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As well as being an architect and scholar, Gavin Walkley was a skilled educator and administrator, he made a significant contribution to the advancement of design and planning education in the state.

Born in 1911 Walkley lived at North Adelaide. He completed a Bachelor in Engineering (Architecture) at the University of Adelaide in 1934 having been articled since 1931 to Louis Laybourne Smith of Woods, Bagot, Laybourne Smith and Irwin.. He took his interest in the philosophy and history of art and architecture forward at the University of Cambridge where he completed a Bachelor of Arts in 1938, and a Master of Letters in 1939, during which time he also worked for London architectural firms such as Sir Burnet, Tait & Lorne. Walkley enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in May 1940 and was sent to the Middle East and New Guinea. He completed a Master of Arts in the 1940s and during the 1950s he broadened his qualifications further through studies in town planning and landscape architecture.

On returning to Adelaide and starting a family with his wife Barbara, he gained employment at the South Australian Housing Trust and later formed the private practice, Overall & Walkley Architects & Planners. During 1946 Walkley began to lecture at the School of Architecture in the School of Mines and Industries. In 1951 Walkley was appointed Head of the School of Architecture, a position he held until 1976. During that year Walkley joined Alan Welbourn, part-time, in private practice as Walkley & Welbourn Architects & Planners.

Walkley was a long-time member of the South Australian Institute of Architects and its President. And after serving as a Royal Australian Institute of Architects councillor from 1960, he was elected President in 1965. Walkley provided forty years of service to the Architects' Board of South Australia, including Chairmanship from 1973 until 1987. Walkley also held many positions with Royal Australian Planning Institute, the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects and the National Trust. The Walkley House, designed by Robin Boyd, along with his many educational, professional and civic contributions, was amongst the legacies of Gavin Walkley who died in 2005.

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S177/1/18	Maths Theatre. Acoustical Analysis. Exercise in the subject Architectural Theory, Construction and Practice. 5 th year of BE Arch. Drawn 1934
S177/1/19	Bearing Pressure Test, John Martin's Store. Conducted by L. Laybourne Smith. Architectural Theory, Construction and Practice. 5 th year of BE Arch. Drawn 1934
S177/1/20	Design for a Hotel. For the subject Architectural Thesis. Six sheets, hand tinted. 5 th year of BE Arch. Drawn 1934.
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- Architecture, and Drawn 1936. 2 sheets.
- S177/1/22 Garden for a mid-Victorian Country House. Princess Royal Homestead, Burra, South Australia. A design for the External Examination (Intermediate) of the Institute of Landscape Architects in the U.K. Drawn 1951.
- S177/1/23 Measured Drawing of Details of Garden Architecture, for the External Examination (Intermediate) of the Institute of Landscape Architects in the U.K. Drawn 1951
- S177/1/24A Measured Drawing of the Bridge Gate, Clare College,
-24B Cambridge. Drawn 1938. 2 sheets
- S177/2/1 Louis Laybourne Smith : A Memoir publication by Gavin Walkley
- S177/2/2 The Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture and Building publication by Gavin Walkley
- S177/3/1 Diary of Gavin Walkley 1966-67
- S177/4 Sketches by Oscar Niemeyer to explain his design for the Congress Buildings of Brasilia, Brazil to Gavin Walkley in August 1960

