M. Tooke. G.M. Tooke received a land allotment in the Hundred of Barossa or Galwer or Munno Para in 1893. I reckon that cursive bit that makes you think it's O'Tooke is from the scrubbed out name underneath it

LAND BOARD ALLOTMENTS.

[illegible]

Similarly, I think L. Stutins is J. Stubbins. There was a J Stubbins working shipping arrivals, docks, intelligence etc around this time, although mostly at Pt Adelaide from what I can see, not Glenelg (forgot to snip this one from Trove, and there were a few)

ES As well as Genealogy SA, Trove should be searched. Found a W.R. Pentelow living in North Ad

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[Newspapers & Gazettes Home - Trove](#)



Trove - Digitised newspapers and more

Trove - The National Library of Australia, in collaboration with Australian State and Territory libraries, runs the...

trove.nla.gov.au



Badcock, Natalie 15/01 1:05 pm

Perhaps this is something that should be done on all of the records we all see different names

The good news is that a lot of them we have solid answers for

Smith, Evan 15/01 1:54 pm

Yes, once we have eliminated consensus ones

Smith, Evan 15/01 2:19 pm

POLICE COURT—ADELAIDE.
SATURDAY, JULY 2.
[Before Messrs. H. D. Gell and W. D. Ponder.]
John Egan and Susan Kain were each fined £1 and 1s. 6d. costs for drunkenness.
John Keenehan pleaded guilty to having made use of threatening words towards Mary Ann Keenehan, his sister-in-law, on June 30, and was ordered to find two sureties of £25 and to enter into a bond for the same amount to keep the peace for six months. Defendant also had to pay 15s. costs.
Thomas Dunn, for having been drunk while in charge of a horse and vehicle in Rundie-street on July 1, was fined £1 and 1s. costs.

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May be the signature of future state MP [William David Ponder - Wikipedia](#)



William David Ponder
William David Ponder (18 March 1855 – 21 May 1933) was an Australian politician who represented the South...
en.wikipedia.org



It is highly likely!

Smith, Evan 15/01 2:22 pm



History for the win!

Zweck, Jonathan 15/01 2:23 pm



How long were you pondering on that?



15/01 2:24 pm

one Will Ponder as much as one needs to



Badcock, Natalie 15/01 2:24 pm



TC

I am probably overthinking this and should just move on but - this one is recorded as William [illegible], then Grace Jensen CHANCE. I feel like it could be William CHANCE and Grace JENSEN, but happy to leave it as is if I'm wasting too much time!



28/01 12:15 pm

I agree with Grace Jensen and William [illegible] Chance (and totally understand the rabbit hole that is overthinking!). Have you had a look on Genealogy SA or Trove yet? Might help?

I'm doing that now with the one above (before I eventually let it go too 😊)



Coulter, Tonia 28/01 12:16 pm

TC

Just a quick look at trove, but will have a proper look now - just wanted to see if it was worth my time!

Smith, Evan 28/01 12:16 pm

ES

I think it is William Chance and Grace Jensen



There is a Grace Jensen, living in the CBD, who dies in 1921, according to trove

28/01 12:17 pm

Smith, Evan 28/01/2026 12:17 pm

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I'm sold

Smith, Evan 28/01 12:17 pm

ES

JENSEN.—On the 5th July, 1921, at Private Hospital, Wakefield street, A. H. C., the beloved husband of Grace Jenkyn Jensen, of Cimbric, East terrace, City, aged 65 years.
JOHNS.—On the 5th July at Queen street

Badcock, Natalie 29/01 9:06 am



residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. J Day
 Thompson, Harry McWilliam Atkinson to Florence
 Louise, third daughter of Mr. R. Marsh, Gawler.

Harry McWilliam Atkinson

ATKINSON

H.McW [Harry McWilliam]

AINLEY

Sarah J.

MARSH

Florence L.

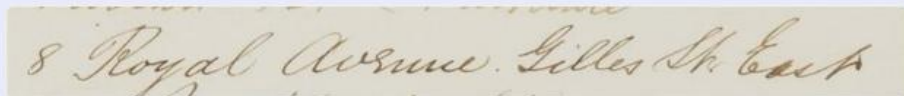
aww the newlyweds harry and Florence louise signed together



Suburb Queries

22/01 3:52 pm

This entry is listed as 8 Royal Avenue in the street and then Gilles East in the town. But what's that 'sh' or 'st' in between Gilles and East?



