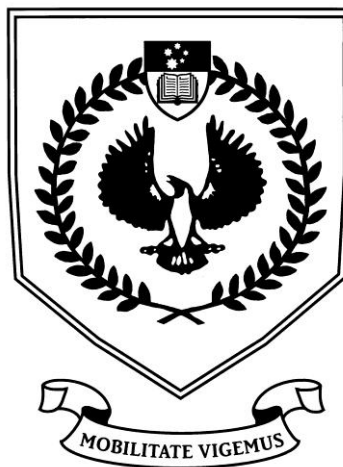




# **Pte. Arthur Vernon Davenport**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Cricket Club: 1911/12 -1913/14 B Grade**

**Other Sports: Tennis**

**Student: Law (Law Clerk) 1911 - 1915**

**Graduated: Final Certificate in Law (1916 in Absentia\*)**

**Provisionally Admitted to the Bar (Dec 1916 in Absentia\*)**

**\* On Active Service**

# ***Background***

***Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.***


***On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.***

***The following documentation relates to the life of Arthur Vernon Davenport. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***



*ARTHUR VERNON DAVENPORT*

Regimental number	4719
Place of birth	Adelaide, South Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Clerk
Address	Park Terrace, Eastwood, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	22
Next of kin	Father, Mr S A Davenport, Park Terrace, Eastwood, South Australia
Enlistment date	17 May 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	<u>Australian General Hospital 3, Reinforcement 1</u>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	26/67/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A62 <i>Wandilla</i> on 15 June 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	12th Field Artillery Brigade
Fate	Returned to Australia 14 December 1918

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4719 Name DAVENPORT Arthur Vernon  
Unit "E" COMPANY, BASE INFANTRY. 1<sup>st</sup> Rep. Bn. A.S.A.  
Joined on 17-5-15 13<sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Arthur Vernon Davenport
2. In the Parish of ... in or  
near the Town of Adelaide  
in the County of South Aust
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... N.B.
4. What is your age? ... 21 <sup>10</sup>/<sub>12</sub> yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Trav Clerk
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... (Father) Mr J A Davenport  
Park Terrace  
Eastwood South Aust
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—  
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, Arthur Vernon Davenport, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date May 12-15 NOV 29 1915 A. V. Davenport.  
Signature of person enlisted.

\*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  
†Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

D.277/1.12.—C.602.

Emb: from Aug. 15 to 15'

4

Name

Davenport A.V.

Entitled to 1914/15 Star *R*

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

~~Added~~ to 1914/15 Star. ....

Don't forget to send any change  
of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HR

In all communications regimental  
number, rank, full name, and unit  
of Soldier referred to are to be  
stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE.

23rd May 1918.

Dear Sir,

I now beg  
has been reported

to advise you that

Bdr. A.V. Davenport,  
admitted to City of London Military Hospital, England,  
25/4/18, suffering from gunshot wound abdominal wall,

His postal address will be—

No 4719 Bombardier A.V. Davenport,  
12th Army ~~Field Ambulance~~ <sup>ARTILLERY</sup> Brigade, (late 3rd A.G.H.)  
Australian Imperial Force,  
Abroad.

In the absence of further reports it is to be assumed that satisfactory progress is  
being maintained, but anything later received will be promptly transmitted, it being  
**clearly understood that if no further advice is forwarded this  
department has no more information to supply.**

Yours faithfully,

*J. McLean* Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1171/1.18.—C.445.—25M.

EXTRACT.

272/3/8746,

B.R.  
M 14/621.  
29th Nov. 1916.

ALLOTTEE.

4719 Bdr. A.V. Davenport  
51st Bty.  
13th FAB.

ALLOTTEE.

Mrs. F.G. Davenport,  
Park Terrace.  
Eastwood.  
S A.

ALLOTMENT.

4/6 per diem  
from 1/1/17.

Cancels previous allotment of 3/- favor of same allottee.



Transferred to

D

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 4719

Rank

Bdr

Name

DAVENPORT. A.V.

Unit

12<sup>th</sup> Army.

T.A.B. (late 3rd A.I.F.)

LIST.

Casualty

WOUNDED

CIBL 2475/1351

dated London

26/4/18

Received B. R.

28/4/18

G.S.W. Abdominal Wall.

