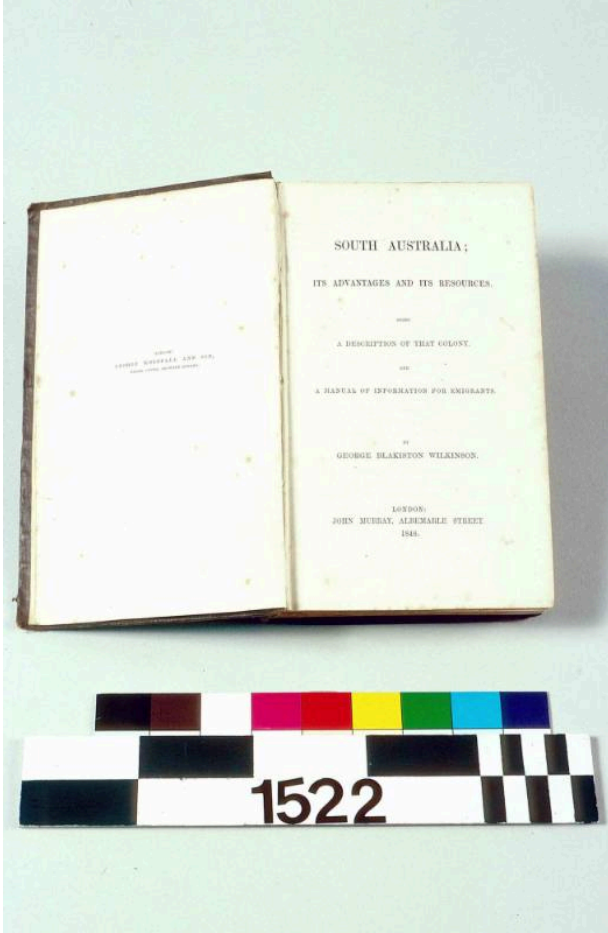


Basic Detail Report



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Title

South Australia; Its Advantages and its Resources. Being a Description of that Colony and a Manual of Information for Emigrants

Date

1848

Primary Maker

Mr George Blakiston Wilkinson

Medium

Paper

Dimensions

Overall: 32 x 208 x 128 mm, 0.55 kg

Name

Book

History

Immigrant guides of the 19th Century were often a mix of practicality and promotion. Many encouraged their fellow fellow citizens to take the leap and move to an unknown colony where the rewards of their labour would be a new life and potential wealth. The British Government, short of free labourers in Australia, encouraged the same path but these published firsthand accounts were a valuable source of promotion. Wilkinson's book on South Australia was a result of him spending seven years of "personal observation in the Colony" and contains notes on "agriculture, stock farming, building, gardening, manufacturing in various branches, and last, not least, on mining and mineral productions in that flourishing colony". Over the course of 11 chapters, he also discusses emigrant ships, schools, public houses and convictions of offenders.