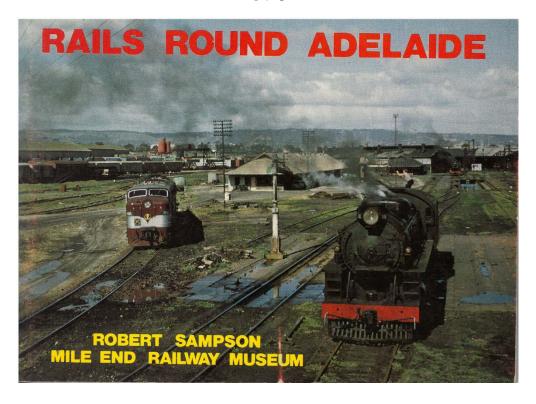
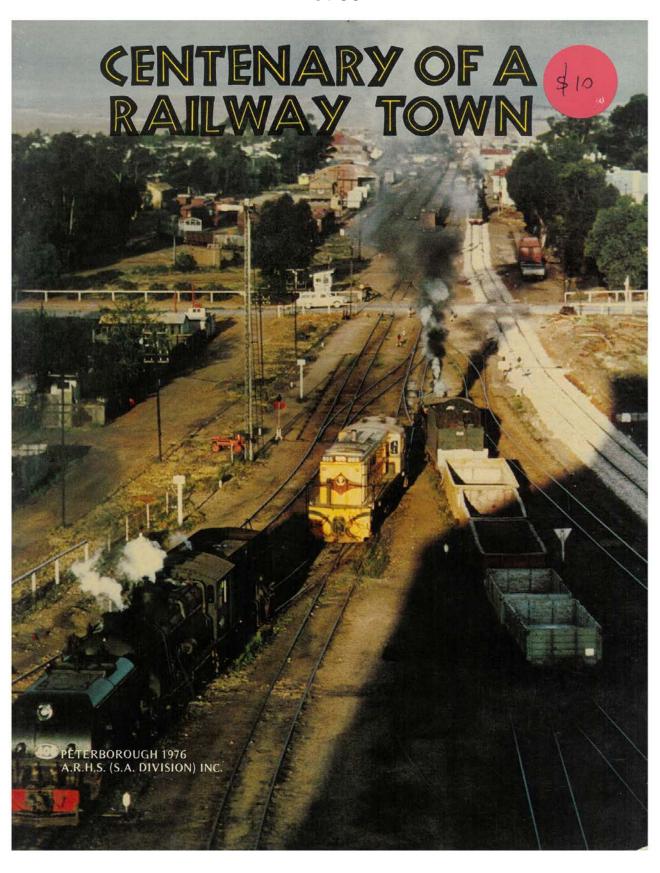
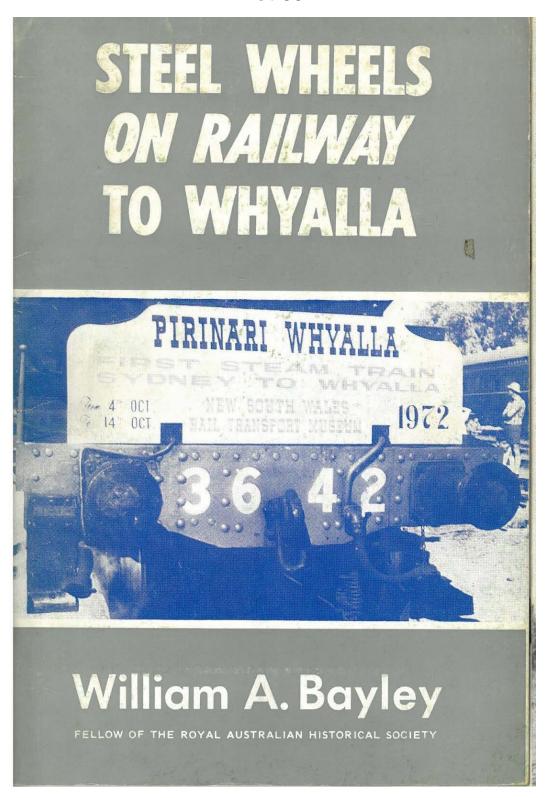