Actual condition not stated

Adm. 25/4/18

City of London Mil

Hosp. WSM 709/1540

dated London

1/5/18

Received B. R.

29/5/18

Relg to Shst. for H. F. "Burmah" embarked 10/12/18

C.I.B.L. 3088/5087, dtd. London 28/12/18 Rec. B.R. 30/12/18

1915 leave

Appl

Returned to Australia for A

H.P. Burma

List 186

Disembarked 3rd

M. D. 29/1/19

proc 4th MD

1915 leave

in the

31/1/19

DATE

Form B. 103. Received

PURPORT.

REF. NO.

MAY 1 1918

H. O. K. Advised Wounded

MAY 23 1918

H. O. K. Advised in Hospital

JAN 1. 1919

H. O. K. Advised Returning to Australia, Form 701A

JAN 15 1919

H. O. K. Advised returning to Australia, Form 701A. Letter in file.

7-4-19

Discharged M. D. 1919

26/6/19 Location of "WILL" COPY FROM A.I.F. H-Qrs. FILED B. R. M. 23/6/19

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1814/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 48/1229

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# Arthur Vernon Davenport Biography

## Early Years

Arthur Vernon Davenport was born on 23 July 1893 in Adelaide, South Australia, to Florence Grace (nee Goode), age 27, and Samuel Alfred Davenport, age 31.

Arthur's Grandfather Robert, originally from Oxfordshire, United Kingdom, immigrated to Australia in 1843 shortly after the death of his Mother. He was 27 years of age and with him were his older brother George (Francis) and younger brother Samuel (later Sir Samuel Davenport). George known as "Francis" (his father was George also and an agent for the South Australia Company) had been to South Australia earlier in 1840 and commenced a survey of land in the Adelaide Hills which was to become known as Macclesfield. Francis had returned to England after the death of his mother but he too died from Typhus shortly after returning to South Australia in 1843. Robert and Samuel completed the survey and acquired property in the area. Later Robert acquired land in the Clare Valley at Barunga Gap where Arthur's father Samuel Alfred was born.

Arthur's father Samuel Alfred Davenport married Florence Goode in 1891 and settled in Park Terrace, Eastwood. At the turn of the Century the family spent time in England staying at Croydon, Surrey. A census in 1901 showed young Arthur as 7 years old.

His father had become a successful stockbroker and was a member of the firm Davenport, Smith & Roberts who had offices in Cowra Chambers in Grenfell Street, Adelaide. He was also a company director of several speculative mining companies. Arthur was enrolled at Saint Peter's College to complete his education.

Arthur's great uncle Sir Samuel Davenport (1818-1906), landowner, parliamentarian (a member of the original Legislative Council that passed South Australia's first Constitution) was also a member of the University of Adelaide Council from 1889 to 1897. It was logical that Arthur would be the first of the Davenport family to attend the University.



