

The National Library of Australia is proud to be the custodian of the papers of the legendary Australian bush poet A.B. 'Banjo' Paterson (1864–1941), famous as the author of *The Man from Snowy River* and Australia's best-loved folk song, *Waltzing Matilda*.

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- a prisoner's letter sent to Paterson by Henry Lawson in 1905
- an original pencil sketch of Paterson as war correspondent during the First World War by artist G.W. Lambert.



Above: G.W. Lambert, Original Pencil Sketch of Major Paterson, Papers of Andrew Barton 'Banjo' Paterson, 1807–1950, nla.cat-vn8047102

Right: Preservation staff treat *The Man From Snowy River and Other Verses* by A.B. Paterson, (Sydney: Angus & Robertson, 1895), limited edition copy 17 of 25, signed by Paterson, Papers of Andrew Barton 'Banjo' Paterson, 1807–1950, nla.cat-vn8047102

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