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Georgiana Molloy – the mind that shines.

A biography of one of Australia's first botanical collectors
Bernice Barry
Picador, 2016

Born in Carlisle, England in 1805 and died WA 1843.
She arrived in Western Australia in 1830. In 1836 she was invited to collect seeds and plants by James Mangles, and these were used to establish many Australian plants in cultivation in England. She was a pioneer botanist.

It is a comprehensive book of her life, and family, using Georgiana's own writings and notes

Joseph Hooker: Botanical Trailblazer

Pat Griggs
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 2011

This is an interesting biography of Joseph Hooker (1817–1911) the ground-breaking botanist who circled the globe discovering, describing, naming, or introducing over 12,000 plants that have since changed the makeup of our gardens and landscape.

In 1865 Hooker succeeded his father Sir William Hooker as the director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The biography highlights Joseph Hooker's travels, expeditions and the many relationships that influenced his life and shaped his ideas.

The Diplomatic Gardener, Richard Schomburgk: Explorer and Botanic Garden Director.

Pauline Payne
Jeffcott Press, South Australia, 2007.

Richard, born in Germany, reached Australia in 1849. It is a comprehensive biography. His story provides insights into the ways settlers made a new life in a new land. It is also the story of the new plants they brought to South Australia; the trees in the parks, and gardens, the fruit trees and vines in orchards and vineyards, the forest plantations and the crops in agricultural areas.

Richard was a director of Adelaide Botanic Gardens, a man of broad interests, skills and knowledge, a background in the tradition of civil service that contributed to the new settlement of South Australia.