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### Reel M387

#### D268 Miscellaneous estate papers and correspondence, 1737-1929

Select:

- 5 Thomas Vogan (Goulburn) to his brother Richard Vogan (Armagh) [1845]: death of Richard's wife; family news.
- 6 Thomas Vogan (Melbourne) to Richard Vogan, 14 June 1849: rebellion in Ireland in 1848; news of Californian gold discoveries; plans to sail to California; interest in acting as agent for British merchants sending goods to California. (incomplete)
- 7 Thomas Vogan (San Francisco) to Richard Vogan, 1 Feb. 1851: reasons for not writing; continual changes and uncertainties in California; weather; impressions of San Francisco.
9. Thomas Vogan (Marysville) to Richard Vogan, 29 Aug. 1856: departure from San Francisco; loss of possessions, including clothes, books, testimonials and money, in great fire.

#### D560 Diary and journal of John Martin, 1848-50

John Martin (1812-1878) was born into a landed family in Newry, County Down. In 1847 he joined John Mitchel, whom he had known since his schooldays, in the Repeal Association and contributed to the *United Irishman*. His anti-British writings led to his arrest in 1848 and a sentence of ten years' transportation. Together with Kevin O'Doherty, he arrived in Van Diemen's Land in November 1849 and remained there until 1854, when he was granted a conditional pardon. He returned to Ireland and in later years was a Member of the House of Commons.

Portion of the journal of John Martin kept on the voyage from Dublin to Hobart on the *Mountstuart Elphinstone*, 28 June – 6 September 1849. (pp 14-85)

The journal, which has quite lengthy entries, describes the departure from Ireland; his relations with Kevin O'Doherty, including their decision to learn German together; other passengers; their cabin; reading, including Gibbon's *Decline and fall of the Roman Empire* and Homer's *Iliad*; relations with the ship's doctor and other officers; sightings of flying fish and other fish; communications with other ships; the medical treatment of convicts; the death of a convict; Crossing the Line ceremonies; observation of stars and constellations; sightings of albatrosses and other birds; storms; conversations with O'Doherty on Irish affairs; the punishment of convicts.

#### D618 Savage-Armstrong Papers, 1767-1925

Select:

- 209 Mary C. Savage (Sydney) to Mr Savage-Armstrong, 21 Feb. 1905: sends photographs of her father and brothers; information on the family in Australia.
- 268 Mary C. Savage to Mr Savage-Armstrong, 3 Oct. 1904: Armstrong's book; her father left Ireland when he was quite young; other family members; sends extracts from letters of aunt.

**D718 Emigrant papers from Charles Barton, 1871-1884**

Miscellaneous papers including a letter-diary from Charles Barton to his mother describing his voyage from England to Australia on the *Stirlingshire* in 1884. (11pp)

**D721 Letter of Dan Rathgar, 1908**

Dan Rathgar (Bundaberg) to his uncle and aunt, 24 Oct. 1908: thanks for letter after so many years; loss of his farm due to flooding of Burnett River; has lived on farm near Bundaberg for 25 years; wife and children.

**D724 Releases, accounts and testamentary papers of the Haig Family, 1883-1913**

Select:

- 2 Release of lands in Killan, County Cavan, to executors of the estate of Jane Haig, 16 July 1884, signed by Robert Haig (Melbourne), Christine Haig (London), Caroline Haig (London) and Henry Haig (London).

**D956 Poster for Imperial Mail Service, 1899**

Norddeutscher Lloyd poster advertising passages on Imperial Mail steamers sailing to Australia via the Suez Canal, 1899.

**D957 Leigh, Bredin and Elliott papers, 1800-1861**

Select:

- 3 Journal of Charles Elliott of Moira, County Down, kept on the journey from Armagh to Liverpool and on the voyage from Liverpool to Melbourne on the *Prince of the Seas*, 18 July – 25 October 1861. It refers to the weather, winds, passengers, the sighting of other ships, Crossing the Line ceremonies, dances, church services, accidents caused by high seas in the Indian Ocean, the sighting of Cape Otway, and their arrival at Port Phillip.

#### **D975 Papers of the Verner Family of County Antrim and Belfast, 1839-60**

William Verner and his family arrived in Sydney in April 1838. He was appointed a justice of the peace later in the same year. In June 1840 he travelled overland to Port Phillip and settled on land that had been part of the Heidelberg Estate of R.H. Browne. Verner was appointed Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates for the district of Port Phillip in 1842 and he was also the returning officer for the electoral district of Port Phillip. He was active in the public and sporting life of the colony. Verner and his family returned to Britain in 1846.

The collection comprises legal documents, publications, newspapers, newspaper cuttings and financial records dating from 1839 to about 1860. The publications include issues of the *New South Wales Government Gazette*, *Votes and Proceedings of the New South Wales Legislative Council*, *Port Phillip Herald* and *Port Phillip Patriot*. Many of the cuttings relate to proceedings of the Insolvency Court and controversies concerning Justice J.H. Willis of the Supreme Court.

