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Johannes Menge
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PREFACE

The following collection of papers dealing with Australian geoscience, resulted from an invitation to all foundation members of the Earth Sciences History Group of the Geological Society of Australia Inc. (founded 1984). It complements Vol. 5(2) of this Journal.

The contribution by Corbett exemplifies the introduction of geology into an unknown continent, while Dickins discusses the changing interpretation of a major feature of continental structure. Passmore and Towner's account of Western Australia's Canning Basin, while relating the geological exploration in a large sedimentary basin, also provides an important case study, of petroleum exploration 'down under'. The significant contribution in the various fields of geophysics is also brought together in the extensive account by Doyle.

We hope these papers further enhance appreciation of the contribution made by geologists in Australia.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

Johannes Menge, geologist in South Australia (1837-1852), a drawing from memory by W.A. Cawthorne and first published in his biography of Menge (1859). For a discussion of Menge's work see paper by D.W.P. Corbett in this volume.