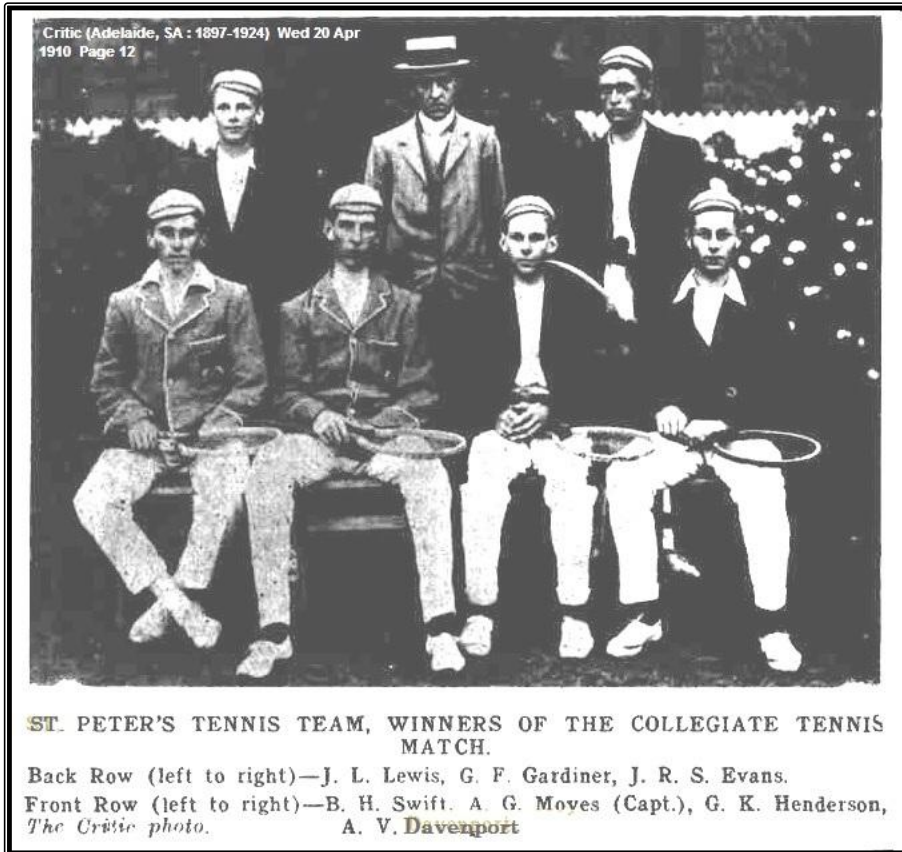
*Sir Samuel Davenport (1818-1906)*

## Education and Sport

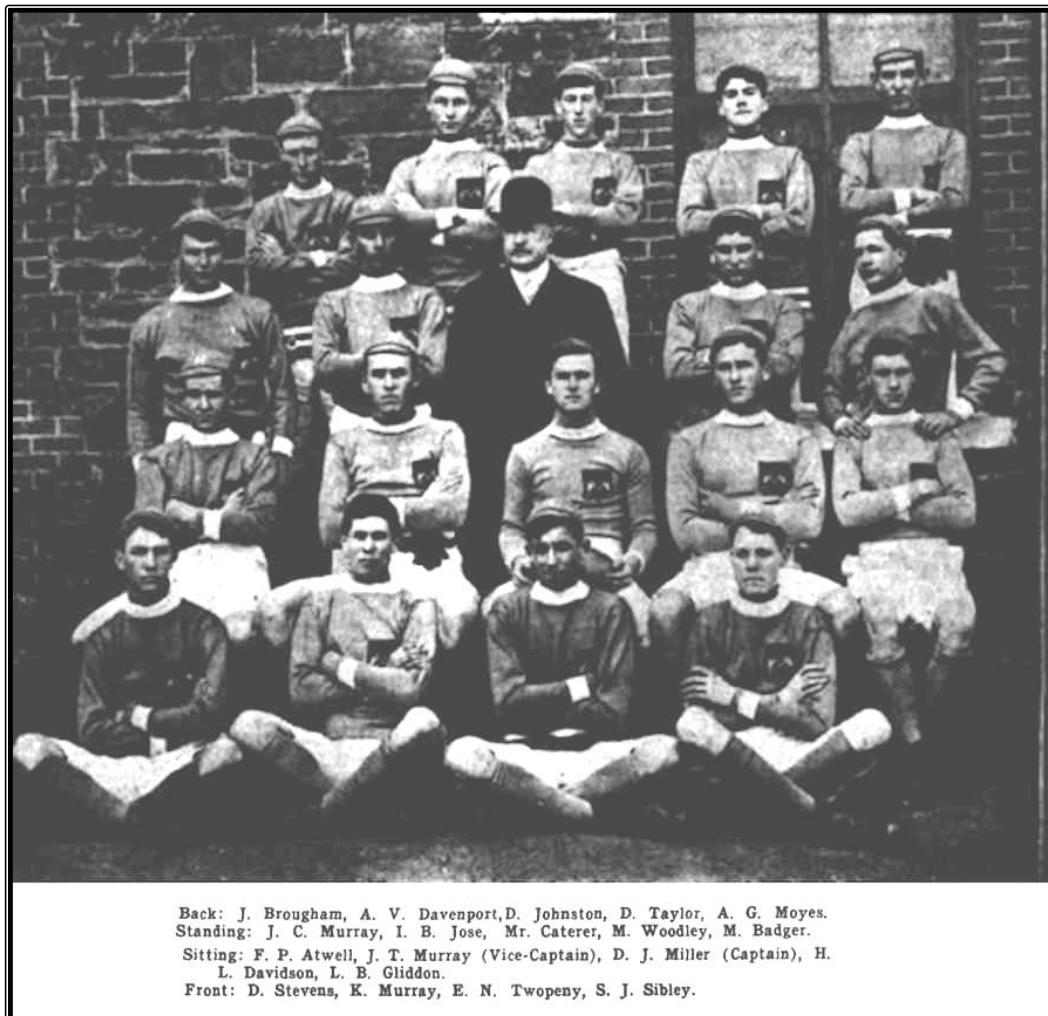
At Saint Peter's College Arthur completed his Junior and Senior Public Examinations by 1909 and in 1910 sat for the University of Adelaide Higher Public Examinations in three subjects. He was also a keen sportsman playing football (1910 Intercollegiate v PAC), a member of the rowing teams and represented the school in tennis. He also competed in the State Junior Titles in 1910 making the semi-finals.