There are property agreements between Verner and Charles Grace (16 Aug. 1839) and R.H. Browne (21 Jan. 1840), a deed of dissolution of partnership between Verner, Patricius Walsh and Joseph Holloway (1 Feb. 1842), and an order signed by Bishop W.G. Broughton stating that a block of land in Heidelberg should be set aside as a cemetery (5 Oct. 1843).

Most of the financial records relate to the Insolvency Court and include cash books, lists of fees and tradesmen's bills. There is also an inventory of household goods. Verner continued to use one of the cash books after he left Australia.

#### **D985 Papers relating to the Milliken Family of Islandmagee, County Antrim, 1823-94**

Select:

- 4 John Milliken (Peats Ferry, NSW) to his brother T. Milliken, 30 Oct. 1884: seasons in Australia; thoughts of returning to New England; Land Act favours squatters against settlers.
- 5 John Milliken (Wallamba River, NSW) to his brother, 26 April 1887: seeks financial help to buy an island; describes the property; New South Wales worse than Ireland in winter time; mutual friends.
- 6 John Milliken to his brother, 29 Aug. 1887: acknowledges money; clearing and fencing; purchase of bullocks; suggests Margaret might join him in Australia.

#### **D986 Australian emigrant letter, 1894**

Letter from an unidentified correspondent in Goulburn to 'Arthur', 17 June 1894: seeks news of 'the Artistic World'; economic depression in Australia.

#### **D1004 Australian emigrant letter, 1857**

William Waugh (Melbourne) to his father William Waugh (Bambridge, County Down), 26 Jan. 1857: arrival of Hugh who is at diggings; opening of Victorian Parliament; dullness of trade; praises poem 'Festans' by William Bailey.

#### **D1016 Maps, 1705-1899**

Select:

Map of parish of Nangar, land district of Molong, New South Wales, 1899.

#### **D1114 Emigrants letters relating to J. Forster, 1832-52**

Thomas Forster, an army surgeon, settled at Brush Farm near Parramatta in 1829. His wife Eliza was the daughter of the explorer and pastoralist Gregory Blaxland. Their son William was Premier of New South Wales in 1859-60 and their daughter Martha married the Monaro pastoralist Thomas Rutledge.

Thomas Forster (Parramatta) to his nephew William Forster (Ballinalee, County Longford), 12 Sept. 1852: quick passage of mails carried in steamers; dispersal of his children and nieces in the colony; family news; gold discoveries.

Thomas Forster (Parramatta) to William Forster, [1853]: sends bill; arrival of William Rutledge and his family; Thomas Rutledge.

### **Reel M388**

#### **D1196 Getty Papers, 1853-59**

Correspondence of James Getty, a wheelwright of Melbourne, including letters of Edward Weaver (Kilmore), James Irving (Beechworth), Pater Malony (Melbourne) and Irvine Beecroft (Beachworth). They refer to business and financial matters, trade, news of Getty's family in Ireland, and the economic situation in Ireland.

F. Proeschel. Mercantile map of Melbourne, n.d.

Now held at T2052

#### **D1197 Article on Frederick C. Irwin**

Typescript copy of an article entitled 'First Colonial Commandant: Frederick Chidley Irwin', with some manuscript annotations. Captain Irwin (1788-1860) arrived in Western Australia in 1829 and

held the position of commandant, with one short break, until 1852. The original article appeared in the *West Australian* on 14 December 1935.

**D1294 Lutton Papers, 1218-1900**

Select:

1A-1S Correspondence between George Lutton (Kilkeel, County Down) and W.G. MacDiarmid (Sydney) concerning the history of the Lutton Family and members of the family living in Australia, 1934-58. (18 letters)

**D1310 Passage ticket, 1857**

Passage ticket issued by the Black Ball Line, Melbourne, to Charles Wilson for a passage from Melbourne to Liverpool, 28 Feb. 1857.

**T413 John Mitchel Papers, 1852-55**

John Mitchel (1815-1875), one of the leaders of the Young Irelanders in the 1840s, was convicted of treason and sentenced to transportation for 14 years. He arrived in Van Diemen's Land in April 1850. He was granted a ticket of leave and lived at Bothwell with his family. He escaped to the United States in 1853 where, apart from brief stays in France and Ireland, he lived for the rest of his life.

Typed transcripts of five letters from John Mitchel to Miss Thomson, 1852-55, written from Bothwell, Van Diemen's Land, and Tennessee and New York. The two Tasmanian letters refer to Mitchel's family, Irish affairs, his admiration of the United States, Irish political convicts in Van Diemen's Land, relations with the colonists, the scarcity of books, and the escape of Thomas Meagher.

**T1280 Biography of Dr John Patterson**

Typescript account of the life of John Patterson (1789-1853) of Strabane, County Tyrone, naval surgeon, who settled in Melbourne in 1840 and was Immigration Agent for the colony, 1840-51. (3pp)

Mary Foote (Table Top, NSW) to her father, John Patterson, 4 Oct. 1845: family news; work on a sheep station.