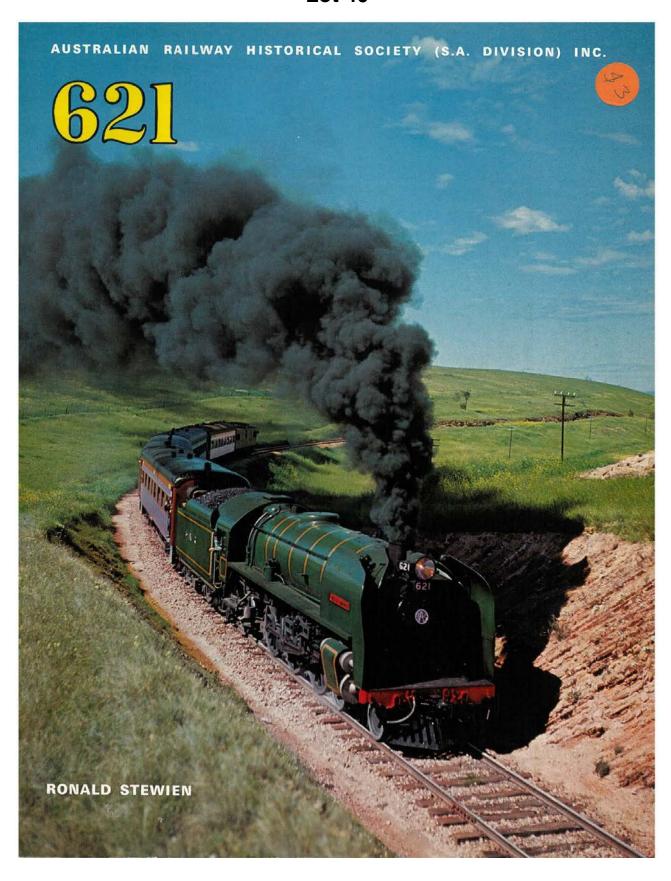
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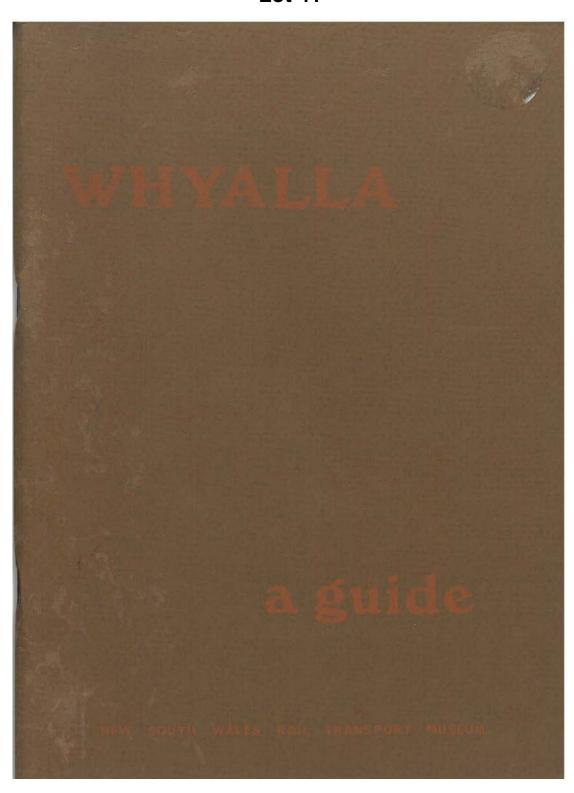




