



Capt. Richard Longford Thorold Grant



Played with Adelaide University



Cricket Club: 1913/14 (B Grade)
Medical Student
MBBS 1918

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 Richard Longford Thorold Grant. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

(Those men who enlisted, but either because of cessation of hostilities or other reasons did not serve overseas are still included in the list of AUFC & AUCC players recognised as serving their Country. Our men who enlisted later in 1918 were not to know that Germany would surrender on 11th November 1918 and so their courage and commitment to serve should still be recognised.)

Service Records

World War 1

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=4671236>

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

A.M. Form A. 5 (a).

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. _____ Name { Surname GRANT.
in full { Christian Name RICHARD LONGFORD THOROLD.
Unit _____
Joined on 4 JUL 1918

DISCHARGED

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

- What is your Name? ... Richard Longford Thorold Grant.
- In or near what Town were you born? ... North Adelaide
In the State or Country of SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
- Are you a natural-born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Natural Born
- What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) ... 24 3/4 years.
22nd April 1894.
- What is your Trade or Calling? ... Medical Student.
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
- Are you married, single, or widower? ... Single
- Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ... (Father) GRANT, WILLIAM, THOROLD.
149 KOOYONGA RD TOORACK.
VICTORIA.
- What is your permanent address in Australia? ... 3 BROUGHAM PLACE
NORTH ADELAIDE,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- 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
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... No
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
- Have you ever suffered from:—
1. Consumption, tubercular disease, or chronic cough? ... No
2. Fits of any kind? ... No
3. Rheumatism or asthma? ... No
4. Mental or nervous disease? ... No
5. Has any member of your family suffered from any of the above diseases? If so, state particulars. ... No
- (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 in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach ten shillings per day? ... Yes
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, Richard Longford Thorold Grant, 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 4 JUL 1918

R. L. Thorold Grant
Signature of Person Enlisted.

D.1182/21R.—C.1272—70M.

Published Biography

From: Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who Served in World War 1, C Verco, A Summers, T Swain & M Jelly. July 2014

GRANT Richard Longford Thorold

MB BS FRACP MRCP (Lond)

1894 - 1979



Richard Longford Thorold Grant was born on 22nd of April 1894 at North Adelaide. He was the son of William Thorold Grant and Emily, nee Jefferson. His parents were pastoralists and his father became known as a writer of rural affairs for *The Australasian* under the pen name "Benlbey". His parents later moved to Victoria. Grant was educated at Queen's School North Adelaide. He had been in the Boy Scouts. His athletic abilities were cut short by renal tuberculosis necessitating a nephrectomy. He graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1918.

Grant enlisted on the 4th July 1918 when still a medical student. He had one year of school cadets and six years of citizen military forces experience. He was single and gave his address as 3 Brougham Place, North Adelaide. He was 5ft 7½ins tall, weighed 135lbs and of medium complexion, grey eyes and brown hair. His father was named as next of kin and his address given as 149 Kooyong Road, Toorak Victoria. He was not called up for service and discharged on 18th November 1918. He was appointed captain on 26th November 1918. The Principal Medical Officer recommended him for enlistment despite his blindness in his right eye. The appointment was terminated on 1st February 1919. He did not serve outside of Australia

Grant went to England after the war where he obtained his Membership of the Royal College of Physicians. He went on to be a founding Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. He was appointed honorary assistant pathologist at the Adelaide Hospital in 1925 after the resignation of Dr Jose. He married Jane Nancy Lewis, daughter of Dr Brook Lewis, an ophthalmologist of Mount Lofty, on 23rd February 1927 at St Peters Cathedral.

The wedding was reported in the social pages of the Adelaide Advertiser and considered to be a 'fashionable wedding'. They had two sons. He served again in WW2 and was a consultant physician to the RAAF with the rank of squadron leader. He was later promoted to wing commander. At the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association (South Australian Branch) in 1948 he was elected to Council. He had various senior positions following his return from the United Kingdom as Pathologist, Bacteriologist and later as Physician at the Adelaide Children's Hospital. He contracted a severe generalised dermatitis from chemicals in clothing which required long term treatment and instituted a long legal process eventually to the level of the Privy Council. During this time he was unable to work and his wife had to return to work. Grant eventually resumed his practice as a general physician with a particular interest in children's illnesses. Never very affluent he lived at Grange and also had honorary appointments at the Home for Incurables and Tennyson House. Despite his financial issues he maintained his membership of the Adelaide Club. Richard Longford Thorold Grant died on 29th March 1979. He was survived by his 2 sons.

Sources:

Trove Newspapers
<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/result?q=Richard+Longford+Thorold+Grant>
National Archives of Australia
<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/NameSearch/Interface/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=4671236>
Sims EB, RACP College Roll, Obituary
<http://www.racp.edu.au/page/library/college-roll/college-roll-detail&id=872>
Photo: Adelaide University Archives; Medical Graduates 1918.

World War 2

Richard had remained on the Reserve List after the end of WW1 and early in November 1939 he applied for a Commission in the RAAF.

Supplement to Form No. 1

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH
Application for a Commission in STORES & ACCOUNTING BRANCH
MEDICAL BRANCH
(20-204 and 204.)

IN THE
~~PERMANENT FORCES~~
~~CITIZEN FORCES~~ (Strike Out Two.)
RESERVE

1. Surname (Ink letters) *GRANT*

2. Christian names (in full) *Richard Longford Thorold*

3. Postal address *219 North Terrace
Adelaide*

4. Name, relationship, and address of next of kin *H. J. N. Grant - Wife
Leavitt Road, Grange, S.A.*

5. Date of Birth *April 22nd 1894.*

6. Married or single: *Married*

7. Are you a British subject or a Naturalized British subject? *British*
What was the nationality of your parents at birth? *British*
Father *British* Mother *British*

8. Educational qualifications (stating examinations passed and certificates held.)
M.B.B.S (Adelaide) 1918
M.R.C.P. (London) 1921
F.R.A.C.P. 1938.

9. Present occupation *Physician*

10. Experience at this occupation *Hon. Physician to the Adelaide Children's Hospital
Authorized examiner for Dept. of Civil Aviation since 1925.*

11. Details of service under Part XIII, Defence Act. (If undergoing training, your Commanding Officer or Arms Officer should be asked to indicate below whether you are "Efficient" to date.)
*Held a commission in A.A.M.C. in 1918 and
have been on the reserve since.*

R. Thorold Grant
Commanding Officer or Arms Officer

D. 0077/3.025 - C. 1008 - 204.

As a consultant physician to the RAAF, Richard was granted a commission in January 1940 as a Flight Lieutenant (on probation) with the rank of Squadron Leader. By November 1942 he had risen to the rank of Wing Commander.

C. 11814/30. (This side only to be written on.)

SUBJECT:

*1/1/40. Granted a commission on Probation as F/Lt. with hon. rank
of S/Ldr. 1/1/40. Pay 9.18/1/40 23/2/60*

11/7/40. Granted the rank of Lt. with pay from 1/6/40. Pay 12.4. 11/7/40 23/2/96.

18/7/40. Prob. appl. F/Lt. confirmed. Pay 13.4 18/7/40. O Post 5 min 23/3/52

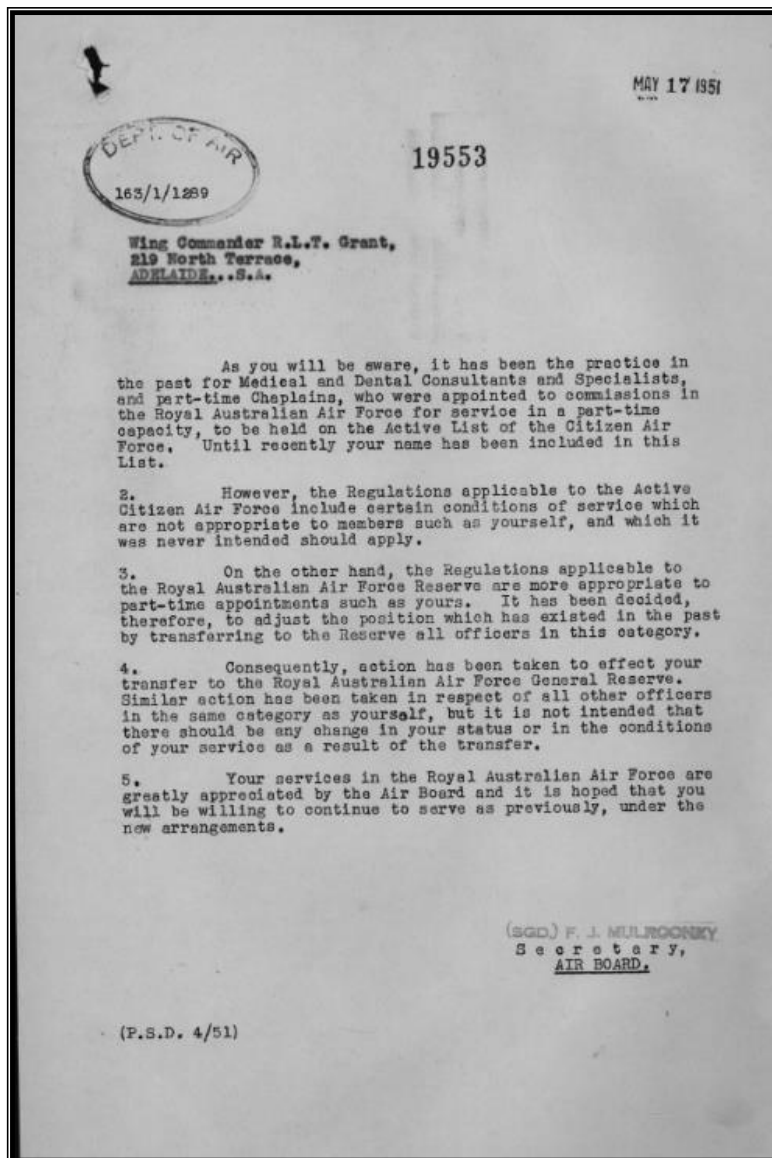
20.8.42. Granted acting rank of W/C w.e.f. 3.8.42 17/9/42

26.11.42. Prom. to temp. W/Cdr. w.e.f. 1.12.42. Pay 25. 17/9/42

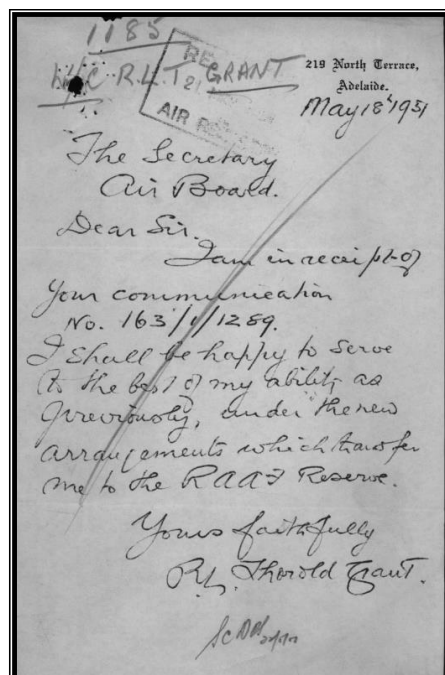
30.11.42. Granted acting rank of W/Cdr. w.e.f. 3.8.42. Pay 25. 17/9/42

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After WW2 ended, Richard was attached to the Citizens Air Force Active List and in 1951 was transferred to the RAAF Reserve as a part time consulting physician.