**T1370 Emigrant letters, 1871-1904**

Letters from J.W. Wilson (Easton, Pennsylvania) to Eliza Patrick, 1882-1899, and a letter from James Wilson (Wilcannia, NSW) to Patrick, n.d. The latter refers to working on Dunlop Station, shortage of water, and Wilson's partnership with the owners of the station (including Samuel McCaughey).

Valuation of the estate of James Wilson (died 28 Sept. 1900) filed in New South Wales and Victorian courts, 31 Dec. 1904. (typescript)

**T1396 Papers of Gass Family of Markethill, County Armagh, 1868-1926**

Select:

- 8 Robert Gass (Goulburn, NSW) to his sister, 5 April 1896: family photographs; wages of farm workers; drought; import of wheat from California; hopes to return to Ireland in 17 years, when he is 50.

**T1454 Correspondence of Robb Family of Newtownards and Dundonald, County Down, c 1800-1900**

Select:

- 5/17 Frank Robb (Tooma, NSW) to his brother John Robb, 19 Dec. 1878: deaths of relatives; injury arising from fall from a horse; plans for Christmas; people without capital should not emigrate to Australia.

**T1504 Mansfield Family correspondence, 1841-90**

Select:

- 3 R. Motherell (Sydney) to J.E. Mansfield, 9 Aug. 1890: voyage to Australia; Lilly secured a job in an art store; Motherell's work as a ballroom decorator; hopes to repay kindness of Belfast friends; financial matters.

**T1542 Johnston and McCammond documents, 1891-96**

William Bell (Wellington, NSW) to his mother, 29 March 1893: apologises for not writing for years; travels in Queensland; work on railway construction; mutual friends.

William Bell (Teralba, NSW) to his sister, Susanna Bell (Belfast), 22 April 1893: inquiries about William's whereabouts in Queensland; his marriage and children.

**T1552 Quinn emigrant papers, 1890-1907**



Patrick Quinn (Dargaville, New Zealand) to his brother John Quinn (Belfast), 9 Oct. 1900: poorly paid work at gum diggings; family photographs; estrangement from brother William.

William C. Quinn (Broken Hill, Kalgoorlie, Perth, Auckland, Dargaville) to his mother and other family members, 1890-1907: 1890 maritime strike; Broken Hill strike; New Australia settlement in South America; collapse of banks; life on Kalgoorlie goldfields; gold rush; encounters with Aborigines; scarcity of water; death of his mother; wages as an underground manager; move to New Zealand; family news. (15 letters)

#### **T1555 Correspondence of Adams Family of Portglenone, County Antrim, 1847-49**

- 1A Mary Jane Muirhead (Grampians, Victoria) to William Adams, 27 Dec. 1847: work on sheep station; wages paid to farm workers; garden; erection of house.
- 2 George Adams (London) to his brother Thomas Adams (Port Glenone, County Antrim), 28 Nov. 1849: voyage from Port Phillip to London via Cape Horn; his duties as the ship's doctor.
- 3 George Adams (London) to Thomas Adams; 9 Dec. 1849: travels in Port Phillip district; pastoral runs; wages; Dr Robert Martin of Heidelberg.

#### **T1769 Papers of Anketell Family of County Monaghan, 1805-1952**

Select:

- 3 Diary of Elizabeth Anketell, a cabin passenger on the *Queen of Australia*, on a voyage from London and Plymouth to Port Phillip, 30 Nov. 1865 – 25 April 1866. The diary refers to the weather, storms, the sighting of ships, reading, illnesses, Crossing the Line ceremonies, ship's officers, religious reflections, arrival at Melbourne (23 March 1866), first impressions of the town, her sister's home at Essendon, the local church and the botanic gardens.

#### **T634 Account of Australian voyage, 1852-53**

Account of an emigrant voyage from Liverpool to Melbourne on the ship *Digby* (captain: John Hilton), 11 Dec. 1852 – 29 April 1853. (typescript, 5pp). Possibly written by Samuel Pillow, one of the passengers, the diary refers to the sighting of Madeira and Palma, the weather, sighting of ships, the dismissal of the first mate, fights between passengers, the capture of an albatross and the sighting of other birds, and the arrival at Port Phillip.

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**D207 Papers of Foster Family, Viscounts Ferrard, of County Louth, Viscounts Ferrard, and Clotworthy and Skeffington families, Viscounts Masserene, of County Antrim, 1590-1935**

67 Correspondence, 1726-1827

Select:

58 Sir Thomas Brisbane (Parramatta) to ?, 24 Feb. 1823: sheep farming in New South Wales; growth of tobacco, cotton and other crops; currency control; climate; astronomical observations; arrival of Nowlan; Brisbane's affections for Cork.