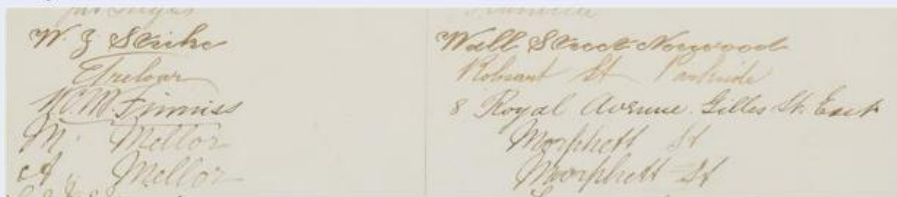
Badcock, Natalie 22/01 3:53 pm

That looks like two addresses on one line - 8 Royal Avenue, Gilles St East.

No chance it's a spillover from lines above/below it?

22/01 3:54 pm

I'd say not,



Smith, Evan 22/01 3:55 pm

Heritage Places of Adelaide

House

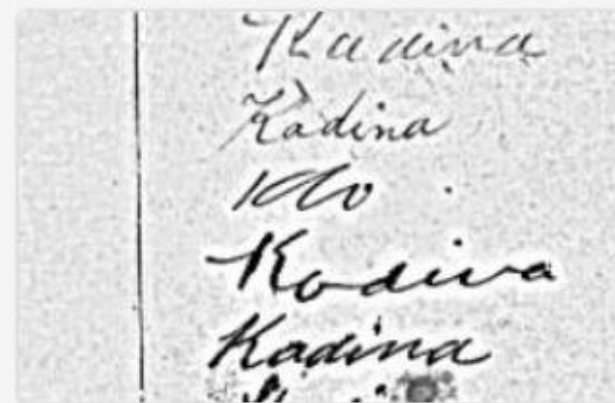
384-388 Gilles Street (also known as 1-9 Royal Avenue) ADELAIDE

Local Heritage Place (Townscape)

Zweck, Jonathan 23/01 11:01 am

JZ

Happy to mark middle suburb illegible?