It is noted from the correspondence that Richard had for some years had private consulting rooms at 219 North Terrace Adelaide (Now a car park behind the old Coles store in Rundle Mall). This building was also the home of The English Speaking Union of SA, and organisation that the Thorold Grants were actively involved with.



Additional Biography

Family Origins and Early Years

Richard Longford Thorold Grant was born at North Adelaide on 22nd April 1894 to William and Emily Grant (nee Jefferson).



William Thorold Grant

BIRTH

16 APR 1862 • Warwickshire, England

DEATH

04 SEP 1925 • Stanmore, New South Wales, Australia

LifeStory

Facts

Gallery

Facts

Show

Name and gender

1862

(AGE)

Birth

16 Apr 1862 • Warwickshire, England

2 Sources

1862

Baptism

19 May 1862 • Radford Semele, Warwickshire, England

2 Sources

1868

5

Birth of Sister Adelaide Grant (1868–1928)

16 Jan 1868 • Beaumont, South Australia, Australia

1874

12

Death of Mother Arabella Catherine Clay (1832–1874)

07 Oct 1874 • Yattalunga nr Gawler, South Australia, Australia

1881

19

Residence

14 Oct 1881 • Oxford, Oxfordshire, England

1 Source

1889

27

Marriage

15 Oct 1889 • London, England

Emily Jane Jefferson

(1864–1945)

1 Source

1889

27

Marriage

15 Oct 1889 • London, England

Emily Jane Jefferson

(1864–1945)

1894

32

Birth of Son Richard Longford Thorold Grant (1894–1979)

22 Apr 1894 • North Adelaide, South Australia

1898

36

Birth of Daughter Nancy Thorold Grant (1898–1975)

15 Dec 1898 • Wayville, South Australia, Australia

1921

59

Death of Father Frederick Augustus Grant (1830–1921)

28 Nov 1921 • Hurlingham, Middlesex, England

1925

63


Death


04 Sep 1925 • Stanmore, New South Wales, Australia


1 Source


Sources


Ancestry Sources


Ancestry Family Trees


Australia Birth Index, 1788-1922


Australia Birth Index, 1788-1922


Australia Death Index, 1787-1985

England & Wales, FreeBMD Birth Index 1837-1915

England & Wales, FreeBMD Marriage Index, 1837-1915

England, Oxford Men and Their Colleges, 1880-1892


England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975

Warwickshire, England, Baptisms, 1813-1910


Search on Ancestry

Family

Parents

Frederick Augustus Grant


1830–1921

Arabella Catherine Clay


1832–1874

Siblings


Spouse & Children

Emily Jane Jefferson

1864–1945

Richard Longford Thorold Grant

1894–1979

Nancy Thorold Grant

1898–1975

Richard Longford Thorold Grant in the Australia, Birth Index, 1788-1922

Name:	Richard Longford Thorold Grant
Birth Date:	22 Apr 1894
Birth Place:	North Adelaide
Registration Place:	Adelaide, South Australia, Australia
Father:	William Thorold Grant
Mother:	Emily Jane Jefferson
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Emily Jane Jefferson

BIRTH APR 1864 • Whitby, Yorkshire, England

DEATH 13 AUG 1945 • Tooradin, Victoria, Australia

LifeStory Facts Gallery

Facts

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Name and gender ▾

1864
(AGE)

Birth

Apr 1864 • Whitby, Yorkshire, England

1889
25

Marriage

15 Oct 1889 • London, England



William Thorold Grant
(1862–1925)

1889
25

Marriage

15 Oct 1889 • London, England



William Thorold Grant
(1862–1925)

1894
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Birth of Son Richard Longford Thorold Grant (1894–1979)

22 Apr 1894 • North Adelaide, South Australia

1898
34

Birth of Daughter Nancy Thorold Grant (1898–1975)

15 Dec 1898 • Wayville, South Australia, Australia

1925
61

Death of Husband William Thorold Grant (1862–1925)

04 Sep 1925 • Stanmore, New South Wales, Australia

1945
81

Death

13 Aug 1945 • Tooradin, Victoria, Australia

Marriage



William Thorold Grant
(1862–1925)

Sources

Ancestry Sources



Ancestry Family
Trees



Australia Birth
Index, 1788-1922



Australia Birth
Index, 1788-1922

Search on Ancestry

Family

Parents



Unknown Father



Unknown Mother

Spouse & Children



William Thorold Grant
1862–1925



**Richard Longford
Thorold Grant**
1894–1979



**Nancy Thorold
Grant**
1898–1975

Richard's paternal and maternal family origins were both from England. Branches of the Grant Family had arrived and settled in both in South Australia and Western Australia around the late 1830s and obtained significant pastoral leases. Richard's wealthy great grandfather, Alexander William Thorold Grant, acquired significant property holdings in South Australia including an area that stretched between the South Para River and Gawler (One Tree Hill district).



Playford's Past

Playford Library Service Heritage collections

Alexander William Thorold Grant (Date of Birth: 29 February 1820, Place of Birth: England)

Was one of the earliest settlers in the One Tree Hill district and represented one of the most prestigious families to come to South Australia at that time.

Born in England on the 29th February 1820, Grant was the son of Alexander (Sandy) Grant and Helen Thorold. His father was described as a "boon companion" of King William IV of England and was said to have played an active part in his sovereign's coronation. Alexander senior also resided for a time in France with his family who became proficient in several languages.

Alexander was keen to make his own way in life, however, and at the tender age of seventeen set out to make his mark in South Australia. He was influenced in this decision because his godfather, Lord Glenelg, was Secretary of State for the Colonies when South Australia was first settled in 1836. Before venturing to South Australia, however, he spent time in the Scottish highlands, gaining experience working with sheep.

He set sail from England on the "Hartley" in 1837 and arrived in South Australia that same year. He is reported to have come with a sum of £1,000.

By January 1840 Grant was squatting near the Little Para River. Assisted by F.W. Stokes, he acquired a Pastoral Lease which extended from the Little Para River to Gawler. He ran 1300 sheep which were looked after by shepherds who lived in bark humpies, as did he. There were no fences. The sheep were constantly on the move and in need of water, especially in the warmer months, and as Smith's Creek, Tenafeate Creek and the South Para River were the most likely sources of water, that is possibly how he became familiar with the areas of land he purchased in 1842 from the South Para River Survey. This land included Cornishmans Hill Road, One Tree Hill, which he named Tyeka (Sections 1678-1684 of Munno Para) and Tenafeate Creek, named Tenafeate, (Sections 1638, 1647-1649 etc. of Para Wirra). This land later became part of the Yattalunga property.

According to Jack Ifould, a well-known local resident, Grant also built a cottage at Yattalunga behind what later became the imposing Yattalunga homestead built by Philip Butler.

After improving his holdings at One Tree Hill, Grant and partner Stokes ventured north when seasons were good, and prospered on a pastoral lease at Kanyaka Station previously held by Hugh Proby son of the Earl of Carysfort. Proby had drowned while attempting to cross the flooded Willochra Creek.

To assist in running these newly acquired northern properties James, Grant's brother, who had served in the Royal Navy, set sail from England. He appears to have arrived in the early 1850's. Accompanied by a friend, he set out for Kanyaka Station. They were never to arrive. James Grant and friend became lost at some stage during their journey and both perished.

When their bodies were discovered some considerable time later, James' remains were brought back to Tyeka for burial in the garden. The site was said to be surrounded by a stone wall. There is a stone wall still there in the present day garden.

Helen Grant, mother of Alexander and James, with another son Frederick and his new bride Arabella, also arrived in South Australia about that time.

Helen is reputed to have brought cuttings from a willow tree on Napoleon's grave at St Helena. These cuttings were planted on the grave at Tyeka. It is also claimed that more cuttings were planted near a water hole at Starr's Gully, Yattalunga.

Helen visited the Kanyaka property where Mount Helen, a peak in the Horseshoe Range north of Coonatto, was named after her. During that time Alexander and Frederick Grant built Coonatto to what was described as "massive proportions."

Meanwhile the family interests around the One Tree Hill district were still being maintained by managers or partners. A partnership was formed with Philip Butler, uncle of Sir Richard Butler M.P. Butler was later to take over some of the Yattalunga property and build the imposing Yattalunga residence as it is known today.

According to a Mr Blackham's notes on the OTH district, at some period around this time other parts of Grant's OTH land were offered for sale. His shepherds were given first option to buy, at a reasonable price and on reasonable terms. This can be authenticated by the fact that in 1852 John MacKenzie, possibly one of his shepherds, purchased some of this land and added it to the South Para land he had already managed to acquire.

By 1858, Alexander was his mother's family's only surviving male heir. His Grandfather Thorold had no surviving male issue and although his mother was a younger daughter of her family, she had produced the only male heir. Alexander thus became heir to an estate worth at least 300,000 English pounds (a vast sum in those days). He journeyed back to England to prepare for his inheritance, leaving his brother Frederick and F. W. Stokes (whose name is still synonymous with land features in the district), to manage the family's South Australian interests.

After his return to England in 1858 Alexander married Anna Hamilton Stirling, daughter of Sir James Stirling – 1st Governor of Western Australia. They had five children.

Alexander Grant's grandfather died in 1865 and Alexander became successor to the Thorold estates.

He did not return to South Australia.

Later in 1852, after the owner had drowned crossing a flooded creek, he took over the lease of Coonatto Station in the lower Flinders' Ranges. The Grant family members were wealthy enough to spend much of their time between their homes in England and Australia. Richard's father William was born in 1862 during one of the families trips back to the mother country and was then educated in the UK at Eaton and Oxford before then spending most of his time in Australia. The following Obituary provides some more information.

The following article relates to Richard's grandfather Frederick Augustus Grant who took over Coonatto station from his father Alexander.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)

Thursday 5 January 1922, page 6

THE GRANTS.