## 1910 St Peter's Tennis Team



## 1910 St Peter's Football Team



## Adelaide University - Law and Sport

In 1911 Arthur Davenport was an articled law clerk in the office of the eminent Adelaide lawyer William James Isbister C.B.E., K.C. who was also at the time a member of The Council of the University of Adelaide (a position he would hold for 40 years 1905 -1945). Instead of opting to study full time for a law degree, he had chosen the other option which was to be articled in his first year and complete a combination of four years of "hands on" experience in a law firm and a prescribed course of subjects and examinations. At the end of his articles and examinations he would receive his "Final Certificate in Law" from the University.

His main sports at Adelaide University were tennis and cricket.

### Cricket

Arthur was only a B Grade cricketer and had not played in the 1st X1 at school. However, he was a regular member of the team from the end of the 1911/12 season until the 1913/14 season and completion of his university studies.

### University B Grade v Glenelg - January 1912

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 27 January 1912, page 19

UNIVERSITY V. GLENELG.	
UNIVERSITY.	
—First Innings.—	
S. Mills, b. Rehn .. .. .	10
R. Pavia, c. Bradshaw, b. Rehn .. .. .	11
A. Davenport, b. Rehn .. .. .	23
S. Williams, c. Bradshaw, b. Hutton .. .. .	0
J. Strachan, b. Jenkins .. .. .	30
O. Plotse, run out .. .. .	1
J. Smith, c. Jenkins, b. Pontifex .. .. .	8
T. Brooks, c. and b. Pontifex .. .. .	3
J. Yuill, b. Jenkins .. .. .	7
A. Marshall, not out .. .. .	3
J. Yates, b. Pontifex .. .. .	5
Extras .. .. .	19
Total .. .. .	117
—Bowling.—	
Rehn, 3 for 34.	
Hutton, 1 for 30.	
Pontifex, 3 for 14.	
Jenkins, 2 for 10.	
GLENELG.	
—First Innings.—	
H. G. Hutton, c. Davenport, b. Pavia .. .. .	21
K. W. Campbell, not out .. .. .	56
A. G. Jenkins, b. Pavia .. .. .	7
A. Rhen, b. Pavia .. .. .	0
C. L. Prockter, c. J. Yuill, b. Davenport .. .. .	21
W. F. McMillen, b. Davenport .. .. .	6
Extras .. .. .	9
Total for 5 wickets .. .. .	121
—Bowling.—	
Pavia, 3 for 43.	
Davenport, 2 for 21.	

## Player Statistics 1912/13 Season

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Monday 7 April 1913, page 2

SEASON'S AVERAGES.						
ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY R.						
— Batting —						
	R.	R.	H.R.	N.O.	Avg.	
H. H. Swift .. ..	4	107	27*	1	25.8	
C. R. Cole .. ..	4	98	47*	2	24.0	
A. M. Moulden .. ..	13	234	102	2	20.3	
A. V. Dawsonport .. ..	6	112	45	1	18.4	
M. Badger .. ..	8	145	62	—	18.3	
R. R. Pavia .. ..	13	201	72*	1	17.7	
A. Lamb .. ..	2	52	21	—	17.3	
R. P. Howard .. ..	14	216	46	1	16.6	
W. J. Price .. ..	10	161	59	—	16.4	
L. Hurley .. ..	8	97	38*	2	16.2	
G. B. Marshall .. ..	7	103	44	—	14.7	
C. Richards .. ..	5	70	30	—	14.0	
E. Timcke .. ..	6	40	28	—	10.0	
J. C. P. Strachan .. ..	4	20	10	1	9.6	
R. R. Mills .. ..	2	67	44	—	9.5	
C. A. Furnachon .. ..	8	71	33	1	8.9	
H. Beare .. ..	8	52	22	2	8.7	
— Bowling —						
	O.	R.	W.	Aver.		
R. Pavia .. ..	92	369	30	12.3		
B. Marshall .. ..	26	122	10	12.3		
Hurley .. ..	25	104	7	12.4		
P. Howard .. ..	100	485	31	15.0		
M. Moulden .. ..	50	241	15	16.8		
C. A. Furnachon .. ..	47	249	18	19.4		
Hurley .. ..	34	171	7	24.4		
Also bowled— Price 2 for 27, Richards 2 for 20.						