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S293/1	North British and Mercantile Insurance Company Ltd. Proposed new premises at 91-95 Currie Street, Adelaide, SA, Glover and Pointer FRAIA Architects, 1953
S293/2	Exterior perspective of Trefresa House at Unley Park, Design by Laybourne Smith and drawn by D'A Boxall for Woods Bagot Jory and Laybourne Smith, pencil and colour wash on artists board, no date
S293/3	Manilla envelope containing material given by Esther Lenn Baylis (nee Legoe), who was a student in the Department of Architecture, South Australian School of Mines, from 1917-1921. Ten certificates for subjects passed, a watercolour sketch by d'Auvergne Boxall of the interior of Woods Bagot Jory and Laybourne Smith, Currie St, Adelaide, a photograph, believed to be of Esther L. Legoe. Biographical notes glued on outside of envelope and signed by Gavin Walkley.
S293/4	Box of 9 glass lantern slides of architectural structures and details
S293/5	Manilla folder containing "Notes on Town Planning Act " 1929-1955
S293/6	Manilla envelope containing Judgement by the Chief Justice in a case of interest to architects in 1901. Originally belonged to Louis Laybourne Smith who gave it to Gavin Walkley. Handwritten document
S293/7	Newspaper clippings on Parliament House, Canberra, The Advertiser, May 9, 1927, p.9 and 10
S293/8	Colour slide of Gavin Walkley
S293/9	Correspondence relating to the publication and distribution of Gavin Walkley "The Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture and Building" and "Louis Laybourne Smith – A Memoir"
S293/10	Newspaper clippings on subjects of architecture and planning from 1989-1991
S293/11	Correspondence from Gavin Walkley to Jim thanking him for the retirement luncheon held for him in 1976
S293/12	Correspondence from W.H. Bagot to G. Walkley regarding biographical details for Henry Stuckey, 28 Nov. 1958
S293/13	Menu from University of South Australia School Dinner, 88 th Anniversary Dinner, 27 th May 1991
S293/14	Newspaper clippings book related to architecture, planning and building, especially to the students and staff of the SA Institute of Technology 1977-1988 (oversize)
S293/15	Newspaper clippings book related to architecture, 1950-1967. With photographs of School functions at rear. (oversize)
S293/16	Newspaper clippings book related to planning 1947-1967 (oversize)

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- S293/17 Royal Australian Planning Institute, Tom McKenna Memorial lecture by Stuart B. Hart, "Development Control: New concepts for South Australia", 8 November 1978
- S293/18 Photographs of Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture staff
- S293/19 SAIT Graduation ceremony menus and programmes various dates

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S300/2	Three framed and glassed medals: Royal Australian Institute of Architects medal, engraved G. Walkley President 1965-1966; Sydney Lukar Memorial Medal Presented for a notable contribution to Town and Regional Planning in Australia; The Royal Institute of British Architects medal
S300/3	Proceedings of the conference <i>The Landscape Architect and the Australian Environment</i> , conducted by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architect, held at the University of Melbourne, 30 August 1969. Welcome by Gavin Walkley
S300/4	Max Milne 'Study tour helps to determine ability of migrant architects', <i>Building and Architecture</i> , May 1979, pp.4-6, article discusses Gavin Walkley's study tour
S300/5	Gavin Walkley 'Early Prefab – Our First Brick Building', <i>Building and Architecture</i> , October 1981, p.12
S300/6	Gavin Walkley 'Support Institute of Urban Studies', <i>S.A. Master Builder</i> , March 1968, p.25
S300/7	Gavin Walkley 'Walkley House', <i>Architecture in Australia</i> , April 1973, pp.66-67
S300/8	Stephen Hamnett '50 Years of Planning Education in Australia', <i>Australian Planner</i> , vol.36, no. 1 1999, pp.5-6
S300/9	David Jones 'The Evolution of planning education in South Australia', <i>Australian Planner</i> , vol.37, no.2, 2000, pp.70-75
S300/10	Office stationary for Overall and Walkley Architects and Town Planners, and Walkley and Welbourn Architects, Town Planners and Landscape Architects
S300/11	Bound volume of certificates for Gavin Walkley 1929-1995 (oversize)
S300/12/1-4	Maps of Europe and the world showing Walkley's travels
S300/13/1-8	Measured Drawing of the Bridge Gate, Clare College, Cambridge. Drawn 1938. Prints only.
S300/14/1-3	Proposed residence for A.J. Walkley, North Adelaide by Woods and Bagot, August 1911 (2 alternative schemes). Additions and Alterations by unknown architect, 1921.
S300/15/1	Specification of work done in demolishing a home at 26 Palmer Place, North Adelaide, August 1955, Walkley and Welbourn
S300/15/2	Specification of workmanship and materials to be used in the construction of a house at 26 Palmer Place, North Adelaide for Gavin Walkley, November 1955, Grounds, Romberg and Boyd in association with Walkley and Welbourn
S300/15/3-16	Drawings of a house and grounds at 26 Palmer Place, North Adelaide for Gavin Walkley, 1955, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1985, Grounds, Romberg

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Rodney Beames 1985.

S300/15/17 Specification for Garden, Walkley Residence, December 1985