Smith, Evan 23/01 11:01 am

ES

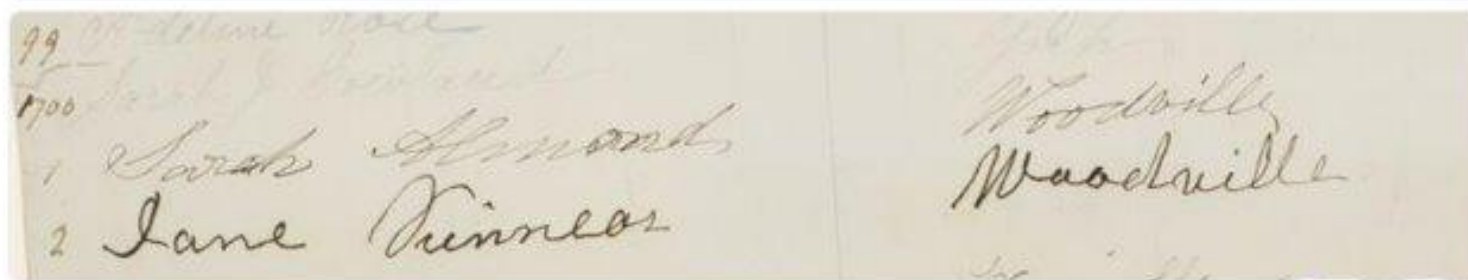
Zweck, Jonathan 23/01/2026 11:01 am

Happy to mark middle suburb illegible? Screenshot 2026-01-23 110031.png

Assume its Kadina, but yeah

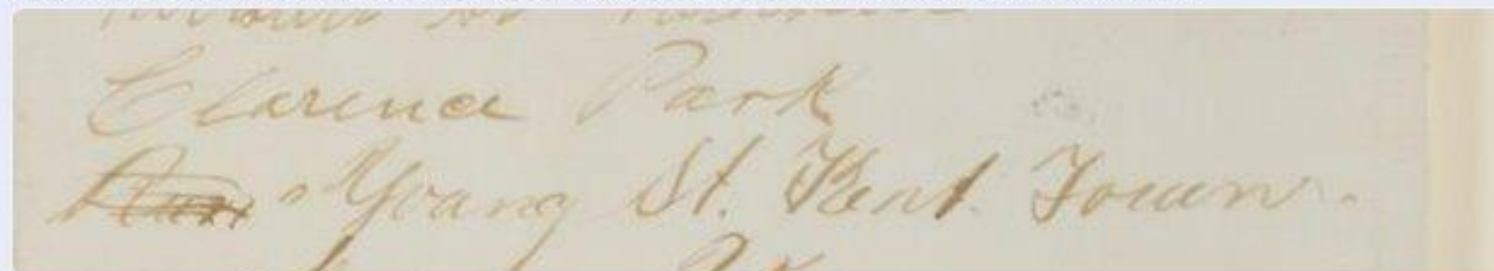
23/01 2:16 pm

Database has Jane KINNEAR's town as Walkerville, but it reads Woodville. Permission to change:



28/01 1:10 pm

Database says Clarence Park for both, but I see Kent Town for second one, yeah?

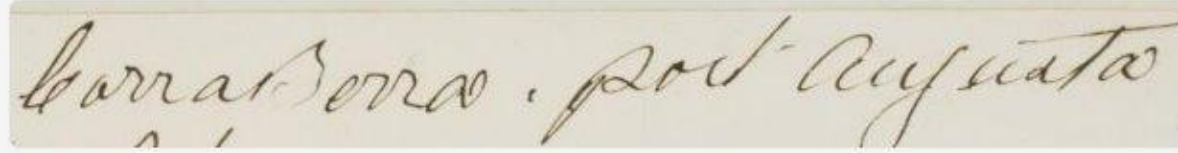


Database has F.W. Beard in Norwood, but I see Bowden. What do you think?



ES

Database just says Port Augusta, but there's a town or something in front of it. Carraserra?



28/01 2:18 pm

Definitely something there, yep Carra-something. Carrabena?

Badcock, Natalie 28/01 2:19 pm



Carraberra is a homestead near there



28/01 2:20 pm

that'd be it!

Badcock, Natalie 28/01 2:20 pm



AD19945006	Verbena supina var. erecta	Leske, Gary	221	27/12/1997	-32.583553	137.533333	AG284	1,000	EP	Creek crossing on track to Carraberra Homestead near Pimba - Port Augusta R(s)s	
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This is from a flora SA listing of plant life catalogued lol

Smith, Evan 28/01 2:20 pm

ES

Badcock, Natalie 28/01/2026 2:20 pm

This is from a flora SA listing of plant life catalogued lol

Thank you!

28/01 2:21 pm

Badcock, Natalie 28/01/2026 2:20 pm

This is from a flora SA listing of plant life catalogued lol

such diverse sources for our sleuthing!

What do you think it at the end here? ExA something?

Sheffield St Malvern East

Unley Heritage Research Study (2006)

Recommendation: Local Heritage Place

HOUSE

Address: 40 Austral Terrace,
Malvern
Certificate of Title: 5511/420

Use: Residential
HCZ Area:

Heritage Status: Nil
Other Assessments: Nil



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

This asymmetrically fronted house is an excellent example of an 1890s-1920s Edwardian residence constructed during the Federation period constructed of sandstone with elaborately carved eaves brackets and other decorative moulding to the windows and to the gable, projecting gable, hipped and gabled roof, brick quoins, window and door dressings (which have been painted), bull-nose return verandah with decorative timber detailing. The house retains tall brick chimneys with mouldings which have been painted.

A sandstone addition has been undertaken to the west in a similar style to the original house and a carport has been added to the side.

This property was Lot 206 of the 1884 subdivision known as **Malvern Extension** in Section 243 of Malvern. This house was constructed in 1896 for Albert William Frame in who purchased the land the previous year.

Name Queries



3/12/2025 3:28 pm



3/12/2025 3:30 pm



3/12/2025 3:31 pm

ok 😊

Zweck, Jonathan 22/01 3:42 pm

JZ

Have another one. M.P.W. in the suburb line. Records have listed it as occupation. I don't recognise it as an abbreviation for an occupation. Any thoughts?