### Tennis

Arthur competed for the Adelaide University team in the SA Lawn Tennis Association inter-club competitions and also played in the State Championships doubles competition.

### Other Sport

He was also a keen golfer and played regularly in competitions at the North Adelaide golf Club. Although he had played football at St Peter's College, during the colder months he preferred spending his time on the golf course. His father Samuel was also a very fine golfer, playing at the Adelaide Golf Club at Seaton (later "Royal Adelaide Golf Club"). Previously in 1905, Samuel had been a founding committee member of the North Adelaide Golf Club at Montefiore Park.

### World War 1

By the end of 1914 Arthur had completed his course work at the University and his fourth years of articles would have to be completed early in 1915.

On the 17th May, shortly after the Gallipoli landing, he made the choice to enlist alongside others from his university contemporaries from the sporting teams and law faculty.



Arthur was assigned initially to the Australian Medical Corps, 1st Reinforcements, 3rd General Hospital with the rank of Private. While serving in France he was given training with the 13th Field Artillery Brigade and promoted to the rank of Temporary Bombardier. He was then transferred early in 1917 to the 12th Field Artillery Brigade and on to the Western Front.



*Heavy artillery in the boggy conditions on the western front*

In April 1918 he suffered an abdominal gunshot wound and was evacuated to the UK. In October 1918, after successful surgery and a period of convalescence, he returned to France. Fortunately the Armistice came soon enough on November 11th and in January 1919 he received his orders to return home to Australia.

While on active service in France, Mr. Isbister had in his absence moved that Arthur Vernon Davenport be admitted as a practitioner in the Supreme Court.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922),  
Tuesday 28 November 1916, page 4

### **LAW COURTS.**

#### **Supreme Court—In Banco.**

Monday, November 28.  
(Before his Honor Mr. Justice Gordon.)

#### **Absent at the Front.**

In the matter of Arthur B. Davenport, articled law clerk, Mr. W. J. Isbister, K.C., appeared for the applicant, who is absent with the forces in France, and asked for liberty to move at the last day of the present law term that the applicant be admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court. He mentioned that Mr. Davenport, who was articulated to him in 1911, had served four years of his articles, and had passed all the necessary examinations for admission prior to enlisting. He desired to be admitted at the end of the present term in order that his seniority might not be prejudiced.

His Honor, in granting the application, said he did not know whether or not it would be possible to admit the applicant in the conditions set out in affidavits which had been filed, but if there was nothing in the rules to prevent it he felt sure the Full Court would accede to the motion. Liberty to move as prayed was granted.

### **THE SWORD AND THE WIG.**

One of the soldiers who have recently returned to Adelaide from the front after three and a half years' service is Mr. A. V. Davenport, one of the rising young lawyers of the State. He was provisionally admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court in the middle of December, 1916, under a condition that he had to sign the roll within three months of his return to South Australia. Mr. Davenport the other day signed the roll and took the oath of office. He was sincerely congratulated by the Chief Justice. Sir George Murray said the young lawyer had now the satisfaction of knowing that he had served his country, and he wished him well in his profession.

*The Critic 26 March 1919*

On his return to Adelaide and with little time for recuperation, he was well set to embark again on a legal career that had been on hold for 3 years.

## After World War 1

One of Arthur's first activities was to become involved in Athletics. He had acted as Chairman of a meeting of the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association while a member of their Council in September of 1919 and in May 1920 was an Assistant Hon. Secretary.