From A. T. SAUNDERS:—The paragraph in The Register on Wednesday, recording the death of Mr. F. A. Grant, of the famous Coonatto Station (which is close to the railway near Hammond, and can be seen from the train), revives many memories. Lady Strachey, in her memoirs of a "Life in the Highlands," writes of the Grants; but I will not quote from it. Mr. W. Thorold Grant was, and is, so well known in Australia before and after he began to write under the caption of "Bendleby" in The Australasian those excellent articles on Australian pastoral matters, is a son of the gentleman whose death The Register records. Alexander (Sandy) Grant, the father of F. A. Grant, ran the election at Great Grimsby for the husband of the author of the book; and at Grimsby met and married his second wife, Miss Thorold, an heiress. He had no family by his first wife, who was (like his second) a richly dowered lady. He was a boon companion of King William IV., at whose coronation he played an active part. He was a special pleader in the House of Lords, a position now abolished. By his second wife, nee Thorold, he had three sons—Alexander, James, and Frederick, and the last was the F. A. Grant recently deceased. The first Alexander—Richard Grant Thorold's father—inherited the Grimsby estates, worth £300,000, from his maternal uncle. The second perished in the bush in South Australia in the 'fifties. Sandy later lived at

Normandy. The children all learned to speak French like natives. The eldest son, Alexander, who in inheriting his uncle's property had to take the name of Thorold (Grant Thorold) came to South Australia in 1837 with £1,000, and "made good" as a squatter. Fred came to South Australia about 1845, and James became a lieutenant in the Navy. He perished, and his body was not found until two years later. Alexander went out to try and find James; and, as he was in bad health at the time, his hair went snow-white during the trip. The Grants were evidently hard workers and bold adventurers. There were several Thorolds of the Grimsby branch in this State in the early days. Both Grant-Thorold and Thorold-Grant were Coolgardie pioneers. The Coolgardie Courier (29/9/94) records the arrival of Grant-Thorold with 55 camels from Wilgena, South Australia, when they took their departure (24/7/94). Thorold-Grant was there before, I fancy; organized the firm of Mackenzie, Grant, & Co., and was one of the first Bayley street land buyers. In the Perth (Western Australia) Gazette of 10/8/60, it is notified that R. G. Thorold's tender to supply a horse to the police for £30, had been accepted, and on 2/5/62 it was recorded that (27/4/62) the ship Lancelles sailed for London from Fremantle, and that among her passengers were Lieut. R. Grant-Thorold, R.E., Mrs. Grant-Thorold, and two children. The cargo ship Coonatto was named after the station. She was a wool clipper from Port Adelaide for many years, and was wrecked on the coast of England when carrying a cargo of wool to London. Thorold-Grant, now of Melbourne, knows Australia as few men do. He nearly died of privation on his trip from South Australia to Western Australia with Miller's exploring party, but was up in China during the Boxer affair of 20 years ago, and saw awful sights, and had adventures there.

Richard's father in Who's Who (1922)

Who's Who in Australia, 1921-1950 for William Thorold Grant
1922

G R A N T, William Thorold, journalist; b. Leamington, Warwickshire, England; s. of Frederick Augustus Grant; ed. Eton (1876-81), and Christ Church, Oxford (1882-4). Engaged for ten years in pastoral pursuits, ten years in mining, prospecting and exploring, and 14 years in journalism (four years in S.A. and 10 years in Victoria); is a special writer on pastoral topics for *The Australasian*. m. 1889, Emily Jefferson of Whitby Yorks. Address — Struan, Toorak, Vic.

Richards's father's death occurred on 4th September 1925 in Stanmore NSW.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)
Sat 5 Sep 1925 / Page 3

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Mr. William Thorold Grant, one of the most capable writers on pastoral subjects in Australia. For many years he contributed special articles on these topics to The Register, and was also associated with The Advertiser before he joined the staff of The Australasian, Melbourne, in which his writings, under the pen name of "Bendleby," were eagerly read. As a judge of sheep he was a competent critic, and his stories of the early days of the pastoral industry in the backblocks would fill volumes. The deceased was born at Leamington, Warwickshire, and was a son of the late Mr. Frederick Augustus Grant. He was educated at Eton from 1876 to 1881, and finished at Christ Church College, Oxford (1882-4). The story of his life has been well told in many paragraphs previously published in connection with his newspaper contributions, recognised as the best of their kind in Australia. Summarized, Mr. Grant's record includes 10 years in pastoral pursuits, 10 years in mining, prospecting, and exploring, and 16 years in journalism (four years in Adelaide and the rest as "Bendleby," of The Australasian, Dr. Thorold Grant, of North terrace, is a son.

Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate
(NSW : 1894 - 1954).
Tuesday 8 September 1925, page 2

Obituary

WILLIAM THOROLD GRANT.

William Thorold Grant, journalist, for many years best known as "Bendleby" of "The Australasian," a writer known to sheep, cattle and horse men throughout Australia, died at Branside Hospital, Stanmore, Sydney, last Thursday night.

Mr. Grant was well known to nearly all Western graziers, loved for his engaging and manly personality, and appreciated for the meticulous study he had given to stock, more particularly to sheep. He was in Dubbo only a few weeks ago, and was staying for a while at several of the stations in the Trangie and Warren districts.

Thorold Grant was educated at Eton and Oxford, and came to Australia in the early eighties to work for the Colonial Sugar Refining Company at Victoria plantation, on the Herbert River. In those early days he very quickly took place as the leading amateur steeplechase rider in Queensland. A consummate horseman (he had hunted in England from childhood), with the calmest judgment and an entire absence of fear, the mantle of Lindsay Gordon descended very fitly upon him as far as Queensland was concerned. Later he took up the study that has made his writing name famous. He leaves a widow and grown-up family, and when he died was about 65 years of age.

National Library of Australia

Primary and Secondary Education - Queen's School North Adelaide

Young Richard Grant was educated at Queen's School, Barton Terrace, North Adelaide. After finishing his Primary years, he completed his Junior Public Examinations in 1908 (equivalent to Intermediate) and was mentioned in the General Honor List. He passed in an exceptional nine subjects, with credits in Latin and French (Individual Subject Honor List). He was also mentioned in the General Honor List in 1909 after passing his Senior Public Examinations passing in eight subjects with five credits. He had received an individual subject Honor in Latin, Arithmetic/Algebra, Geometry, Physics and Inorganic Chemistry.

Queen's School Pupils c 1909 -10

Queen's School Pupils [B 14993] • Photograph



State Library of SA

Group photograph of Queen's schools pupils and masters at North Adelaide, names supplied by Sir E.J.R. Morgan, May 1962: In the back row: R.B. Laurie; Mortimer Shannon (killed 1914 war); J.F. Astley, QC; Jack Gall; Dr. Geoffrey Howard (deceased); Dr. H.M. Fisher; Jack Tate (deceased); Leonard Tate (deceased). Next row standing: Walters(?); Sir Edward Morgan; Sir Keith Angas; Smith (?) Eddington; Dr. W. Delprat; R. O'H Giles (killed 1914 war); A. van Lenden; Evans; Sabine. Sitting on form: unknown, Vernon Farr; Dr. F.H. Beare (deceased); Dr. R.L. Thorold Grant; LeMessurier (second master); R.G.J. Hood (Headmaster); E.C.H. Taylor (third master); Jack Howard; R. Hawkes (killed 1914 war). Crouching: Fred Gall; R. van Lenden; R. Schomberg; E.L. Pellew; Dr. R.J. deN Souter; Mr. President Pellew; Borthwick; Allan MacFarlane; Dr. J.E.D. Crozier. Sitting on ground: unknown; Ronald Benny; South (?); Hunwick; Arthur Conrad; von Doussa; D.D.Dobbie (deceased)

While at Queen's School he played in the cricket team and participated in the athletics carnivals, winning the half mile cup event in September 1909. For the following two years at the annual athletics carnival, held on Adelaide Oval, he won the School Cup two years in a row, by winning both the quarter and half mile events.

After a "year's interval" in 1910, he preceded to his final year at Queen's School in preparation for entrance to University. He passed four subjects in the Higher Public Examinations in 1911 (Equivalent to Leaving Honors) finishing 14th in the General Honor List.

QUEEN'S SCHOOL.

The annual speech day of Queen's School was held before a large and fashionable audience in the big schoolroom on Friday. The usual gymnastic display unfortunately had to be postponed owing to the indisposition of Mr. Leschen. The head master (Mr. R. G. Jufomb-Hood, M.A.) read his annual report, and presented the prizes. The record of the year included seven successes out of eight candidates presented for the University examinations. For the senior examination of 1909 both candidates were successful—Grant in eight subjects, with five honours, and Laurie in six subjects. Grant was third in the general honour list of the boys of South Australia. Among these he was equal third in Latin, third in arithmetic and algebra, eighth in geometry, third in physics, and second in chemistry. After a year's interval he proceeded to the late higher public examination, where he passed in all his four subjects, and took honours in applied mathematics. His present age was 16.

The Queen's School athletic sports held on the Adelaide Oval, had attracted a large attendance, Howard I. winning the championship and Grant the school cup. The school eleven had had a successful year, and nine of them were returning in 1911. Every boy in the school had played cricket regularly, and all but one, who was under the doctor's orders, played football. The head master concluded by reading the address of the late King Edward to the boys of Rugby, which he, as an old Rugbeian himself, was proud to deliver to Queens' School boys to be the guidance of their future life at "Rugby beyond the seas." The head master distributed the prizes for the past year as follows:—

—1910—Midwinter.—

VIA, Grant, R. L. T.; VIB, Todd, V. C.; V., Beare, T. H.; IV., Delprat, G. D.; Remove, Evans, C. G.; IIA, Gall, J. B.; IIIB, McFarlane, A.

—Christmas.—

VIA, Grant, R. L. T.; VIB, Todd, V. C.; V., Beare, F. H.; IV, form Astley, J. F., exams, Delprat, G. D.; remove 1, Tate, A. J. G.; remove 2, Evans, C. G.; IIA, terms first Duncan, C. M. G., second Seock, J. O., exams Fisher, H. M.; IIIB, terms first Cronier, J. E. D., second Borthwick, T. K., exams, Cronier, J. E. D.; IIIB (lower division), Hunwick, F. H. French (middle school, presented by Mrs. C. H. Angus).—Fist, Fisher, H. M.; second, Tate, A. J. G. Gymnasium Medals.—Senior, van Sonden, E. S.; Junior Benny, R. V. Average bat, Beare, F. H.

Unusually in 1913 while at University, he sat for a further Senior Public Examination subject (English Literature) studying under a private tutor. Again he passed with a credit and made the Special Honor List

University of Adelaide - Medicine

In 1912, his first year at Adelaide University, Richard was required to complete some compulsory science subjects before he could be accepted into medicine. He gained a Division 1 pass in Physics (Distinction) and Division 2 pass in Biology (Credit)

Details of Australian medical students and graduates were recorded in the UK Register.

UK, Medical and Dental Students Registers, 1882-1937 for Richard Longford Thorold Grant				
Medical and Dental Students Register > 1913				
GRAHAM, Malcolm Hewley.	<i>Camb. Prev. ;</i>	March, 1913.	I.	October 16,
*GRANT, Gerald Wallace ...	<i>Dal. Univ. Half. N. Scot. Matric. ;</i>	June, 1913.	Dec. 1	Univ. Camb. ;
GRANT, Margaret Hogg ...	<i>Scot. Ed. Depart. ;</i>	September, 1909.	E.	October 10,
	<i>April, 1912.</i>		May 23	Dal. Univ. Half. N. Scot. ;
GRANT, Richard Longford Thorold	<i>Adelaide Sen. Publ. ;</i>	November, 1909.	S.	September 21, 1909.
	<i>November, 1912.</i>		Oct. 23	Q. Margt.'s Coll. Glasg. ;
			S.	October 13,
			June 7	Univ. Adelaide ;
			E.	March 17.

