

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SOLID CITIZEN

Through the generosity of Mrs Nancy Campbell the Society has been given a copy of "70 years of my life's experience", the autobiography of her grandfather Henry Collings.

Collings was born in Yorkshire in 1850, arrived in Wollongong in 1878 fresh from England, with a wife and five young children, started from nothing, built up a solid business, and lived here till his death in 1933. He served several terms as an alderman of Wollongong Council, was a pillar of the Wesleyan Church, and particularly active in the musical life of the district.

His autobiography is a valuable addition to our knowledge of Wollongong in the late Victorian and Edwardian periods, and also throws a good deal of light on working-class England in the period of the Industrial Revolution.

The Society's copy will be placed in our collection kept at the Public Library (Reference Section).

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