In March 1920, he and a fellow WW1 volunteer Robert Shannon Davey formed a partnership and began a practice from offices at 22 Waymouth Street in the City. Their activities consisted largely of estate matters and foreign consulate work.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 9 March 1920, page 6

### A NEW LEGAL FIRM.

Another firm of solicitors is announced to start practice in Adelaide, Messrs. Robert S. Davey and Arthur V. Davenport having gone into partnership under the name of Davey & Davenport. Both young lawyers spent a considerable period on active service in the recent war. Mr. Davey, who is a son of Mr. Arnold E. Davey, of St. Peters, served from 1915 to 1919, and was connected with the field artillery and flying corps (balloon section). Mr. Davenport was during four years on active service with the Australian Field Artillery. The offices of the firm are at 22 Waymouth street.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Wednesday 11 January 1922, page 1

A notification has been received by Mr. A. V. Davenport, that he has been appointed Vice-Consul for Finland in South Australia. Mr. Davenport is a member of the firm of Davey & Davenport, solicitors, of Waymouth street, Adelaide. Mr. Davenport has already assumed the duties pertaining to the Vice-Consulate. Mr. R. S. Davey is Consul for Peru.

The partnership lasted only two years with Davey opting for a more rural lifestyle after purchasing a sheep grazing property at Mt Pleasant. Already by 1925 Arthur had formed a new partnership with Irvine Dale Wald who had served his articles in the same firm as Davenport and been admitted to the Supreme Court in July 1923. The firm Davenport and Wald was located in the Executor Trustee Building at 22 Grenfell St Adelaide. Arthur's brother Howard worked for the Executor Trustee & Agency Company at the same address. Together they handled some large estates. By 1939, Arthur was a sole practitioner and operating from the Exchange Buliding, 26 Pirie Street.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954),  
Thursday 30 November 1939, page 6

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

(9d. per line, 30 letters or figures, min. 2 lines)

**ALFRED ALEXANDER SMITH** late of  
"Holmby" Clare Retired Surgeon deceased

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Deputy Master of the Supreme Court of South Australia has pursuant to "The Trustee Act, 1936" directed that **ALL CREDITORS** and **OTHER PERSONS** having **CLAIMS AGAINST** the **ESTATE** of the abovenamed **ALFRED ALEXANDER SMITH** deceased **PROBATE** of whose **WILL** was granted to **EXECUTOR TRUSTEE AND AGENCY COMPANY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA LIMITED** are to **SEND FULL PARTICULARS** of **THEIR CLAIMS** to **EXECUTOR TRUSTEE AND AGENCY COMPANY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA LIMITED** at No 22 Grenfell Street Adelaide on or before **31st DECEMBER 1939** otherwise they will be excluded from the distribution of the **ESTATE**.

**DATED** the 30th day of November 1939

**A. V. DAVENPORT.**

Exchange Buildings,

26 Pirie Street, Adelaide.

Solicitor for the abovenamed executor.

## **Marriage and Family**

Arthur Davenport had married Gladys "Rita" Toms on 17th February 1923.

Critic (Adelaide, SA : 1897-1924), Wednesday 21 February 1923, page 25

### **WEDDING.**

#### **DAVENPORT-TOMS.**

A quiet wedding was celebrated at St. Matthew's Church, Marryatville, on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Rita Toms, youngest daughter of the late Mr. S. Toms and Mrs. Toms, of "Parkwynd," Portrush Road, Marryatville, was married to Mr. Arthur Davenport, only son of the late A. Davenport and Mrs. Davenport, of Park Terrace, Parkside. The Rev. K. W. G. Dempster officiated, and Mr. John Dempster presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Charles Toms, wore a charming frock of pale grey georgette, embroidered with dull silver thread on the edge of the floating side panels and on the belt. With this was worn a silver grey straw hat, drenched grey feathers on the brim. She carried a bouquet of pale pink and pale blue blossoms.

Arthur and Rita lived at 73 Tusmore Avenue, Tusmore until the early 1940s after which they moved to 12 Northumberland Street, Heathpool. Their marriage lasted 27 years until the untimely death of Rita in October 1950 at the age of 59.



Arthur and Rita had three children.