Entering the medical faculty in 1913, Richard would have an outstanding academic record. He topped 1st Year Medicine and was awarded the Elder Prize. In 1914 and 15 he passed (First Class - Distinction) in 2nd

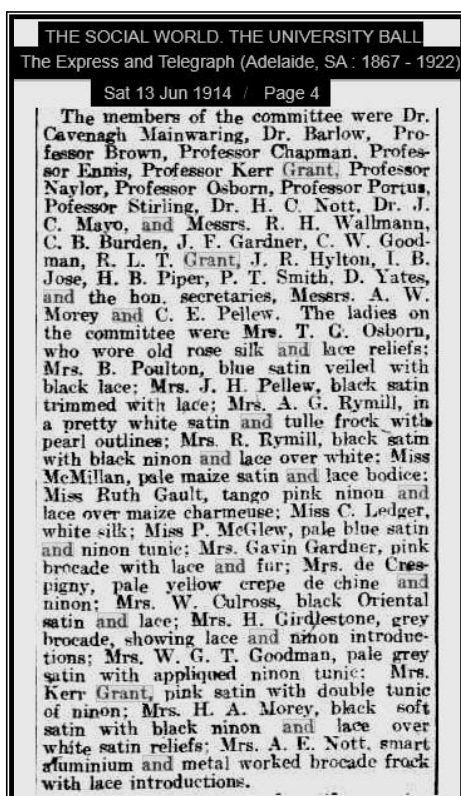
and 3rd Year, however in 1916 he had to defer his studies because of a serious kidney condition (renal tuberculosis) requiring a nephrectomy.

Returning to complete 4th Year in 1917 he passed (Second Class - top Credit). With more stamina in 1918 he passed his 5th and final year (First Class - equal top). Both he and Raphael West Cilento (later Sir Raphael and father of Film Star - Diane Cilento) were both awarded the Everard Scholarship (Thirty Pounds).

1918 Medical Graduates



Richard's broader interest in University life was demonstrated when in June 1914 he was on the organising committee for the annual University Ball. Generally he was very much part of the Adelaide social scene.



Adelaide University Sport

Richard was a very fit and athletic lad at Queen's School and he continued to play sport at Adelaide University. The first newspaper record of his participation at Adelaide University was rowing for the Science Faculty in the September 1912 Rowing Club Regatta. It appears to be his only try at rowing.

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ROWING.

UNIVERSITY CLUB REGATTA.

The first club to make use of the river with a regatta this season was the University, the annual schools' races having been held on Saturday afternoon. There was a large gathering to witness the racing, which was interesting. A new four-oar tub was christened by Mrs. Osborne, wife of the recently appointed professor of botany. The programme included with an eight-oar race between the science school and rest of the University, but owing to an accident in the latter boat the race was spoilt, the science crew winning easily. The arrangements were carried out by Professor Henderson. The officials were:—Starters, weir, Mr. G. W. Goodman; Morphett-street Bridge, Mr. S. S. Mills; judge, Mr. C. R. Butterworth.

Results:—

Tub Fours, fixed seats, for juniors.—
First Heat—Arts I. L. Gellert (bow), G. Wheaton, A. H. Keley, G. E. Halbert (str.), R. Jenkin (cox). Science I.—C. G. McDonald, N. B. Stephens, C. E. Tilley, J. R. Hylton (str.), and J. R. Dart (cox). Won by Arts I. by three lengths.

Second Heat.—Medical—G. H. Black, O. W. Plotz, A. K. Gault, A. W. Morey (str.), F. F. Gardner (cox). Arts II.—A. C. Cottle, F. E. Thomas, A. P. Tuck, F. B. Hoskin (str.), F. F. Jeffrey (cox). Won by Medical by one length.

Byc—Science II.—R. L. T. Grant, N. B. Hall, A. C. Broughton, N. R. Bennett (str.), N. H. Somerville (cox).

Semi-final.—Arts I. (Halbert) beat Science II. (Bennett) by six lengths.

Final.—Arts I. (Halbert) beat Medical (Morey) by two and a half lengths.

He only played one season of cricket and was unable to hold a regular place in the B Grade side during the 1913/14 season. The AUCC only had two teams, an A and B Grade side playing in the SACA competition.

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)
Sat 1 Nov 1913 / Page 13

UNIVERSITY V. WEST TORRENS (on 'Varsity Oval).

'Varsity—R. Badger, E. L. Bean, F. H. Beare, L. G. Davies, R. L. Thorold Grant, E. P. Howard, L. G. Hurley, G. T. Marshall, A. M. Moulden, D. Northey, W. J. Price. Emergency—H. C. Thrush, E. M. Timcke, W. R. Hunt.

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UNIVERSITY VERSUS WEST TORRENS.

Played on the University Oval.

UNIVERSITY.		
Marshall, b. Dillon	46
A. M. Moulden, not out	104
Price, c. Dillon, b. Rimes	3
Northey, b. Rimes	9
Davies, b. Yeomans	2
Hurley, b. Yeomans	3
Howard, b. Davies	23
Badger, c. and b. Davies	12
Bean, l.b.w., b. Davies	0
Beare, run out	1
Grant, c. and b. Dillon	8
Sundries	8
Total	239

Bowling.—Yeomans, two for 54; Davies, three for 37; Knight, none for 40; Richards, none for 4; Dillon, two for 28; Rimes, two for 39.

It was as a middle distance runner for the Athletics Club that Richard excelled at University, continuing the form he had shown while at Queen's School. In the annual university athletics carnival in 1913, the 19 year old medical student won the one mile event in the very fine time of 4 minutes 29 seconds (The World Record at the time was 4 minutes 14 seconds). The following year he won the half mile event in 2 minutes 2 seconds.

THE UNIVERSITY SPORTS
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One-Mile Handicap.—R. L. G. Grant, D. R. Wellman. Time, 4 min. 29 sec.
 Shot Put.—N. G. Abbott. Distance, 32 ft. 9 in.

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Championship Race, 100 yards.—C. E. Pellew, L. H. Wallmann, E. D. Meldrum. Time, 11 sec.
 One Mile Walk.—R. F. Stokes (105 yards), L. Matthews (125 yards), J. W. Cole (140 yards). Time, 7 min. 12 3-5 sec.
 Hurdle Race, 120 yards.—I. B. Pender (scr.), L. H. Wallmann (scr.), N. B. Stevens (12 yards). Time, 13 4-5 sec.
 Flat Race, 880 yards.—R. L. Grant (85 yards), F. E. Williams (30 yards), J. B. Gillen (45 yards). Time, 2 min. 2 sec.

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Sat 8 Feb 1913 / Page 14

"Sport."—The professional record for one mile (foot racing) is held by W. G. George, who in 1886 covered the distance in 4 min. 12½ sec. The amateur record for the same distance is held by P. J. Jones, who in 1911 did the mile in 4 min. 15 2-5 sec.

Richard was a member of the 1914 Intervarsity Athletics Carnival held in Adelaide. He was also a member of the organising committee.



Back row: N.C. Goss, E.D. Meldrum, H. Othams, R. Pender, N.G. Abbott.
Middle row: L.H. Wallmann, J.C.P. Strachan, I.B. Pender (captain), C.E. Pellew, N.B. Stevens.
Front row: C. Gurner, M. Badger, R.L. Grant. (1914 Intervarsity Held in Adelaide)

INTER-UNIVERSITY SPORTS
The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931)
Thu 4 Jun 1914 / Page 7

The officers of the Adelaide University Athletic Club responsible for the control of Wednesday's meeting were:—Patron, Sir Samuel Way; stewards, Professors Naylor, Rennie, Chapman, Jethro Brown, and Stirling, Dr. W. R. Cavenagh-Mainwaring, J. A. G. Hamilton, H. Rischbieth, H. H. E. Russell, W. Ray, C. T. de Crespigny, Messrs. G. A. Wallmann, S. Talbot Smith, C. R. Hodge, F. Chapple, Canon H. Girdlestone, R. G. Jacomb Hood, D. H. Hollidge, I. S. Scott, E. W. van Senden, S. H. Skipper, F. J. Grey and Bayfield Moulden: referee, Mr. W. A. Magarey; judges, Messrs. G. Mostyn Evan, G. C. Campbell, C. W. Hayward, and Dr. C. Yeatman; field judges, Professor Portus, and Messrs. Gordon Green, H. Thompson, and R. H. Wallmann; starter, Mr. C. Kellett; timekeepers, Professor Kerr Grant, and Messrs. E. V. Clarke, W. H. Stevenson, and W. G. T. Goodman; dressing-room stewards, Messrs. J. A. Love and I. E. Ashby; committee, Messrs. M. Badger, I. B. Pender, J. C. P. Strachan, R. L. T. Grant, J. N. Webb, L. Wallmann, C. W. Goodman, and H. A. Wyllie; handicappers, Messrs. I. B. Pender, J. C. P. Strachan, L. A. Wallmann, C. E. Pellew, and H. A. Wyllie; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. L. T. Grant; hon. secretary, Mr. H. A. Wyllie.

In 1915 Richard won the half-mile event at the Adelaide Harriers meeting.

The Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922)
Thu 8 Jul 1915 / Page 6

ATHLETICS.

(By "Onlooker.")

The Adelaide University held a sports meeting on June 30. There being several open events, four members of the Adelaide Harriers' and Walking Club stripped. The meeting was not as successful as last year's, on account of several students being at the front or not in training. There was a little coterie of ladies in the stand. They were enthusiastic spectators. The Adelaide Club's first "brush" with their opponents resulted in N. Kay being defeated in a half-mile handicap by Grant, a fine Varsity middle-distance runner. It was a close finish, and the time was 2 min. 14 sec.

Richard also was a very good lacrosse player and a valuable member of the Adelaide University Lacrosse team in 1914 and 1915. During the War years all competitions were abandoned, however his health issues that struck him down in 1916, as well as impacting on his studies would have certainly curtailed his sporting ambitions too. It could be speculated that without the misfortune of War and illness Richard could have qualified and represented Australia in athletics at Olympic games level.

After the end of hostilities, local lacrosse matches resumed, as did the annual contest against Melbourne University. Richard was a member of the 1919 Intervarsity team that was defeated by Melbourne University in Melbourne. Although he had now completed his medical course, a concession was made, with 1918 graduates permitted to play in the contest.

INTER-VARSITY LACROSSE.

ADELAIDE DEFEATED BY MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, August 19.

The Adelaide and Melbourne Universities' lacrosse teams met at the University Oval to-day. The occasion was made a ladies' day, and there was a large gathering to witness the first inter-university lacrosse match for many years. At the beginning the play was inclined to be rough, but the teams soon settled down to steady work. At half-time the scores were level—4 goals each. In the third quarter the Melbourne University representatives added three more goals, but the visitors found the defence too strong for them to break through. In the final term each side found the net once. The match, accordingly, ended in a win for Melbourne University by 8 goals to 5. Healy threw all the goals for the visitors, and with Pavy (captain), Wilson, and Dowling, did the best work for his side.