Zweck, Jonathan 22/01 3:42 pm

JZ

Zweck, Jonathan 22/01/2026 3:42 pm

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Maybe just leave as it?

Badcock, Natalie 22/01 3:49 pm



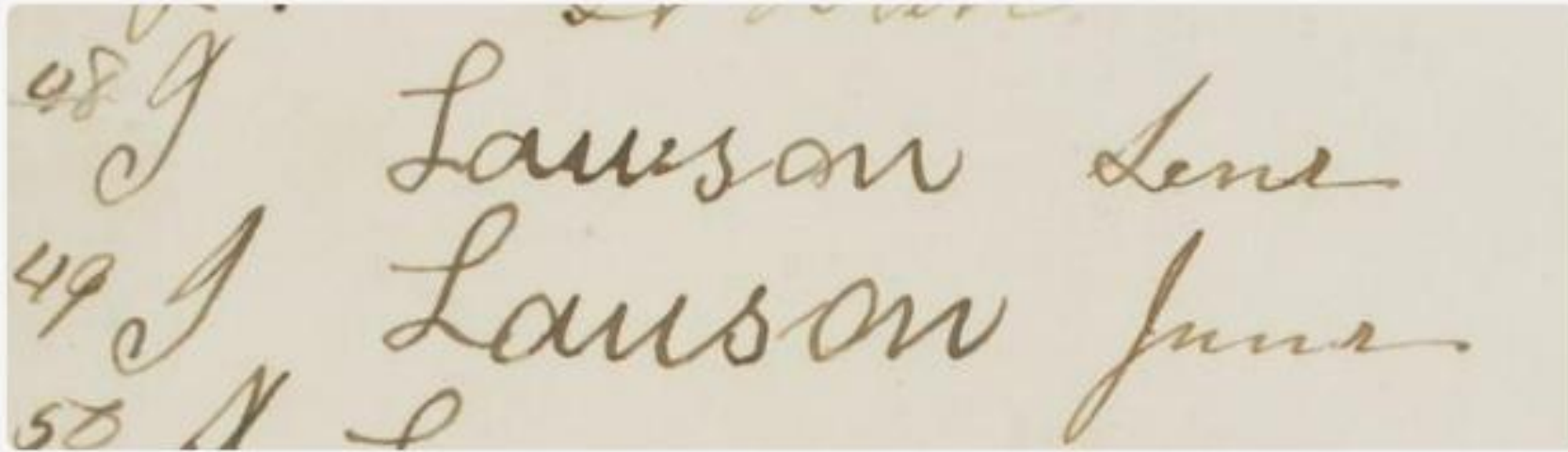
Zweck, Jonathan 22/01/2026 3:42 pm

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Genuinely no idea. I've looked at towns on the Yorke Peninsula around 1893 and can't see anything that fits. Munno Para West is too modern haha. Maybe it is a station reference?

The initials "M.P. W." on the Yorke Peninsula in 1890 likely refer to **Mutooroo Pastoral Company Wells**, a company that was active in the South Australian pastoral industry around that time. The company, still in operation, is owned by the descendants of Peter Waite, who was instrumental in opening up the North East Pastoral areas in the late 1880s.

There might be a few we want to reconvene on - I have a strong argument that these are



J Lawson Snr and J Lawson Junr to distinguish them - but three of you think Lena and June!

Anyway - interested to hear how you think we should proceed if we don't have a consensus decision

Thursday, 15 January

15/01 8:42 am

Evan made a good point that they are unlikely to put their name last and have already provided an initial in the front, providing support that this is Senior and Junior (not Lena and June), because they also have the same first initial



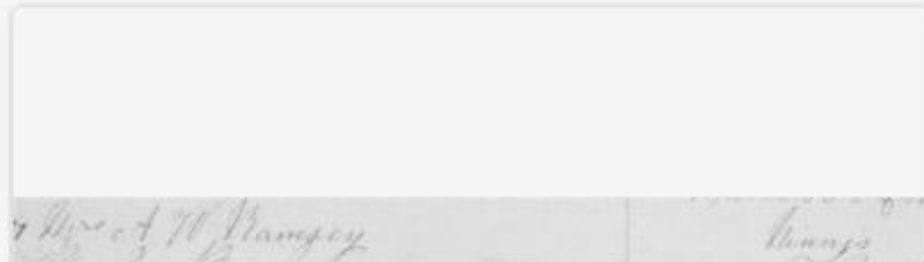
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Zweck, Jonathan 22/01 3:35 pm

JZ

Can anyone make out this suburb?