Surname	Given Names	Date of Birth	Gender	Father	Mother	Birth Residence	District	Book/Page
DAVENPORT	John	05-May-1928	M	Arthur Vernon DAVENPORT	Gladys Rita TOMS	Adelaide	Adelaide	211A/563
DAVENPORT	Hilaire	01-Dec-1923	F	Arthur Vernon DAVENPORT	Gladys Rita TOMS	Adelaide	Adelaide	126A/262
DAVENPORT	Elizabeth Anne	11-Dec-1926	F	Arthur Vernon DAVENPORT	Gladys Rita TOMS	Adelaide	Adelaide	185A/417



Genealogy SA

After Rita's death, the Heathpool property was auctioned in July 1952 and Arthur would move to Bridgewater where he would reside at for his remaining life.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954),  
Saturday 5 July 1952, page 19

## HEATHPOOL

THURSDAY, JULY 17th. AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE OF VALUABLE ANTIQUE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, CARPETS, CUT GLASS, SILVER PLATE, OIL PAINTINGS AND WATER COLOURS, ETCHINGS, REFRIGERATOR.

## MEGAW & HOGG,

LAS014.

have been favored with instructions from A. V. Davenport, Esq., to sell at his residence, 12 Northumberland street, Heathpool—

### DRAWING ROOM—

A magnificent hand woven Chinese Tien Tsien Rug, deep blue ground, measuring 16 x 11. Round Cedar Table, 4 ft. 4 in. diam., with pedestal base, rope edge and claw feet. Antique Rosewood Sewing Table. English Oak lined Mahogany Bow Front Chest of Drawers. Linen Covered Chesterfield. Wing Arm Chair. Lady's Early Victorian Walnut Chair. 2 delightful Color Prints by Elise Lord. 2 Oils by Trenerry. Water Colors by H. S. Power. Blinds, 12 yards 27 in. Hall Runner.

### SMOKE ROOM—

Finest quality 14 x 6 Indian Rug. Bookshelves. Leather Arm Chair. Medicine Cabinet.

### HALL—

Wall to wall Carpet measuring 20 ft. 6 x 5 ft. 8 in. Spanish Mahogany Work Table with pedestal support, old Drawing of H.M.S. Victory. Small Claw Leg Tea Table. Oval Cedar Coffee Table.

### SITTING ROOM—

Carpet approx. 15 x 12. Chimney Mantel Clock. Antique Enamel Trinket Box. Beer Stein. China. Indian Brass Topped Coffee Table. Brass Candlesticks. Jardinieres. Books. Oscillating Fan. Radiator. Pair Easy Chairs. Oak Bookcase. Blackwood Elbow Chair. Rosewood Chess Table. 2 valuable Takikoshi Etchings.

### DINING ROOM—

Valuable Round Mahogany 5-leg Cylinder Rim Dining Table, extending to 8 ft. Oval Traymobile. 4 Antique Cedar Dining Chairs. Mahogany and Maple Sideboard. Cedar Priestal Base Folding Card Table. 6 Georgian Silver Teaspoons. Quantity Valuable Cutlery. Shell Pattern. Ac. Silver Plated Entree Dishes. Trays. Decanters. Ice Bucket. Ac. Cut Glass and Crystal. Fruit Sets. Dinner Ware.

### MAIN BEDROOM—

Antique Mahogany Wardrobe, exceptionally well fitted with drawers and sliding trays, measuring 6 ft. 9 in. across. Antique Elm Shaped Back Desk Chair. 13 ft. 6 x 16 ft. 6 Axminster Carpet. Twin Maple 3 ft. Beds and Wires. 3 ft. Inner Spring Mattress. 2-Drawer Sheraton Table with oil baize top. Bow Front Antique Mahogany Veneer Chest of 5 Drawers. Georgian Rosewood Sofa Table. a number of fine Etchings by Van Realte and Lionel Lindsay.

### BEDROOM 2—

15 x 12 ft. 6 Indian Carpet. Mahogany Occasional Table. Maple Dressing Table, well fitted 6 ft. 6 in. Cedar and Mahogany Wardrobe.

### BEDROOM 3—

Cedar 3 ft. Panel Bed and Wire. Cedar Framed Mirror.

### KITCHEN—

Kelvinator Refrigerator. Dresser. 2 Kitchen Tables. Sundries.