1919 Intervarsity Team



Inter Varsity Lacrosse 1919

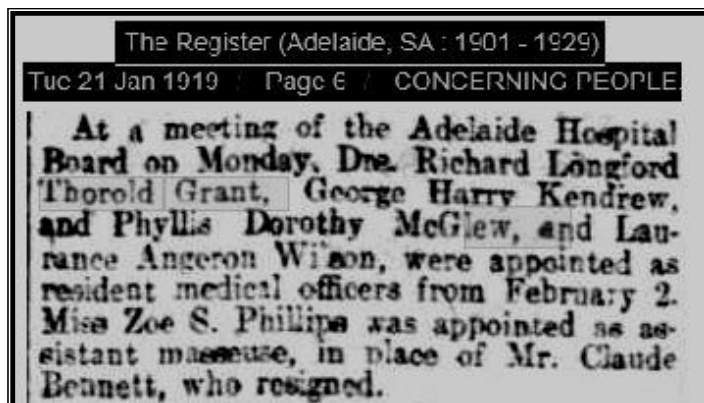
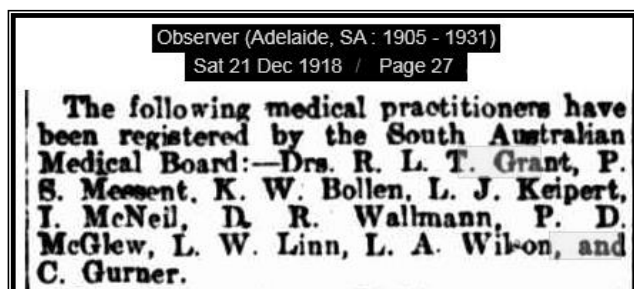
Back row: C.G.Evans (emerg.), L.Wilson, D.A.Dowling, H.M.Fisher, J.L.McGee, H.N.Rees, R.Walmsley (emerg.)
Front: H.R.Othams, R.T.Grant, H.K.Pavy (capt), N.R.Bennett, A.K.Gault, K.J.Healy. Held in Melbourne, won by Melbourne 8-5

Although Richard did not have a successful cricketing career with the Adelaide University Club, he obviously showed an interest in their fortunes. He was a spectator at the Intervarsity match against Melbourne University held in Adelaide in February 1920. This was the first intervarsity cricket contest since 1910. The War had caused the cancellation of a proposed contest in 1915.



Professional Career

Richard was registered with the SA Medical Board shortly after graduation and in January 1919 was appointed as a resident medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital.



After two years at The Adelaide Hospital Richard went to England for further experience and in 1921 he obtained his membership of the Royal College of Physicians.

In 1922 after returning from England, Richard was appointed as a Demonstrator in Pathology in the Pathology Department of the University of Adelaide headed by John Burton Cleland M.D. His research work on Graves' Disease (Hyperthyroidism) was published in the Medical Journal of Australia.

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1923 Adelaide University Calendar

He was reappointed in 1923 and 1924 to his position in the Pathology Department.

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Critic (Adelaide, SA : 1897-1924), Wednesday 29 November 1922, page 7

The University of Adelaide.

At a meeting of the University Council on Friday the following were appointed lecturers:—Faculty of Law—Messrs. R. J. Rudall, LL.B., constitutional law; H. Thompson LL.B. law of wrongs; R. N. Finlayson, LL.B., evidence and procedure; E. W. Benham, LL.B., private inter-national law; A. J. Hannam, M.A., LL.B., Roman law. Faculty of Medicine—Drs. H. K. Fry, M.B., B.S., materia medica and therapeutics; and M. L. Scott, M.B., M.S., F.R.C.S., surgical anatomy. Faculty of Dentistry.—Drs. A. R. Southwood, medicine; B. Smeaton, M.B., B.S., surgery; L. W. Trott, materia medica and therapeutics; E. J. Millhouse, dental surgery and dental pathology; A. I. Chapman, prosthesis; and P. R. Newling, operative dentistry;

Mr. H. T. Edwards, orthodontics. The undermentioned were also appointed tutors and assistant tutors in the medical course for 1923:—Medicine—Dr. W. Ray, B.Sc., tutor; Drs. J. W. Browne and D. R. W. Cowan, assistant tutors. Surgery.—Dr. B. Smeaton tutor; Drs. J. Corbin and M. L. Scott, assistant tutors. Obstetrics.—Dr. T. G. Wilson, tutor. Dr. Thorold Grant was reappointed demonstrator in pathology for 1923. Applications from the undermentioned for admission ad eundem gradum were approved:—Rev. H. P. Finnis, M.A., Miss P. White, B.Sc., Mr. G. L. Wood, M.A., and Rev. H. T. Postle, LL.D.

In 1923 he had also been appointed as a temporary honorary assistant physician at the Adelaide Hospital.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924)

Fri 24 Aug 1923 / Page 4

PERSONAL

Dr. R. L. Thorold Grant has been appointed a temporary honorary assistant physician, and Dr. M. C. Patrick, a resident Medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital.

In 1923 in addition to his University of Adelaide appointment he began a long association with the Adelaide Children's Hospital in various honorary appointments. His first position was as a pathologist and bacteriologist which he held until to 1925.

In 1925 he was also promoted to the University of Adelaide position of Honorary Clinical Assistant Pathologist. This was after the resignation of Ivan Bede Jose. He continued in this position until 1927.

OFFICERS.

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Hon. Pathologist :

PROFESSOR J. B. CLELAND, M.D. (Syd.)

Hon. Clinical Assistant Pathologist :

R. L. THOROLD GRANT, M.R.C.P. (Lond.).

1926 Adelaide University Calendar

In 1926 he was appointed as an assistant physician at the Adelaide Children's Hospital and he held this role until promoted in 1937 to physician, holding this position until 1954.

In 1938 he had been a founding Fellow of the newly established Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP) an honour granted to those who already held the FRCP (London) qualification.

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954)

Tuesday 15 November 1938, page 12

PHYSICIANS' COLLEGE.

Inauguration in Australasia.

CEREMONIES NEXT MONTH.

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians will be officially inaugurated on Wednesday, December 14, by the Governor, Lord Wakehurst. The ceremony will take place in the Great Hall of Sydney University, in the presence of distinguished physicians from Australia and New Zealand.

More than 250 Australian and New Zealand physicians, many of whom are fellows of the Royal College of Physicians, London, have already been admitted as foundation members. On December 14, 41 more, who have been examined by the college, will be admitted as members.

Dr Morley Fletcher, who will attend the inaugural ceremony as representative of the Royal College of Physicians, London, will present to the Australasian College a caduceus, or ceremonial staff. It is the traditional symbol of the physician, and represents the staff and wings of Hermes, the Greek messenger god, and two serpents.

After the inauguration ceremony, Dr. Morley Fletcher will deliver a public address on "Medicine, Then and Now." The president of the Australian College of Physicians, Sir Charles Blackburn, will preside at an inaugural dinner, at the Hotel Australia on Tuesday, December 13.

Sir Charles Blackburn will hold an official reception on December 15, and on the following day Lord and Lady Wakehurst will give a garden party at Government House.

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In 1951, Richard was elected as President of the local branch of the British Medical Association. As BMA State President, Richard was facing the same sort of issues that have been faced by the profession and the community in more recent times, including bed shortages.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954),

Wednesday 4 July 1951, page 2

New BMA President

Dr. Thorold Grant, of Grange, has been elected president of the SA branch of the British Medical Association for the year ending July 30, 1952.

He succeeds Dr. C. O. F. Rieger, who has been president for two years.

Dr. Grant was vice-president last year.

Dr. B. F. Hanson was elected vice-president for 1951-52.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954),

Friday 3 August 1951, page 3

"Start Building New Hospitals Soon"—Dr. Grant

The BMA State President (Dr. Thorold Grant) said last night that Adelaide's acute shortage of hospital beds required that a start should be made as soon as possible on construction of both a 150-bed casualty hospital and also the 300-bed general section of the Western Districts Hospital at Woodville.

Contracts have been let for building the 100-bed maternity section of the Western Districts Hospital, but architects are still working on the design for the general section.

Dr. Grant, replying to a statement by the Chief Secretary (Mr. McEwin) that inconvenience had arisen from "tendency of young medical graduates to push everybody into hospital," said: "For years, before sending cases, other than accidents or grave emergencies, to the Royal Adelaide Hospital, doctors have first had to telephone a special senior medical officer of the hospital."

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Other issues facing the BMA (SA Branch) in the early 1950s were questions of doctor shortages and the push for a government subsidised private health insurance scheme. The National Health Services and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme were also being implemented and faced various teething problems for doctors. It was really quite a time of change.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954),

Thursday 28 February 1952, page 2

Support For Health Plan

It appeared that in future the burden of payment for illness would be to a great extent lifted from the average person's shoulders, the State president of the BMA (Dr. R. Thorold Grant) said yesterday.

He was commenting on the announcement that the Federal Government had approved the early introduction of a medical benefits plan based on a system of voluntary insurance.

Dr. Grant said that the Government's plan seemed to be an extension of the existing one carried on through benefit and friendly societies.

He was in favor of a small payment by the patient, as a deterrent against abuse of the system.

The president of the Mutual Hospital Association Ltd. (Sir Henry Newland) said that he had always been in favor of voluntary insurance with regard to medical benefits.

The association, which was widely supported, believed that "insurance begets insurance, and thrift begets thrift."

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News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) /

Fri 11 Jan 1952 / Page 7

'SUFFICIENT DOCTORS'

There was no shortage of doctors in SA to his knowledge, the State President of the BMA (Dr. Thorold Grant) said today.

There had been no complaints to the association about a shortage, and, in fact, medical graduates from Adelaide University had reached a peak over the past few years.

Sixty-nine doctors had graduated last year, many of them ex-servicemen who had completed their studies under the CRTS scheme.

Dr. Grant was answering suggestions that new Australian doctors should be recognised in SA to relieve a shortage of doctors.

With antibiotics now becoming more readily available for doctors to prescribe, Richard warned that they should be used only when absolutely indicated and advised that the Children's Hospital did not use them excessively.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 4 June 1952, page 2

B.M.A. ADVICE ON USE OF ANTIBIOTICS

The BMA advised doctors not to use antibiotic drugs unless absolutely indicated, the State president (Dr. Thorold Grant) said today.

The association's view coincided with that in a report by the Director-General of Public Health (Dr. A. R. Southwood) released yesterday, recommending greater care in the use of drugs such as streptomycin, aureomycin, and chlor-amphenicol.

A recent National Health and Medical Research

Council meeting received a report that these drugs were thought to be used far more than appeared warranted by research studies.

Dr. Grant said, having no figures, he was not in a position to say whether they were being used excessively here. "But they certainly are not as far as my colleagues and I are concerned," he said.

"At the Children's Hospital we take the greatest care in prescribing the use of antibiotics.

"They are in limited supply, and it is not advisable to use them for cases which they possibly may not help.

"Their use is being watched by the association and by the Commonwealth Health Department.

"If it is considered excessive use is being made in any one quarter, an in-

quiry follows. Often a satisfactory explanation is given.

"The association is seeking the co-operation of doctors by circular and verbal advice in controlling the use of these drugs."

