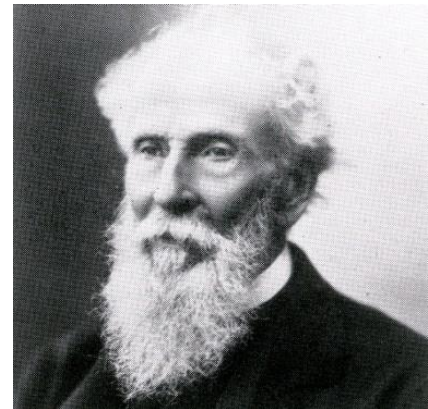


## AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL RECORD

The Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record (ABGR) compiled the research files and photographs relating to the musters together with the data submitted by individual descendants. The ABGR is a set of volumes containing detailed biographies of Any Australian submitted and sponsored by individuals, as edited by the ABGR committee. Series 1 includes those who arrived or where born in Australia 1788 - 1841 and Series 2 covers 1842 - 1899. An important feature of these volumes is that in most instances a descendant has contributed information uncovered in personal research and nearly 30% of the biographies are accompanied by photographs. Very little of this information has been published previously and it is unlikely to be collated in another published work.

The ABGR series is a multi-volume set of reference books, containing more than 6000 biographies and nearly 1700 photographs of men and women who arrived or were born in Australia from 1788 - 1899, was considered a fitting way to commemorate Australia's Bicentenary in 1988. It is estimated that over 80,000 people are named in the biographies including parents, spouses, spouses' parent and children. In some cases, years of birth and death of children and daughters married names are recorded.



**George GOVETT (1799-1888)**

SAG Manuscript and Image Collection 21/001128



**Rowland Robert DAVIES (1805-1880)**

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The ABGR was never intended to be restricted to the famous and the infamous. These biographies, includes some of the ordinary men and women who have made their contributions in many different ways to the development of Australia. The lives of the subjects included provide a good cross section of our distinctive Australian community and are representative of "the Australian experience" since 1788. Most had large families and now have many descendants interested learning about the lives of their forbears.

As, a result of the compilation of information, the ABGR contains a second component to the reference books. Many thousands of biographical detailed forms submitted by family historians were registered by the project. Although many proposed biographies were not proceeded with by the contributors in the published series

volumes, all records of the project are permanently retained by the Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG) and are available to SAG members for research purposes in the future.

### **Value as a research tool**

The ABGR is a valuable collection of biographical information of Australian pioneers (1788-1899). If you are searching for early settler families, it is definitely worth checking the ABGR books and the extensive collection of biographical forms for information and photos they may not be found anywhere else.

### **Guide to the Collection**

All the property of the ABGR Bicentennial project, including the stock of publications and the collection of personal Biographical Information Forms was transferred to the Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG) in 1991. The collection includes:

Copies of '**Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record: Series 1 1788-1841, with Series 2 supplement 1842 - 1899.**'

#### **21/000001 to 21/002906**

Detailed Biographical Information Forms submitted by individual researchers to the ABGR, with most files containing genealogical information, family history stories and photographs