**D639 Records of Johns, Elliott, Wallace & Co., solicitors, of Belfast, 1719-1899**

Select:

139 Mortimer McClean (Melbourne) to William Johns (Belfast), 25 Nov. 1862: has found employment; likes Victoria very much; believes he is still entitled to money from Stuart will.

**D664 Pack-Beresford manuscripts, 1739-1939**

Papers of Lord John Beresford (1773-1862), Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland from 1822 until his death, and also papers of the Dunbar Family of Millisle, County Down. George Dunbar (1800-1875), who was Mayor of Belfast in 1842-43 and a member of the House of Commons (1835-41) married Harriet Beresford, a niece of Archbishop Beresford.

D Papers of George Dunbar

Select:

65A James Farrell (London) to Dunbar, 19 Jan. 1853: asks Dunbar to write to Sir Charles Hotham in Victoria confirming the standing of Farrell's nephew, James Blair, with the previous governor, C.J. La Trobe.

71 Farrell to Dunbar, 1 Sept. 1853: meeting has been despatched; sales are flagging; Farrell is busy shipping to Australia.

74B Farrell to Dunbar, 5 Oct. 1853: wine sales; vine disease; Australian business paying well.

77 Farrell to Dunbar, 9 Nov. 1853: Speaker of Victorian Parliament has stayed with Blair for some weeks.

81 Farrell to Dunbar, 12 De. 1853: asks Dunbar, Capt. Jones of Commodore Eden to write a few lines introducing James Blair to Sir Charles Hotham.

94 Farrell to Dunbar, 5 Jan. 1855: George [Pilkington, Dunbar's nephew] and his wife going to Australia; business arrangements.

95 Farrell to Dunbar, 11 Jan. 1855: Pilkington visiting Liverpool to inspect ship Australian.

- 96 George Pilkington (Liverpool) to Dunbar, 16 Jan. 1855: approves of ship and has arranged to take a cabin.

**D869 Diary of a member of the crew of HMS *Terror*, 1839-43**

Sir James Clark Ross commanded HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror* on an exploring expedition to the Antarctic from June 1839 to September 1843. The writer of the diary was probably a sergeant in the Royal Marines. The entries record the day-to-day rigours, boredom and amusements of shipboard life and experiences on shore, especially at Hobart.

**D953 Letters and testimonials of William Whigham of Mullaghglass, County Armagh, 1869-99**

Select:

- 4 A. Crawford (San Francisco) to William Whigham, 31 Dec. 1880: appoints Whigham as agent at Papeete, Tahiti; books badly kept; plans to set up company in Tahiti to handle cotton seed, copra, candle nut.
- 5 George Cochrane to Whigham, 3 Dec. 1881: thanks Whigham for excellent supply service during stay in Papeete of United States ship Richmond.
- 6 George Cochrane to Whigham, 5 Dec. 1881: thanks; regards to Gibson.
- 7 Whigham to ?, 30 Aug. 1882: autobiographical details; Gibson, a Scottish Presbyterian, married a native; their children educated in Sydney.

**D955 Papers of Lawrence Family of Coleraine, 1760-1890**

Select:

- 69-85 Letters from Sampson Lawrence (Castlemaine, Victoria) to members of his family, 1866-80: work as a miner; unemployment on goldfields; visit of Duke of Edinburgh to Australia (1868); Fenianism in Ireland; drought; bushfires; gift of £27,000 from people of Melbourne to Dublin for famine relief (1880); Sir Samuel Wilson; family news; family property in Ireland.
- 88-93 Letters from Charles Lawrence (Castlemaine), James Loughhead (Adelaide) and John Lawrence (Magherafelt) to members of their family, 1859-69: work on Victorian goldfields; attack on Sampson Lawrence by a Chinaman; death of Charles Lawrence; family news.

**D961 Papers relating to Newton and Anderson families of Belfast, 1853-1952**

Select:

- 12 Two addresses presented to Andrew J. Newton of Cookstown, County Tyrone, from his brother solicitors in the Barony of Dungannon and from his friends in Cookstown on his emigration to New Zealand, Oct.-Nov. 1853.

**D1003 Letters of Private William McDonald, 96<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1842**

William McDonald (Salt Water Creek, Van Diemen's Land) to Rev. James Elliott (Moir), 27 March 1842: voyage to Australia; Tasman Peninsula; convicts; probation system; Salt Water Creek farm; facts that should be considered by intending immigrants.

McDonald to Rev. James Elliott, 6 April 1842: description of Port Arthur and Eagle Hawk Neck; Aborigines; flora and fauna.

McDonald to Rev. James Elliott, 12 April 1842: climate, topography of Van Diemen's Land; coastline; prices.

McDonald to Robert Batey (Moir), 29 May 1833 [1843?]: fishes, reptiles, insects, climate of Van Diemen's Land.