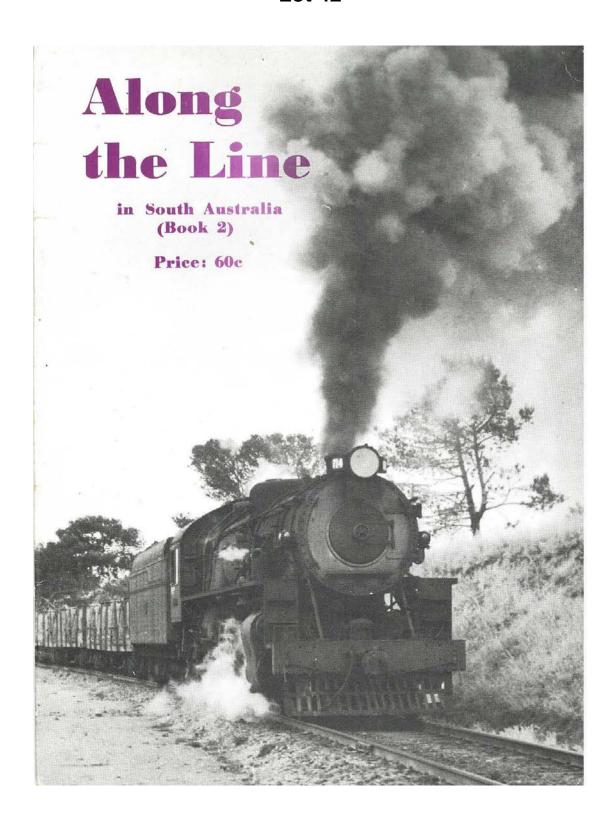
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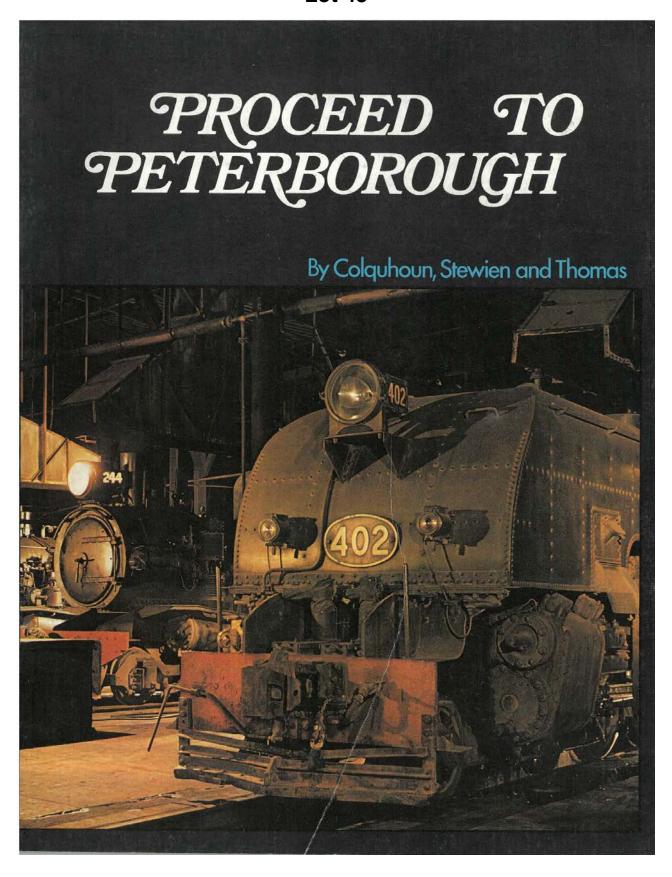


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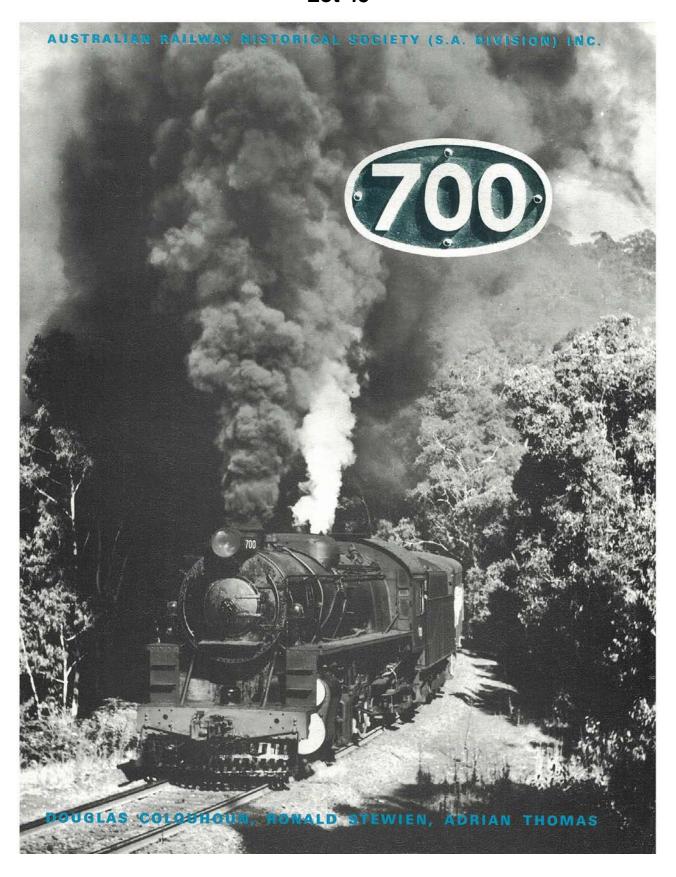
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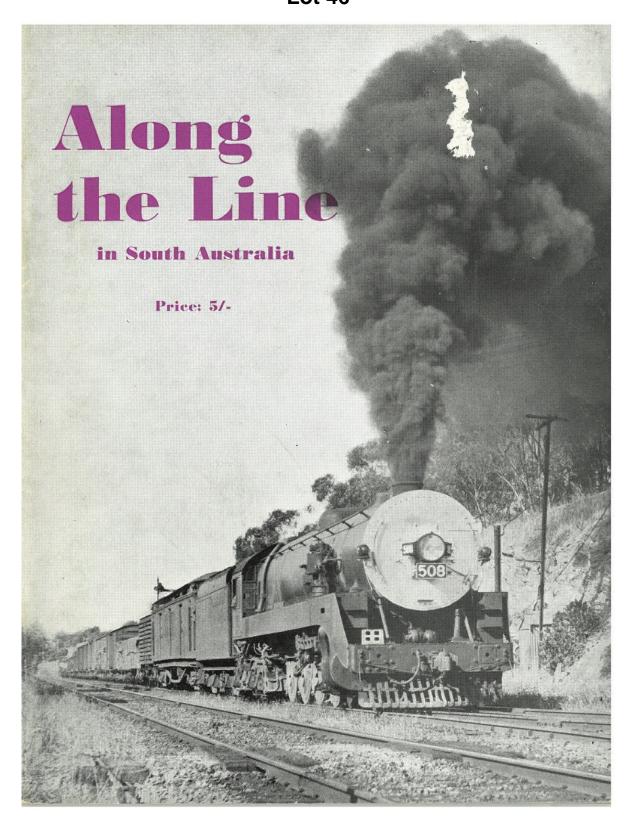