Referring to heroin, on which the council had recommended an inquiry into its excessive use, Dr. Grant said it was a drug which could almost always be done without.

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There is little published information about his professional career after he finished as a consultant physician at the Adelaide Children's Hospital in 1954; however some of his other roles are covered in his published obituary at the end of his biography.

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(1906–1974)

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Emily Jane Jefferson

1864–1945

Siblings

Spouse & Children

Nancy Helen Jane Lewis

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Richard Thorold "Dick" Grant

1929–2018

Private

During and after his University days Richard was very visible on the Adelaide social scene. He always remembered fondly his years at Queen's School and was a member of the committee that organised old scholars' events.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954)
Saturday 2 September 1922, page 17

"CHOCOLATE-AND-GOLD" DANCE.

A committee of Queen's School old scholars has issued invitations to the "Chocolate-and-Gold" dance in the Osborne Hall on Friday, September 22. The hosts will be Messrs. Sidney Ayers, Kenneth Bakewell, T. E. Barr Smith, jun., Guy Fisher, Max Fotheringham, Hew Giles, R. G. Jacomb Hood, J. G. Howard, C. L. Jessop, Max Joyner, A. K. Lawson, E. R. Lawson, Allan MacFarlane, jun., Arnold Moulden, Charles Symon, H. B. Ware, Neil Wigg, Keith Wilkinson, Ross Wilkinson, Dr. Frank Beare, Dr. R. Thorold Grant, Dr. Hubert Jay, and Dr. William Ray.

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Richard and his sister Nancy were regular guests at parties held at the Winter Club, an Adelaide social group that held events during the winter months at the Osborne Hall, a ballroom in Gouger Street, Adelaide. A Miss Nancy Lewis, then 19 years of age was in the company of the Thorold Grants.

Saturday Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1929)
Saturday 18 August 1923, page 15

AT THE WINTER CLUB.

The Winter Club was very largely attended at the Osborne Hall on Tuesday evening, and a most enjoyable time was spent by members and their guests. On Tuesday, August 21, about 100 interstate golf players will be entertained, and as it promises to be a most cheery party, dancing will continue until 12 o'clock. Several large parties were given on Tuesday.

Mrs. Maxwell Fowler took Miss Nancy Thorold Grant, Miss Nancy Lewis, Miss Joan Connelly, Miss Florence Hill, Dr. Thorold Grant, Capt. Hambroton, Dr. E. Crozier, Dr. Brian Swift, Mr. Tom Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Taylor brought Miss Hilary Heath, Miss Homer Wadey, Miss Marjorie Verco, Miss Jean Taylor, Miss Margaret Taylor, Mr. Harold Barritt, Mr. C. Langley, Mr. Ron Macdonald, Mr. Gordon Taylor, Mr. Greg Bruer.

Richard became engaged to Helen Jane "Nancy" Lewis daughter of ophthalmologist Dr James Brook Lewis in September 1923.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954),
Thursday 6 September 1923, page 8

ENGAGEMENT

GRANT—LEWIS.

The engagement is announced of Helen Jane Nancy, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Brook Lewis, of Mount Lofty, and Richard Longford Thorold, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thorold Grant, of Struan, Toorak, Victoria.

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By 1925 Richard's sister Nancy was living in Melbourne, possibly to be with her father and mother who had moved to Victoria some years earlier.



Sadly the family faced the death of Richards's father in 1925 (see earlier obituary).

Happier times followed in 1927 when Richard married Nancy Lewis at St Peter's Cathedral.



Woman's World

Conducted by "CANDIDA"



DR. AND MRS. R. L. THOROLD GRANT LEAVING ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL AFTER WEDDING CEREMONY
In the picture are Mr. Ian Hayward (best man), Mr. Jack Thorold Grant (groomsman), bridegroom, bride, Misses Lilian Henderson, and Alison Verco (bridesmaids).

After the marriage they lived in North Adelaide and then in November 1927 Richard and Nancy moved into their home at The Avenue, Medindie.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954)

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SOCIAL NOTES

Contributors to the social columns of "The News" are asked to give the initials of all persons mentioned. Reports of dances, weddings, and social notes must be accompanied by the signature and address of the sender, not necessarily for publication.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Thorold Grant have taken a house in The Avenue, Medindie.

The Thorold Grant's first child (William John) was born in December 1927

The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929)
Fri 16 Dec 1927 / Page 8

BIRTHS.

GRANT.—On the 15th December, at the Memorial Hospital, to the wife of Richard Thorold Grant—a son.

A second son Richard "Dick" Thorold Grant was born in July 1929.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954) / Thu 11 Jul 1929 / Page 39 / Family Notices

GRANT.—On the 5th July, at the avenue, Medindie, to the wife of Richard Thorold Grant—a son.

Mrs. Thorold Grant was popular guest at many events (often charity fund raisers) in Adelaide and was often mentioned in the social pages of the local newspapers. She was a regular at the Adelaide horse races and mention made of her fashionable clothing.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954) / Thu 15 Feb 1934 / Page 14



GROUP OF GUESTS AT THE FAREWELL PARTY to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Orr, given at Mrs. A. M. Morgan's home, Brougham place, North Adelaide, yesterday afternoon by Misses Helen Bruce and Betty Morgan. Left to Right—Mrs. Ronald Orr, Miss Betty Morgan, Mrs. R. Thorold Grant, Mr. Ken Bruce, Miss Helen Bruce, Mr. Arnold Moulden, Mr. Tom Morgan, Miss Lesley Hill, Mrs. Arnold Moulden, and Mr. Ronald Orr.

By 1934 the Thorold Grants were living at Herbert Street, Medindie and in May that year they spent some time in a cottage at Grange to enjoy some late autumn warmth at the beachside.

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)

Wed 16 May 1934 / Page 13

By The Sea.—It is quite wonderful how attractive the seaside still is, although we are almost on the doorstep of the winter. This continued sunny weather is luring many people to the seaside. Dr. and Mrs. R. Thorold Grant, of Herbert street, Medindie, with their two little boys, have gone down to Mr. E. E. Cleland's cottage at Grange for a change.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 26 April 1935, page 8



MRS. R. THOROLD GRANT, wife of Dr. Thorold Grant, of Seaview road, Henley Beach. She is on the committee of the Aero Club ball, which will be held on Thursday, May 10.

Mayfair Portrait

The fashionable Mrs. Thorold Grant in 1935

Richard was particularly fond of the Adelaide coastal area and seaside activities; by 1939 they had moved to Seaview Road, Northcote, a suburb adjacent to Grange. Northcote was later incorporated into Tennyson.

Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1903-1980 for Richard Longford T Grant

South Australia > 1939 > Hindmarsh > Albert Park

- 956 Graham, Bertram Edmund, 13 Gordon st, Albert Park, fireman M
- 957 Graham, Eliza, 13 Gordon st, Albert Park, home duties F
- 958 Graham, Lorna Mabel, 22 Glengarry st, Woodville, home duties F
- 959 Graham, William, 22 Glengarry st, Woodville, jeweller M
- 960 Grant, Helen Jane M., Seaview rd, Northcote, home duties F
- 961 Grant, Richard Longford T., Seaview rd, Northcote, med practnr M

During the War years, Mrs. Thorold Grant continued her charitable work and helped raise funds for the "Cheer-up Hut" and for the R.A.A.F.'s recreation room at Parafield Airport.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954),

Friday 9 August 1940, page 6

SUNDOWN PARTY

THE sundown party at the Tuxedo last night, arranged by Miss Valerie Waterman and Mrs. Thorold Grant, was a great success, and funds went to the Cheer-up Hut.

The Countess of Bective looked charming in black, with a saucy cocktail hat, much bevelled and studded with sequins. Mrs. Norman Birks combined black and baby blue for her suit. Mrs. Thorold Grant was chic in black with a minute hat adorned with a posy of blue hyacinths.

Among the dancers were the Earl of Bective, Capt. and Mrs. Colin Duncan, Mesdames E. W. Hayward, D'Arcy Sutherland, Clive Sangster, Misses Jean Seppelt, Florence Eley, Shylie Barritt, Jeannette Wallman, Meg Thomson, Josephine Clarke-Smith, Dr. Jack Sangster, Dr. D'Arcy Sutherland, Dr. Vernon Odium, Deric and Stuart Paterson, M. Engelhart, and Alan Pilgrim.

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Thu 11 Sep 1941 / Page 4

R.A.A.F. Bridge Party

Lady Bonython presided at a committee meeting of the bridge party to be held at the Town Hall next Thursday afternoon in aid of funds to provide equipment for R.A.A.F. recreation rooms at Parafield. There will be a trading table and a cake stall, and sweets will also be sold. For reservations ring Mrs. Norman Jackson or Mrs. W. Grasby, or the hon. secretary, Mrs. Thorold Grant.

Having moved to the beach, Richard became involved with the Henley and Grange Sailing Club and had a trophy named after him.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954),

Saturday 11 March 1944, page 8

Week-End Yachting

The Port Adelaide Sailing Club will conduct two handicap events on the Port River this afternoon over an out and-return course from the Birkenhead clubhouse. The P. I. Wheaton trophy race for sharpies, and the E. W. Franco trophy for training class boats.

The Dr. Thorold Grant trophy handicap will be sponsored by the Grange Sailing Club over a triangular course at the Grange at 3 p.m. today.

The Glenelg Sailing Club will hold the W. Heslop trophy handicap for "all boats" over a triangular course, starting and finishing opposite the clubhouse.

The Henley and Grange Sailing Club will conduct handicap races at Henley Beach today and tomorrow afternoon. The E. J. Poulsen trophy will be sailed today over a nine-mile course.

At 3 p.m. today at Beachcliff, the Brighton and Seacraft Yacht Club will hold the R. W. Parsons trophy handicap for all boats over a triangular course.

At Largs Bay a trophy handicap will be sailed under the aegis of the Largs Bay Dinghy Club.

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The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954) / Fri 17 Mar 1944

Champion Yachts At Henley Tomorrow

By SKIPPER

The Henley and Grange Sailing Club tomorrow will conduct its annual 14-footers' race for the "old skippers" trophy.

The Glenelg Sailing Club will race for Cr. W. Deer's Nestor trophy. About 20 boats are expected to compete.

The Brighton and Seacraft Yacht Club will hold a cadet dinghies handicap for forward hands, for the D. B. Williams trophy.

The Grange Sailing Club's handicap race for Dr. G. Peters's trophy will be decided. The race for Dr. Thorold Grant's trophy, which was to have been held last Saturday and was postponed owing to unfavorable weather conditions, will be sailed next month.

Two handicap races will be held by the Port Adelaide Sailing Club—the D. S. Ferguson trophy handicap for A class boats and the E. B. J. Chaplin trophy handicap for training class boats.

A dinghy trophy handicap will be sponsored by the Largs Bay Dinghy Club.

The Thorold Grant's had a long association with the E.S.U. (English Speaking Union of SA)¹

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Thursday 12 October 1950, page 12

Resignation Of E.S.U. Secretary Announced

The approaching resignation of the organising secretary (Miss Lorna Todd) was announced yesterday at the annual meeting of the English Speaking Union, in Institute Building, North terrace, yesterday.