**D1071 Dufferin and Ava Papers, 1527-1952**

Papers of the Blackwood Family of Clondeboye, Bangor, County Down. Frederick Blackwood (1826-1902), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Clondeboye (created 1850), 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Dufferin and Ava (created 1871), 1<sup>st</sup> Marquis of Dufferin and Ava (created 1888) was one of Britain's leading diplomats of the nineteenth century. His first diplomatic mission was in 1855 and he went on to be Governor-General of Canada (1872-78), Ambassador to Turkey (1881-84), Governor-General of India (1884-88), Ambassador to Italy (1889-91) and Ambassador to France (1891-96).

H/B/F General correspondence of Francis Blackwood, 1856-1902

Sir George Bowen (Melbourne) to Dufferin, 20 Feb. 1874: introduces Thomas Higinbotham, Engineer-in-Chief of Victoria, visiting Europe and America to study railway and harbour construction and management.

Bowen (Melbourne) to Dufferin, 23 June 1874: Australian railways; possibility of federation; Bowen's career; inclusion of Australia in grand world tours of many travellers.

Bowen (Londonderry) to Dufferin, 5 Nov. 1875: hopes to return to Australia shortly and to spend a few days in Canada.

Bowen (Toronto) to Dufferin, 5 Nov. 1875: travels in Canada; Canadian politics and politicians.

Bowen (Washington) to Dufferin, 22 Nov. 1875: possibility of Dominion Police in Canada; question of a 'Canadian Belgium'; meeting with President Ulysses Grant; visit to Philadelphia; favourable impression of America.

Bowen (at sea) to Dufferin, 15 Dec. 1875: thanks Dufferin for courtesy while Bowen was in Canada; journey across America; Salt lake City; Mormonism; Hawaii; expects Hawaii will be annexed by United States.

Bowen (Melbourne) to Dufferin, 7 Feb. 1876: sends papers on organisation of Victorian Police Corps; size of police forces in Australian colonies; cannot see any immediate prospect of Australian federation or even Zollverein; constitutional crisis in Victoria; Bowen's policy of 'masterly inactivity' and 'dignified neutrality'.

Bowen to Dufferin, 19 April 1878: attacks on Bowen for supporting his ministers; similarity with Dufferin's position in Canada in 1873; Australia will accept nothing short of liberal policies of Lords Kimberley and Carnarvon; end of constitutional crisis.

Bowen to Dufferin, 18 May 1878: small faction in Victoria hostile to parliamentary government attempting to mislead Colonial Office and English press; Bowen would like to receive any Canadian parliamentary papers on 1873 crisis; political crises in Victoria occur once every seven or eight years; hopes Dufferin will stay in Canada.

Bowen to Dufferin, 8 Sept. 1878: thanks to Dufferin for his support; Australian federation still remote; general wish that Dufferin be first governor-general of Australia; Bowen's impending move to Mauritius; society of planters superior to society of squatters; British policy towards Cyprus.

Bowen to Dufferin, 18 Oct. 1878: imperial relations endangered if governors are instructed to act contrary to precedents of Elgin and Dufferin; W. Gladstone's congratulations on termination of Victorian crisis.

Bowen (Mauritius) to Dufferin, 4 Nov. 1880: view of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach on position of a constitutional governor; he would have lost Australia if he had been in power when parliamentary government was being established in the colonies; Mauritius a pleasant change after rough democracy of Victoria; life in Mauritius; Dufferin would be welcomed as a governor in Australia.

J. Henniker Heaton (Sydney) to Dufferin, 9 July 1883: Australia lacks a great politician able to bring about unity; Heaton has consulted some leaders about inviting Dufferin to visit Australia and arrange terms of federation; Australia's great wealth.

J. Henniker Heaton to Dufferin, 12 Dec. 1883: Intercolonial Convention; Henniker certain that New South Wales Parliament will not sanction Premier's action concerning Federal Council; idea of inviting Dufferin to Australia; premiers are supportive but governors, especially Lord Augustus Loftus, are petulant.

#### **D1099 Correspondence of Daniel R. Gardner, 1875-76**

Select:

- 7-12 Daniel Gardner (Melbourne) to his wife Rose Gardner (Lancaster), Oct. 1875-Feb. 1876: voyage from Glasgow to Australia; Gardner's health; travels in Victoria; Albury; rural industries; sheep shearing; size of squatters' runs; weather; return to Britain in *Somersetshire*. (6 letters)
- 13 Report by L.A. Moody, Chief Inspector of Distilleries, Melbourne, on alcoholic strength of Australian wines, Sept. 1875.

**D1384 Papers of Doody Family of Ballymena, 1844-57**

Select:

- 5-11 Margaret Fuller (Adelaide) to her sister Betty (Ballymena), 1850-57: family news; deaths; emigration to Australia of other members of the family. (4 letters)
- 9, 14-17 William Doody (Liverpool) to ?, 1853-54: preparations for migration to Australia; disastrous start to voyage with 43 passengers dying of cholera. (5 letters)

**D1401 Papers of the Stewart Family of Ballydrain and Wilmont, County Down, c. 1600-1958**

Select:

- 30 W. Wallace Legg (Melbourne) to his aunt Ellen, 6 Aug. 1877: personal news.
- 46 Alex Wilson (Maryville) to Henry Boyd, 3 Feb. 1841: hopes he has arrived safely in Australia.
- 47 Alex Wilson to Henry Boyd, 26 Sept. 1847: family news.
- 53 Gordon Thompson (Melbourne) to Ellen Deacon, May 1872: reunion with William Legg, who was in prison.
- 54 Wilson Hack (Melbourne) to Lysell, 6 Feb. 1872: has seen Legg in prison; amazed at the change in his attitude to life.
- 55 E.W. Needham to Miss Wilson, 7 Sept. [1875]: does not know when Legg will be released.

