



# HISTORY ROOM



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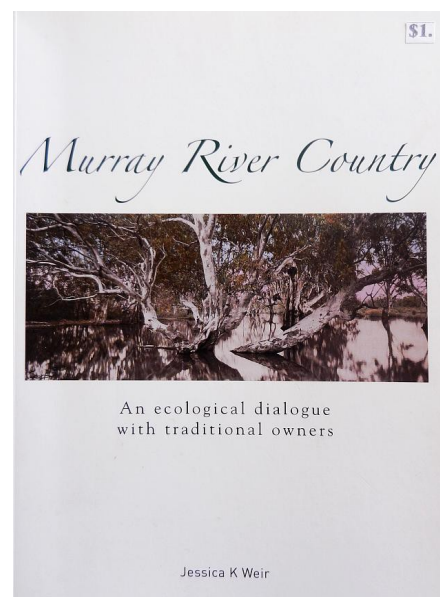
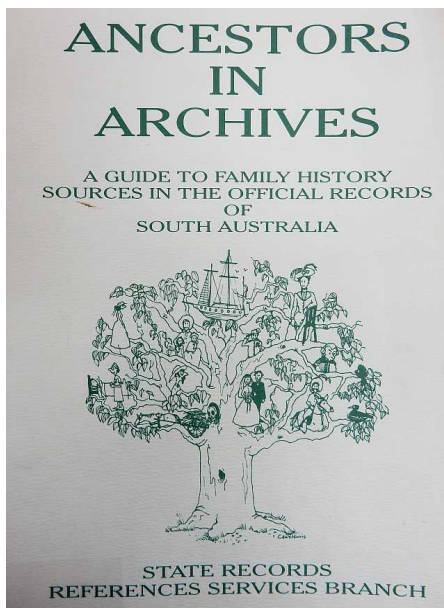
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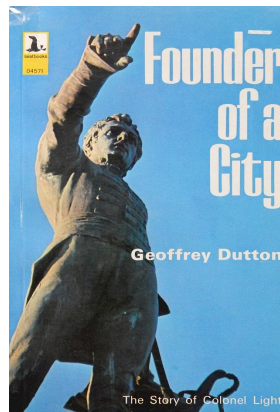
So, apart from making books and DVDs and indexes and various frodographic magics, and tidying up the joint, finding things that have somehow been put in the wrong place etc. – (and, of course, helping folx find stuff about their ancestors, their house, or other local history matters in our marvellous collection) – the hardest work of all that I do on a Thursday, inbetween the bike ride to and from Pt. Elliot, is going to the Opp shop behind the church on the next block from our famous Room.

After preparing with caffeine and chocolate, I am brave enough to go and hunt – and, of late, treasure has turned up for youse lucky personages -



The first of these is an older version of what we already had, a primary reference book that is Not For Loan – this one is for loan, and particularly useful, methinx, for those of you just beginning to research your South Ozzie forbears; the Murray River Country book is about how the traditional owners view the ecology of the river – there is a section on Ngarrindjeri people, and it is a very interesting book, well worth the dollar I generously donated. (It, too, will be For Loan, to absorb in your own time).

Now, as it happens, I'm not the only one of your brave volunteers who is willing to risk life and loot by crossing that dangerous line to said Opp shop – Margie Anderson recently found and donated the treasure below, which we didn't have, and which is Not for Loan, as it has an index (hooray!) so we can find something relevant, if need be. (You do know that we volunteers over the years have made various indexes for various books that had the chutzpah not to have one – these, the indexes, are next to said books on our shelves).



On the subject of tidying up the joint, I spent a few masochistic weeks organising our map collection, (that'll learn me for having also got a few extra ones from Bank S.A., Victor, through the Victor Museum). As can be seen below, they should be easier to find and replace correctly now. I have also made an alphabetical index, which should be on the table next to the small maps, where the W.A.Pretty index is usually kept when we are not throwing it all around the room – said W.A. Pretty index (the Bible, as we call it), still has the map index by numbers, but the alphabetical one will make it much easier to find specific maps.



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