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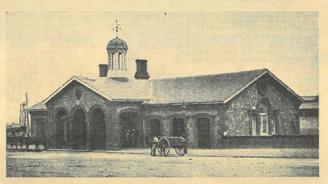
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THE history of railway construction and operation of a century of railroading provides an interesting study. Financial and political situations and discussions had to be settled before the first rails were laid, but once a start was made, steady progress was maintained, until South Australia had the honour of being the first to build a State-owned steam operated railway in the British Empire—a claim which can be established beyond doubt. Throughout the years South Australia has built a railway system adequate to fulfil the vital function of transporting the pastoral, agricultural, and mineral products of the country and providing means of communication between centres of population.



Adelaide Station 1872 as originally built in 1856, note clock and station bell (in left).

Within ten years of the proclamation of the Province a few pioneers wanted to know why George Stephenson should be supplying locomotive traction to Englishmen and South Australians be left to wield the bullock whip, taxing both their strength and their vocabularies.

On 26th March, 1847, the first Ordinance for regulating the construction of railways was passed. This ordinance No. 7 was "To consolidate in one Ordinance certain provisions usually inserted in Acts and authorizing the making of railways." A formidable looking measure containing 194 sections. This Act did not authorize the construction of any specific railway, but set out in considerable detail the conditions, responsibilities, limitations, and privileges applying to any companies that might be empowered by "special Acts" to construct and operate railways.

An agitation began late in the forties in favour of linking the city and the chief seaport, and a company was formed in 1848 for that purpose.

A private Act was passed, authorizing the Adelaide City and Port Railway Company to construct and operate a railway extending from "The stone quarry below the Legislative Council Building, along the Port Road to Port Adelaide, with a branch to the North Arm." The gauge was to have been 4ft. 8½in., and the



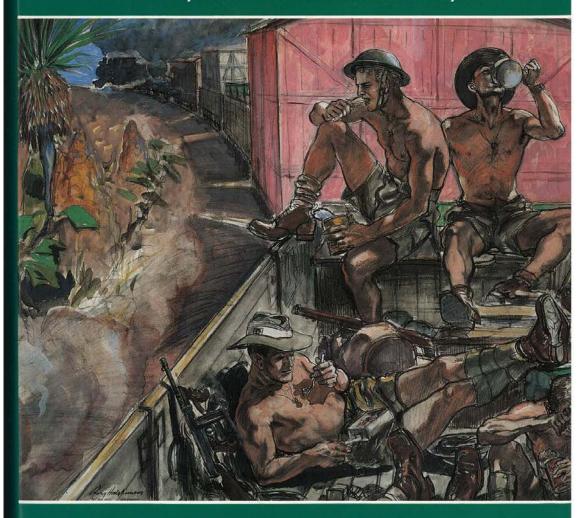
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