**D1414 Bates Papers, c. 1857-1957**

Select:

- 2 Diary of William Bates (?) on a voyage from Greenock to Melbourne on the ship *Minehaha*, Dec. 1857-April 1858. Bates, who was a preacher, left Glasgow on 25 November 1857 and the ship left Greenock on 26 December 1847, but the lengthy first entry in the diary is dated 6 January 1856. The very detailed diary, written with some literary flair, refers to sightings of the Isle of Man, Ireland and Madeira, injuries to passengers due to rolling seas, the weather, sightings of porpoises and dolphins, church services, impressions of passengers and

ship's officers, the publication of the *Minehaha Weekly Review*, Bates's efforts to learn French, books and reading, the reasons for passengers deciding to emigrate, arguments about the propriety of card-playing, slow progress in the Atlantic Ocean, illnesses and medicines, sightings of ships, arguments between crew and passengers, albatrosses, the deterioration of food towards the end of the voyage, storms, anticipation of arrival in Melbourne, rapid sailing in the Indian Ocean, smoking and drinking. The last entry is dated 5 April 1858, three days before the ship reached Port Phillip Heads. In the final four pages there is an imaginary conversation between a Melbourne man and one of the *Minehaha* passengers.

## Reel M1662

### D1415 Craigavon Papers, 1871-1940

Sir James Craig (1871-1940), 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet (created 1917), 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Craigavon (created 1927) was a Unionist Member of the British Parliament (1906-21) and held junior ministerial offices in 1919-21. During the bitter struggle over Irish Home Rule in 1910-14 he created the Ulster Defence Force. Following the 1920 Government of Ireland Act, he became leader of the Ulster Unionists in the Northern Ireland Parliament. He was the first Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and held the office for 20 years. He married Cecil Mary Tupper in 1905.

Select:

C/1-6 Typescript diaries of Lady Craigavon who accompanied her husband on a tour of Australia and New Zealand, Sept. 1929-March 1930. They cover the voyage to Australia on the *Otranto*, visits to Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney, travels in New Zealand, and the return voyage via the Panama Canal. Inserted in the diaries are newspaper cuttings, invitations, programs, photographs and a few letters and telegrams. Among the correspondents are S.M. Bruce, Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, Lady Hore-Ruthven, Lord Stonehaven, Lady Irvine, Sir Frank Clarke, J.H. Scullin, Sibella Macarthur-Onslow, Sir Joseph Ward and Dame Christina Massey.

### D1420 Papers of the Maguire Family, 1795-1938

Select:

1/117A-25 Hugh Maguire (Melbourne and Back Creek, Victoria) and J.J. Maguire (Melbourne) to members of their family, 1852-66: departure from Liverpool in 1852; cost of living in Melbourne; gold discoveries; Eureka uprising; Snowy River, Ovens River and Grampians goldfields; Maori wars; visit to South Australia. (10 letters)

1/126 J. Ranken (Melbourne) to Maguire, 24 April 1872: Maguire's return to Ireland; business matters; mutual friends in Victoria.

**D1424 Papers of the Kirkpatrick Family of Craigs, County Antrim, 1697-1948**

Alexander T. Kirkpatrick was the Church of Ireland rector of Craigs from 1868 to 1901, having succeeded his father, George Kirkpatrick.

3 Emigrant letters, 1815-96

Select:

11 Mary Boyes (Melbourne) to Rev. Alexander Kirkpatrick, 8 Nov. 1853: family news; dust storms.

Copy of a letter from Capt. P.W. Stephens (Tahiti), 5 May 1881: voyage of HMS *Thetis* to Pitcairn Island; meeting with Moses Young and Thursday Christian; church service; religious literature on the island.

**D1454 Papers relating to George Moody, 1847-1949**

Select:

6/1 Copy of a letter of Rev. J. Moody (Pitcairn Island), 20 July 1847: allegations of strife at Pitcairn Island are unfounded; increase in French oppression; requests prayer books, schoolbooks, medical supplies.

**D1497 Sinclair Papers, c. 1850-1904**

Select:

2/1 Thomas Graham (Melbourne) to John Graham (Draperstown, County Londonderry), 21 Nov. 1860: has nothing to boast about in Australia, but there are more opportunities than in Ireland.