### OUTSIDE—

15 ft. Ladder. Steps. Royal Enfield Man's Bicycle. Blinds. Wire Netting. 2 Hoses. Firewood. Roller. 2 Garden Seats. Carpenter's Vice. Mower and other lots.

Goods will be on view on Wednesday, 16th July, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Further particulars from the Auctioneers.

Two years after Rita's death, Arthur married a second time to Miss Margaret Murray.

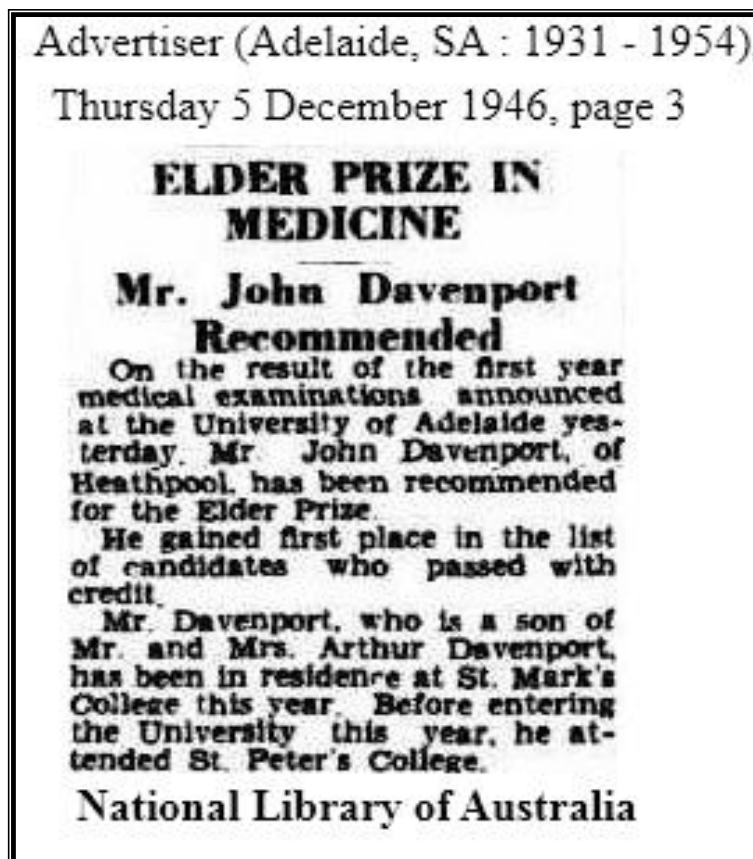


Arthur had continued to play golf at the North Adelaide Golf Club throughout his life and also later at the Mount Lofty Golf Links. He and Rita were avid bridge players with the "Duplicate Bridge Club" and mixed in wide Adelaide social circles.

Arthur Vernon Davenport died on 16 July 1964 in South Australia at the age of 69 and was interned at the Anglican North Road Cemetery, Nailsworth with his wife Rita, Mother, Father and two of his siblings who had died in infancy.

### Family Legacy

Arthur and Rita's son John attended St Peter's College and then studied medicine at Adelaide University. In his first year he was awarded the Elder Prize. He graduated MBBS in 1952. In his final year he won the Charles Gosse Medal for Ophthalmology.



Their two daughters both attended Presbyterian Girls' College.

Elizabeth married Harold Quigley in 1952.

Hilaire married Colin Moodie in 1954. She had been working as secretary to the editor of the British publication "The Commonwealth".

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Saturday 16 October 1954, page 12

# Bombay Wedding Today

South Australian Miss Hilaire Davenport has arrived in Bombay for her wedding with the Assam (Mr. Colin T. Moodie) today.

For the ceremony in the Church of England chapel, Malabar Hill, Miss Davenport will wear a short off-white frock of lace over satin with a chic little hat. After visiting Darjeeling, Mr. Moodie and his wife will live at the Australian Legation, Strand Hotel annexe, Rangoon.

Hilaire is the daughter of Mr. Arthur Davenport, of Bridgewater, and the late Mrs. Davenport. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Moodie of Hawthorn, Victoria, formerly of SA.

## From S.A.

An old scholar of St. Peter's and St. Mark's Colleges, SA, Mr. Moodie was in charge of the Department of External Affairs London office before his appointment to Burma. Miss Davenport went to England in 1952. This year she held an interesting post as secretary to the editor of "The Commonwealth."

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