Badcock, Natalie 22/01 3:36 pm



What are the suburbs on either side of it

Zweck, Jonathan 22/01 3:36 pm

JZ

Kadina, Wallaroo

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Badcock, Natalie 22/01 3:37 pm



It looks like Ninnis

Ninnes, South Australia

[Article](#) [Talk](#)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Ninnes is a locality at the northeastern corner of [Yorke Peninsula](#) and western side of the [Mid North](#) of [South Australia](#). It lies where the [Upper Yorke Road](#) from [Kulpara](#) to [Bute](#) is crossed by the road from [Paskeville](#) to [Lochiel](#). The dominant industry is [broadacre](#) grain and sheep farming.

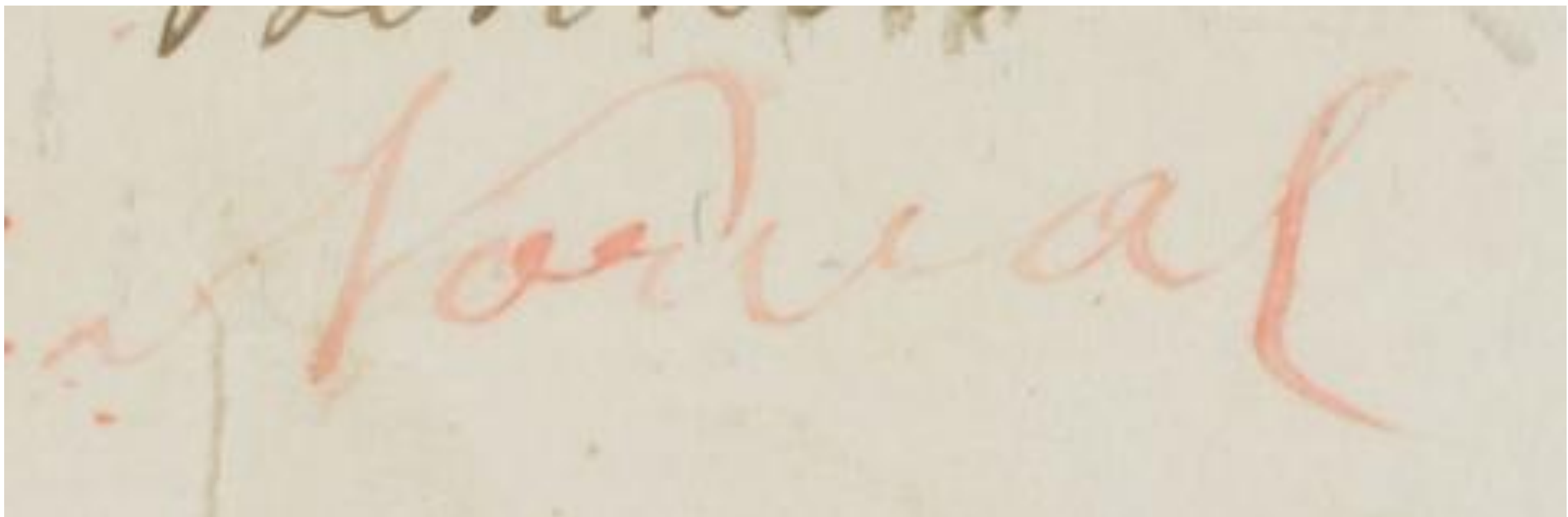


Zweck, Jonathan 22/01 3:37 pm

JZ

Agree

N or V? ...