**D1560 Emigrant papers of William Cherry, 1865-68**

Select:

1-7 William Cherry (Australia) to his parents (Lisburn, County Antrim), 1865-68: unemployment in Victoria; wages on sheep stations; prices; sheep shearing; life on stations in Victoria and New South Wales. (7 letters)

**D1626 Papers of Steele-Nicholson Family of Ballow, County Down, 1785-1947**



Select:

- 6 John Steele Nicholson (Dimolly, Victoria) to Agnes (Bangor, County Down), 24 July 1861: life at gold diggings.
- 14A John Steele Nicholson (Dimolly, Victoria) to his mother, 23 Dec. 1862: superior gentlemen at diggings; friends in Victoria.

#### **D1700 Papers of Crawford Family, 1739-1960**

Select:

- 3/9 Diary of Frederick Crawford kept on a trip to Australia and New Zealand, 22 April – 13 November 1892. (237pp). The diary describes the voyage from Gravesend to Melbourne on the SS *Cuzco*, stopping at Gibraltar, Naples, Port Said, Colombo, Albany and Adelaide, travels by boat, rail and road in Victoria including visits to Ballarat, Bendigo, Echuca, Swan Hill, Beaufort, Port Albert, Bairnsdale, Geelong, Port Fairy and Koroit, meetings with relatives and friends, social events, shooting, animals and birds, a journey to Sydney and the Blue Mountains, kangaroo hunting, visits to Launceston and Hobart, a voyage to New Zealand on the *Te Anau*, travels in the South Island including Invercargill and Dunedin, a journey from Wellington to New Plymouth, Auckland and Rotorua, and the return voyage to London on the SS *Aorangi* via Cape Horn and Rio de Janeiro. According to Crawford's calculations, he travelled a total of 31,531 miles.  
  
6/1/1-7 Correspondence of Alexander Crawford with his family, 1884-96: farming in Warragul, Victoria; financial matters; plans to establish agency business in Perth.
- 6/1/8 Lord Ranfurly (Wellington) to Alexander Crawford, 13 Aug. 1898: controversy arising from Ranfurly receiving loyal address from Orangemen in public and from Roman Catholics in private; lack of law and order in Cook Islands.
- 6/1/26 Reminiscences of Alexander Crawford related in Central Methodist Mission Hall, Perth, 25 June 1914, to celebrate the building of the first Methodist chapel in Western Australia (7pp)

#### **Reel M1663**

#### **D1745 Papers of Adams and Nolan families of County Londonderry, 1770-1879**

Select:

- 6 Robert Nolan (Richmond, NSW) to his father, 6 July 1853: Sunday school; departure from Shoalhaven; likes his circuit; approaching marriage.

#### **D1746 Correspondence of McClure Family, 1817-77**

Select:

- 2 John McClure (Invercargill, NZ) to Emily McClure (Belfast), 17 Sept. 1865: economic fluctuations; description of house; discovery of gold on west coast of South Island; defeat in provincial council elections and intention to stand for House of Representatives.

#### **D1757 McDowell, Main and Mulligan estate and testamentary papers, 1819-1905**

Select:

- 2/4 Elizabeth Macready (Lyttelton, NZ) to her cousins, 27 March 1878: voyage to New Zealand; storms.
- 2/5 Elizabeth Macready (Christchurch) to her cousin William, July 1881: visit to Horrell's farm at Canterbury; exports to England and Australia; cattle and sheep; prices.
- 2/6 Elizabeth Macready to her cousins, July 1881: work as a shopkeeper in Lyttelton; life in villa at Christchurch.

#### **D1908 Lanesborough Papers, 1780-1930**

Henry Cavendish Butler-Danvers (1811-1891) of Innisrath, County Fermanagh, was the half-brother of George Butler-Danvers, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Lanesborough. His sister Elizabeth was the wife of Henry Dumaesq, secretary of Governor Darling and Clerk of the New South Wales Executive Council (1825-27).

Select:

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H. Cavendish Butler (St Heliers, NSW) to John B. Danvers, 20 Aug. 1838: decision to give up government appointment to take charge of Topley's affairs; death of Henry Dumaesq; decline of Sydney society due to Governor Bourke and his Whiggish clique; journey overland from Sydney to Port Phillip.

H. Cavendish Butler (St Heliers, NSW) to Mrs Butler-Danvers, 7 Nov. 1840: preparations for departure; colony is in a flourishing state.

#### **D1813 Papers of Crawford Family**

Select:

- 3/1-42 Correspondence, chiefly between Alexander Crawford (Murchison, WA) and his fiancée Elizabeth Matthews (Linton, Victoria) and also James Crawford, Madge Crawford, Frederick

Crawford (Belfast), George S. Compton (Perth), W. Lowe, James Birrell, Greta Oliver, William Simpson, J.C. Fleming (Geraldton, WA) and Francis E. Hart (Geraldton), 1881-83.

The letters refer to visits to Ballarat and Ballan; Alexander Crawford's voyage to Perth and his journey northwards to Erdeboba, Murchison; his homestead; sheep-farming; Aborigines; 'nigger hunts'; lack of society; marriage plans.