The deputy-president (Sir Herbert Mayo) presided.

Mr. F. Kenneth Milne, a vice-president, said that Miss Todd would work for the next few months with Miss Gwen Seppelt. Miss Todd had been a foundation member of the ESU in SA, and a great deal of the success of the union was due to her.

Sir Herbert Mayo said the union deeply regretted the death of Sir Eric Millhouse, who had been principal speaker at its last annual meeting. The Lord Mayor (Mr. Arthur Rymill) and the US Vice-Consul (Mr. J. F. O'Grady) also spoke.

Mr. Milne said that the union was fortunate in having such leaders as its president (Sir Melis Napier), and the president of its junior branch (Lady Napier). The junior branch was doing fine work and was proving a great asset to the ESU.

Officers re-elected included:— Patron, His Excellency the Governor (Sir Willoughby Norrie); patroness, Lady Norrie; president, Sir Melis Napier; deputy president, Sir Herbert Mayo; vice-presidents, Dr. C. E. C. Wilson, Sir Henry Newland, Mr. Milne, Mr. John Hammond, Dr. Norman Tucker; executive committee, Lady Napier, Mesdames E. W. Benham, Frank Magarey, Kenneth Bakewell, L. E. Clarke, I. R. McTaggart, H. C. Hosking, Misses P. Manton, G. Seppelt, Messrs. A. S. Blackburn, Ian Hayward, Neil Hopkins, James Counsell, L. E. Clarke, I. Bowen, A. Gilbert, and Dr. Thorold Grant.

¹ The English-Speaking Union (ESU) is an international educational charity which was founded by the journalist Sir [Evelyn Wrench](#) in 1918 that aims to bring together and empower people of different languages and cultures, by building skills and confidence in communication, such that individuals realise their potential.

Richard was well known and highly regarded within the medical profession, but surprisingly, is probably just as well known by legal academics and profession world-wide. In 1933 he was involved in a landmark legal case that went all the way to the Privy Court in England which set a legal precedent.

The Dermatitis Case

Grant v Australian Knitting Mills,^[1] is a landmark case in [consumer](#) and [negligence law](#) from 1935, holding that where a manufacturer knows that a consumer may be injured if the manufacturer does not take reasonable care, the manufacturer owes a duty to the consumer to take that reasonable care. It continues to be cited as an authority in legal cases,^[2] and used as an example for students studying law.^[3]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grant_v_Australian_Knitting_Mills

After contracting a very severe and debilitating case of dermatitis following the purchase and wearing of undergarments contaminated with substances used in the manufacturing process. After winning a Supreme Court of SA judgment the manufacture won an appeal to the High Court of Australia. Richard's case was then taken to the Privy Council in London. The judgment overturned the High Court decision and the original judgment was reinstated. Costs of nearly £20,000 (about \$383,000 today) were to be paid by the Australian Knitting Mills. The case set precedence with regard to the negligence by manufacturers of goods that may cause personal harm and was thereafter cited in many similar legal cases that followed and continues in law practice today.

Although Dr Thorold Grant eventually received the original damages of £2450, the stress of the long running legal case and his debilitating affliction, disturbed significantly his professional career and family life (see more detail in his obituary).

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Saturday 19 August 1933, page 15

DOCTOR LOSES IN HIGH COURT

S.A. Judgment For
£2,450 Upset

DERMATITIS CASE

Dr. Grant To Pay Costs

SYDNEY, August 18.

The High Court, by a majority judgment, today allowed the appeal of the Australian Knitting Mills, manufacturers of woollen garments, and John Martin & Co., of Adelaide, retailers of garments from the factory, against the decision of the Chief Justice of South Australia (Sir George Murray), giving £2,450 damages to Dr. Richard Thorold Grant, of Adelaide, who was alleged to have suffered from an attack of dermatitis as the result of wearing certain garments. The judgment of the Supreme Court of South Australia was reversed, and an order to pay the costs of the original action and the appeal was made against Dr. Grant.

Reasons For Judgment

In his judgment today Mr. Justice Starke said it was plain enough that Dr. Grant knew that Martin & Co. was only a retailer and not the manufacturer of the garments. It would have been wholly unreasonable on Dr. Grant's part to expect from Martin and Co. an exact knowledge, not only of the sort of article he wanted, but also of the processes by which it was manufactured. Martin & Co. had no means of discovering the defects suggested in the garments, and even chemical analysis would have been ineffective, because the sulphur compounds were not evenly distributed over the garments. As a matter of fact he did not believe that Dr. Grant trusted Martin & Co.'s skill or its judgment that the goods were reasonably fit for wearing and free from irritant chemicals or other noxious substance. He saw the goods himself and was satisfied with their appearance and price. In his opinion the appeal should be allowed, the judgment below reversed and judgment entered in favor of the Australian Knitting Mills and John Martin and Co.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954),
Saturday 19 August 1933, page 3

DR. GRANT WILL APPEAL

Dermatitis Case To Continue

Dr. Richard Thorold Grant has decided to appeal to the judicial committee of the Privy Council against the decision of the High Court in the dermatitis case.

The High Court in a judgment given yesterday reversed the decision of the Chief Justice (Sir George Murray) that John Martin & Co., Ltd., of Adelaide, and the Australian Knitting Mills, of Victoria, should pay £2,450 damages and costs following the alleged contraction by Dr. Grant of dermatitis from garments bought from John Martin's.

It will be necessary for the solicitors of Dr. Grant to appeal to the Privy Council for leave to bring on the appeal. A petition asking for this will take some time to prepare.

The Privy Council is the Supreme Court of the British Empire, and there is no appeal from its decisions. It is composed of members of the House of Lords.

Mr. E. E. Cleland, K.C., is senior counsel for Dr. Grant. He will probably arrange for the petition to be forwarded to an agent in London.

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Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954)
Wednesday 23 October 1935, page 21

DERMATITIS CASE APPEAL SUCCEEDS Privy Council Judgment For Adelaide Doctor

Australian Associated Press

LONDON, October 21.

The Privy Council, the final court of appeal for the Dominions, today allowed the appeal, with costs, of Dr. R. Thorold Grant, of Adelaide, against the judgment of the High Court of Australia, in the case known as the "dermatitis case," in which he claimed £2,450 from the Australian Knitting Mills.

The "Daily Mail" states that the cost of the litigation will approach £20,000, as the nine days' proceedings of the Privy Council alone are expected to amount to about £10,000.

Dr. Grant sued Australian Knitting Mills, Ltd., of Victoria, and John Martin & Co., of Adelaide, for damages in respect of an attack of dermatitis alleged to have been suffered by him as a result of the presence of irritants in certain underclothing manufactured by the mills and sold to him by Martin's. Dr. Grant began his action in April, 1932, alleging that about nine hours after first wearing the garments he developed symptoms of dermatitis. The mills admitted that the garments contained small quantities of sulphur dioxide, but said they were too small to cause dermatitis. The Chief Justice (Sir George Murray), after a trial lasting 20 days, awarded Dr. Grant £2,450 damages and costs, holding that the disease was caused by an irritant in the garments, the presence of which was due to the negligence of the mills. He also found that in selling the clothes, Martin's had committed a breach of warranties contained in their advertisements. The companies appealed to the High Court of Australia, which allowed the appeal. Dr. Grant obtained special leave to appeal to the Privy Council, and also filed a petition for leave to call further evidence. The appeal and petition were heard together by the Privy Council, which allowed the appeal, affirming Sir George Murray's judgment, and dismissed the petition. Costs in the Privy Council and in the lower courts were allowed Dr. Grant, but the petition was dismissed without costs.

In 1941 the Thorold Grant's home at Grange had been broken into by a boy who had escaped from the Magill Reformatory. Richard had disturbed him during the act and nothing was stolen, however he escaped in a stolen vehicle which was later spotted by police. A high-speed pursuit followed with the thief eventually crashing and then arrested.....nothing has changed!

CHILDREN'S COURT

CHARGE AGAINST REFORMATORY BOY

Before Mr. Clarke, S.M.:—

A boy of 15, reported to have escaped from the Magill Reformatory on the previous day, appeared on Saturday on charges of having unlawfully used a motor car without having first obtained the consent of the owner, Duncan McKenzie, and having, at night, broken into the house of Dr R. L. Thorold Grant at Grange, with intent to steal.

On the application of Assistant Police Prosecutor Davies, defendant was remanded in custody until November 21.

According to Constable Davis, defendant, after absconding from the Reformatory, went to North terrace, city, about 10.30 p.m. on Friday, and getting into Mr. McKenzie's car, drove to Grange, where he broke into Dr. Grant's study. Hearing a noise, Mrs. Grant went to investigate, and defendant ran away without stealing anything. He got back into the motor car and drove to Port Adelaide where motor traffic constables saw the vehicle and gave chase. He increased speed, but they kept on his trail through a number of streets and eventually saw the car overturned in Robe street. Some damage was done to the car. When arrested defendant admitted having earlier in the night broken into Dr. Grant's house.

Sadly in August 1945 Richard's Mother (Emily Jane *née* Jefferson) passed away aged 81, in Melbourne.

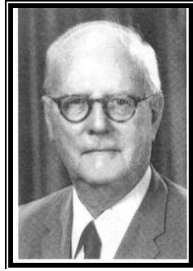
GRANT.—On August 13, in Melbourne, Emily, wife of the late William Thorold Grant, and mother of Richard and Nancy.

Death

Richard Longford Thorold Grant passed away 20 March 1979 at 84 years of age.

A published obituary follows.

Grant, Richard Longford Thorold



Qualifications

MB BS Adel (1918) MRCP Lond (1921) FRACP (1938) (Foundation)

Born

22/04/1894

Died

29/03/1979

Richard Thorold Grant was born in North Adelaide, the only son of William Thorold and Emily (nee Jefferson). His forebears had been pioneer pastoralists in South Australia, but his father had become better-known as a writer on rural affairs for The Australasian under the pen-name "Bendleby". During his medical course, which he started in 1913, Dick won trophies as a middle distance runner and played inter-varsity lacrosse for South Australia. Then renal tuberculosis necessitated a nephrectomy but he was still able to graduate at the end of the First World War and to achieve Membership of the Royal College of Physicians in London in 1921. After his return to Australia in 1922, he eschewed the idea of any preliminary period in general practice and commenced at once in Adelaide as a specialist physician. He then started his long association with the Adelaide Children's Hospital in various honorary appointments, at first as a pathologist and bacteriologist from 1923 to 1925; then as an assistant physician from 1926 to 1937; and finally as a physician from 1937 to 1954.

Dick married Nancy Lewis, daughter of an Adelaide ophthalmologist, on 23 February 1927 and two sons were born to the marriage. However, disaster struck in 1929 when he contracted severe generalised dermatitis as a result of wearing newly-purchased woollen underwear which apparently contained a bleach or some such chemical substance to which he was sensitive. This long illness, and the protracted litigation that followed (ultimately ending at Privy Council level) inevitably greatly disturbed his career and his family. His wife had to enter the work force and his children had to be cared for by a grandmother until he recovered. In any case, when Dick resumed his practice after those difficult years, the comparatively modest income to be derived as a general physician (with a particular interest in children) in that era meant that he was never very affluent. He lived quietly for the rest of his life at The Grange, then a less-frequented seaside suburb of Adelaide, but managed to maintain his membership of the Adelaide Club where mixing with kindred spirits was his main relaxation. Other pleasures were beachcombing along the shores of St Vincent's Gulf and seabathing near his home. He was also a keen follower of first class cricket.