These two names have been marked out. Should Their existence/deletion be acknowledged in the database? (isn't at the moment)

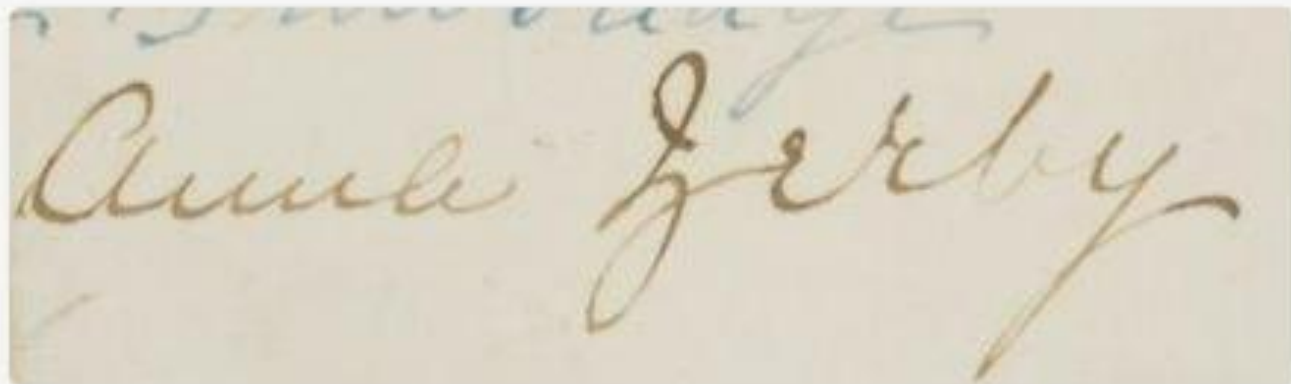
31	Mary Veitch (Sen)	Balaklava
32	Hilda Veitch	Balakh
	Eugene Collins	Balakhava
33	Alex Andersson	Hallung
34	Mary Jacka	Hallung
35	Lilly B. Andersson	Balakhava
36	Jack M. Hurstson	Hallung
37	Mary South	Balaklava

Smith, Evan 23/01 2:09 pm

ES Oh yeah, there may be changes to places because anti-Germanisation in WWI

Petersburg is now Peterborough etc

Not sure if relevant but if looking for bygone subrubs/towns



In database this is down as 'Kerby [Zerby]'. I think it is Zerby.

Ernest E. **Zerby**, 42 Rundle-st., Adelaide.

German way of writing 'z'

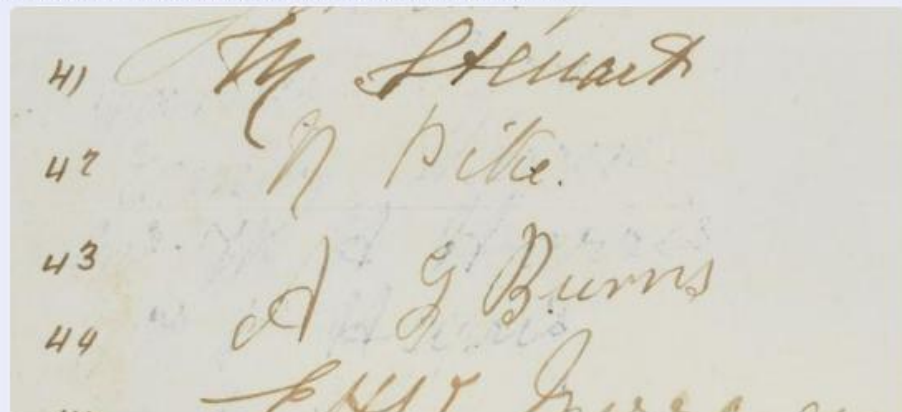


27/01 4:28 pm

We might've talked about this one before, but it looks to me like the names in blue (W.A. Harris and H. Mills) are from that tracing paper stuff? The database has it as:

- N Pike
- W.A. Harris
- A.G. Burns
- H. Mills

Happy to leave as is, but curious to see what you think?