He is remembered by his two sons with deep affection for his fatherly kindness and by surviving colleagues as a gentle, rather reserved, man who comported himself with dignity in his professional activities. These activities included (in addition to his consultant and teaching responsibilities at the Adelaide Children's Hospital) an appointment as visiting medical officer to the Home for Incurables (now the Julia Farr Centre); a long term as visiting physician to Estcourt House, an institution on the seafront at Tennyson where children with rheumatic heart damage spent their long convalescence; and service in South Australia during the Second World War as a consultant physician to the RAAF with the rank of wing commander. Life was never easy for Dick Grant but in spite of several major setbacks he continued in his quiet way to serve his profession and the community to the best of his ability all his days.

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References

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² Dr Eric Baldwin Sims, AM MD FRACP, a former doctor at the Women's and Children's Hospital, passed away Friday 9 July 2010 at the age of 94. Dr Sims was regarded by many as the father of paediatrics in South Australia, and was one of the founders of the Australian Paediatric Association in 1948.

Family Legacy

(It has been the practice of this series of biographical works to include some brief information about the children of the subject, which gives some further insight into the family and their legacy)

Richard and Nancy Thorold Grant had two children. William and Richard "Dick". Both boys were educated at St Peter's College.

William John Thorold Grant

(b1927 -)

After completing his Leaving examinations in 1945 (passing in four subjects), William joined the Royal Australian Navy in December 1945 signing on for 12 years.

Petty Officers - Record of Service

RECORD OF SERVICE (PETTY OFFICERS AND MEN)										
Name		Place of Birth		Religion		Port Division		Trade		
GRANT Wm J T		North Adelaide		Church of England		ADELAIDE		Student		
ENGAGEMENTS		Date of 1st Entry in R.A.N.		MEDALS, CLASPS, ETC.		SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT (inclusive dates)				
Date of Commencement	Period	Date Received	Nature of Decoration	From	To	From	To	From	To	
15 Dec 1945	12 years	11.12.45								
1924 TO 1933 INC.		R.N. Service								
TIME FORFEITED										
Date	No. of Days	P. C. C.F., W.T. or D.	Date	No. of Days	P. C. C.F., W.T. or D.					
DESCRIPTION OF PERSON										
Occasion	Height	Weight	Complexion	Markings, Wounds and Scars						
On Entry as a Boy	6	12	Black	Scar: Palms of left hand						
On Advancement to Man's Rating or on Entry under age 25	6	12	Brown	Brown						
On 2nd Class or on Entry after age 25										
Further description if necessary										
EXAMINATIONS AND NOTATIONS - 6 JAN 1958										
Date	Particulars	Date	Particulars	GOOD CONDUCT BADGES						
31 Dec 45	Leaving Examination of University of Adelaide (Adelaide)	12 Feb 58	4th night	Date	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st					
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14 Aug 46	Passed 1st class	16 Dec 58	For 1st class	11/2/53	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st					
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23 Sep 51	I.T. 1st class			11/2/53	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st					
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Petty Officers - Record of Service (Continued)

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KUTTABUL (SHOALHAVEN)	21.5.46	13.12.46	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
CEBARUS	14.12.46	22.1.47	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
LONSDALE (TORRENS)	23.1.47	13.8.47	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
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RUSHOUTER (WATSON)	31.8.47	30.9.47	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
PRATYPUS	1.10.47	18.12.47	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
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PENGUIN (SHOALHAVEN)	1.1.48	11.2.48	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
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LONSDALE	19.6.49	30.9.49	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
LONSDALE DEPOT	1.10.49	31.10.49	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
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LONSDALE (TORRENS)	19.6.50	2.2.51	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
ALBATROSS (TRANS REB)	3.2.51	28.3.51	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
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--- (816 Squadron)	15.7.52	10.8.52	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
SYDNEY	11.8.52	11.11.52	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
ALBATROSS	12.11.52	8.1.53	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
SYDNEY	9.1.53	20.2.53	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
ALBATROSS	21.2.53	15.3.53	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
VENGEANCE	16.5.53	16.6.54	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
ALBATROSS	17.6.54	34.10.54	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
PENGUIN	25.10.54	6.11.54	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
ALBATROSS	7.11.54	16.2.56	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
PENGUIN	17.2.56	4.9.56	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
ALBATROSS	5.9.56	6.9.56	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
MELBOURNE	7.9.56	10.11.56	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
ALBATROSS	11.11.56	4.2.57	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
MELBOURNE	5.2.57	3.8.57	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
ALBATROSS	4.8.57	12.11.57	14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571
PENGUIN	13.11.57		14.12.45	14.12.45	Rated and Jan 15 Dec 46 Barberus 1571

William became engaged to Elaine Bailey of NSW in November 1952 and they married in June 1954.

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Engagement



A black and white portrait of Miss Elaine Bailey, a young woman with dark hair styled in a bob, wearing a dark necklace. She is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a gentle smile.

Miss Elaine Bailey, of Maroubra, NSW, is engaged to William Thorold, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Thorold Grant of Grange.

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ENGAGED

Elaine, daughter of Mrs. F. Bailey of Maroubra, NSW, is engaged to William John Thorold, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Thorold Grant, of Grange.

On Friday he flew to Sydney to visit his fiancée, who recently stayed with his parents.

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WEDDING

THOROLD-GRANT—BAILEY

A wedding of interest to many residents of Leeton and district was celebrated at St. Phillips Church, Church Hill, Sydney on May 15, 1954, when Elaine June Bailey, only child of Mrs. F. Bailey of Maroubra (late of Corbie Hill) was married to William John Thorold-Grant, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Thorold-Grant of Grange, South Australia. Canon Hammond performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her uncle Mr. G. W. Bailey (of Sydney). Her attendants were school friends, Wendy Dodd (Blackhurst) and Pamela Venice (Crows Nest). The bridegroom's brother Richard Thorold-Grant of Grange, S.A. was best man and the groomsman, who is a fellow officer of the bridegroom, was George Beasley, of Nowra Naval Station. Both Mr. Beasley and the bridegroom are attached to H.M.A.S. Vengeance, the bridegroom being a member of the personnel staff.

Richard "Dick" Thorold Grant
(b1929 - d2019).

Richard completed Leaving at St Peter's College in 1947 and then enrolled to study at the Roseworthy Agricultural College. He graduated with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1950 (2nd Class Honors).

1949-50 Roseworthy Agricultural College Diploma Students



Back Row: JD Rieger, RE Teakle, P Linklater, RH Sedgely, JO Ellis, IP Bond, GW Botting, T Guerin, GG Shipway, DI Shannon;
Middle Row: LG Claxton, LR Guerin, GS Bungey, DR Spurling, KW Bowen, KF Lawson, RJ Goodchild, AR Lang, RT Simes;
Front Row: EC Gibbison, KA McWhinnie, RM Sangster, GK Robinson, Mr RN McCulloch, Mr BC Wesley-Smith, BC Jefferies, AS Muecke, RT Grant.

Richard Thorold Grant inherited his father's athletic ability and as a student at Roseworthy Agricultural College represented them in inter-club events. An all round athlete in both field and track he was in the early 1950's on the verge of representing South Australia in national championships.



1948

"Richard Thorold Grant followed by Peter Whittington through sheep dip yards in cross country 3 mile race".

Roseworthy Agricultural College Athletics Team 1949



"The athletics team 1949 - Lindsay Claxton, 100 yards, long jump; Alan Hayward, 440, 880 yards; Ralph Sedgely, discus; David Purser, high jump 6'2"; Ken DeGaris, mile; Brian Jefferies, 1, 2 and 3 miles, pole vault; Dr McCulloch; Clive 'Banger' Matthews; Richard Thorold Grant, high jump, javelin, shot put.

Richard also played football and cricket for the College.

Roseworthy Agricultural College 1948 Football Team



Back Row: AS Muecke, LG Claxton, PM Linklater, C Thomas, RJ Goodchild, R Shipton, JD Rieger;
Middle Row: Mr AF Twartz, BC Jeffries, VT O'Grady, AC Ross, Mr MR Krause, RL Guy, IL Hickinbotham;
Front Row: NJ Walker, WJ Baskett, GP Auld, DRH Secomb, DL Nicholls, DG Morris, RT Grant; absent - GS Bungey.

Roseworthy Cricket Team - 1949 Country Carnival



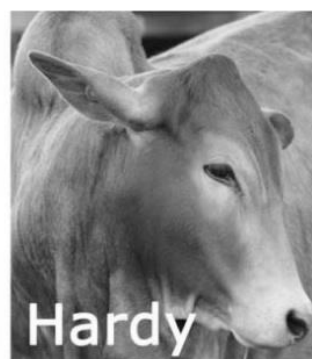
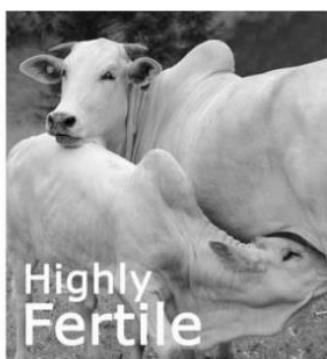
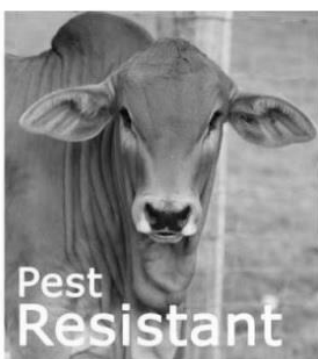
Back Row: Dick Grant, Norm Walker, Bert Ninnies, Wilf Bowen, Max Burton;
Front Row: Bert Thomas, John Gore, Rex Krause, Ron Teakle, R Shipton, Robin Goodchild.

After graduation Richard travelled to Africa and identified a hardy breed of cattle which would be ideally suited to outback Australia.



It seems incredulous that Richard was not given the credit for identifying this breed of cattle and credit is only given to a CSIRO team in the 1980s. It took until 1990 before they were actually introduced into Australia.

"A team from CSIRO in Rockhampton, led by Dr John Frisch, recognised the value of introducing a tropically adapted breed into Australia that was unrelated to the Brahman. From their research they identified the Boran as having the characteristics required."



The Boran in Australia

In 1980 Australian researchers visited Africa to identify a breed of cattle that had exceptional fertility and beef quality, and would adapt well to Australian climatic and environmental conditions. They found the African Boran. Described as *God's gift to cattlemen*, the Boran had these qualities and more. They were hardy, had a calm, friendly disposition and resistance to pests and disease. Since their arrival in Australia in 1990, the Boran's unique and appealing traits have made it the ideal choice for the hobby farmer, cattle breeder and organic beef producer.

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