Badcock, Natalie 27/01 4:34 pm



Adhikari, Alexia 27/01/2026 4:28 pm

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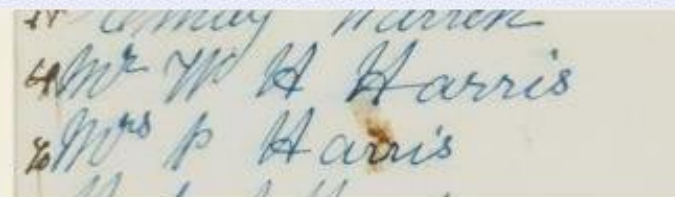
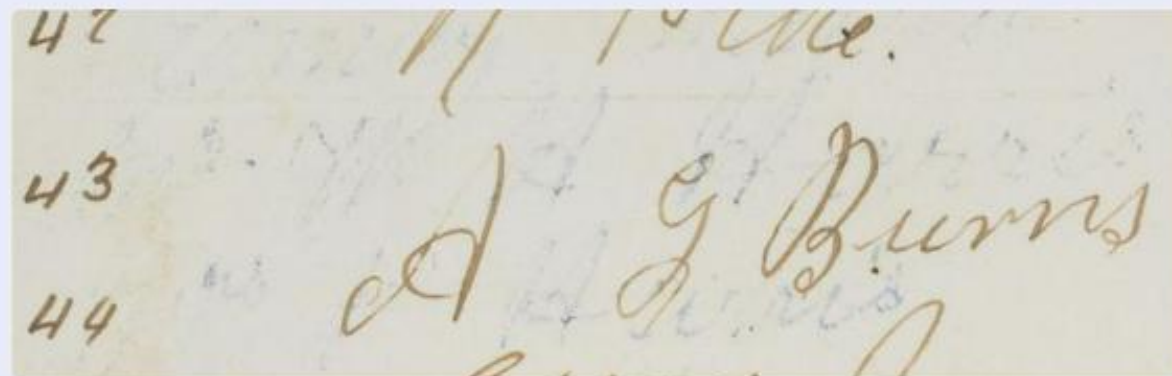
Interesting - do they appear identically anywhere else in the database?

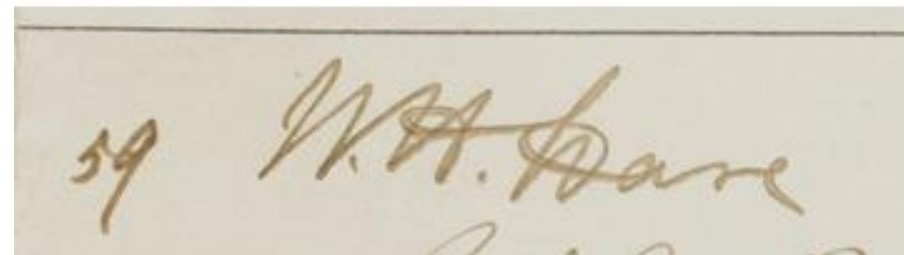
27/01 4:43 pm

Adhikari, Alexia 27/01/2026 4:28 pm

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I've got a match! scanned page 122, signatures Mr W.A. Harris and Mrs P Harris:





Both W H Dare and M A Dare signed the petition. Originally this was down as W A Dare

When consensus was reached on an entry

23/01 9:55 AM

As Antony Green says, 'I'm calling it'

Badcock, Natalie 23/01 9:56 AM



You are the Antony Green of the suffrage petition

23/01 9:56 AM



About the Places

Top towns on the petition

North Adelaide **413**, Adelaide **455**, Kadina **273**, Clare **205**, Glenelg **203**

Petition was not just Adelaide

Top 10 towns account for **2,308 signatures**, only **21.7%** of all signatures

How many different places appear?

514 unique towns/localities are listed

Town entries were highly spread out

There are **22 towns/localities** with **100+ signatures**

Tiny places, big voices

180 towns/localities appear with just **1 signature** each



About the People

Most common surnames

Smith **114**, Thomas **82**, Brown **75**, Williams **73**, Jones **66**

Most common given names, excluding initials

John **175**, Mary **152**, James **125**, Annie **117**, Elizabeth **116**, Jane **100**, William **94**, Sarah **94**

Initials tell a story too

Of the entries with a given name, about **64%** appear to use **first name initials only**

Most common first initials

E **1,485**, M **1,358**, J **1,355**, A **1,214**, S **630**

Occupations were rarely recorded

Only **128 signatures** include an occupation; most common were Farmer **11**, Justice of the Peace **10**, Librarian **8**, Labourer **6**, Storekeeper **5**