- 4/6 Adair F. Crawford (Sydney) to Rev. Thomas Crawford (Drumliff, Sligo), 19 Feb. 1866: poor state of colonies; murder trial of dentist H.L. Bertrand.

#### **D1944 Cumine estate and family papers, Killough, County Down, 1710-1950**

Select:

- 9/1 'Mrs Flemming's log book' on a voyage from London to Melbourne on the *Fearnought*, 3 Aug.-24 Nov. [1863]. An informal account, written intermittently during the voyage, referring to the progress of the ship, the weather, conversations with ship's officers and passengers, meals, a burial at sea, and albatrosses. Flemming mentions that the ship's doctor had served in Garibaldi's army, while one of the passengers was a grandson of William Wordsworth.

#### **D2137 Papers of John Martin**

Select:

- 1/14A-28 Correspondence of John Martin with Mary Simpson, D. Harrison, William McCurtayne, John Regan, William Smith O'Brien, Patrick O'Donohoe and B. Conolan, 1849-53: conditions on convict ship *Mountstuart Elphinstone*; life in Hobart; political situation in Ireland; anti-transportation movement.
- 1/34 Joseph Rowan (Melbourne) to Martin (Dublin), 22 Feb. 1862: acknowledges books for St Patrick's Society.
- 1/43 Patrick O'Donohoe (Hobart) to Martin, 13 Jan. 1850: Charles Gavan Duffy; William Smith O'Brien.
- 1/44-51 Kevin and Eva O'Doherty (Hobart, Port Cygnet, Dublin) to Martin, n.d.: financial matters; departure of John Mitchel; convict life' activities of Irish exiles; land in Huon Valley; W.S. O'Brien's attempt to escape and his arrest; changes in Tasmania; plans to emigrate to Australia. (8 letters)
- 1/52-54 William Smith O'Brien (New Norfolk, Tasmania) to Martin, 1853-56: sends money; Kevin O'Doherty; restoration of civil rights.
- 1/58-60P. Smyth (Melbourne) to Martin, 1853-54: granting of conditional pardons; Smyth's return to Australia; success of *Citizen*.

### **D2263 Thomas Moore emigration papers, 1845-66**

Thomas Moore (1804-1878), born in Londonderry, joined the Royal Navy and visited Australia in 1829 and 1833. He settled in New South Wales in 1839. He played a major role in the development of inland railways and the construction of Warragamba Dam. In 1856 his daughter Catherine married William Busby (1813-1887), a wealthy pastoralist and member of the New South Wales Legislative Council.

Thomas Moore (Pomeroy, Goulburn) to [Rev. Henry Scott], 15 March 1845: prosperity of colony; exports of wool, tallow, oil, horses; improvement in society with arrival of many women; lack of religious instruction; picturesque scenery of Pomeroy; ball at Pomeroy; family news.

Thomas Moore to [Rev. Henry Scott], 8 March 1858: Moore's daughter and son-in-law William Busby have sailed for England; Moore's mistake in selling two stations a year before gold discoveries; struggle for responsible government has led to business of government being neglected and considerable debt; offer of public office.

Thomas Moore to [Rev. Henry Scott], 3 Jan. 1859: conferences in Sydney and Maitland on church government; powers of bishops; church property; payment of clergy; difficulties of John Moore in finding employment.

Thomas Moore (Sydney) to [Rev. Henry Scott]. 22 July 1866: rudeness of Sydney society; William Busby has bought Edgecliff House; Moore's mistake in buying so much property; is no longer farming and is leasing Pomeroy; establishment of Diocese of Goulburn; Bishop Mesac Thomas.

### **D2794 Papers of Montgomery Family of Belfast and Portadown, County Armagh, 1811-1932**

Select:

B/1 Diary kept by Charles C. Greenfield, a sailor, on a voyage on the *Andares* from London to Port Chalmers, New Zealand, his visits to Dunedin, Wellington and Sydney, and his return voyage to England on the *Hankow*, 30 May 1879-14 Feb. 1880.

### **D3030 Castlereagh Papers, 1697-1847**

Robert Stewart (1769-1822), Viscount Castlereagh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marquis of Londonderry (succeeded 1821) was a Tory member of the House of Commons from 1794 to 1821. He was Chief Secretary for Ireland (1799-1801), President of the Board of Control for India (1802-6), Secretary of State for War and Colonies (1805-6, 1807-9), Foreign Secretary (1812-22) and Leader of the House of Commons (1812-22).

Select:

- 122 Sir Ralph Abercromby to Castlereagh, 20 April 1798: encloses three letters on the rebellion of the United Irishmen.
- 210 Notes concerning agents of the United Irishmen, c. Aug. 1898.
- 228 Edward Cooke to Castlereagh, [c. Aug. 1798]: W. Wickham's letter about the Irish rebels.
- 229 Castlereagh. Memorandum on Irish rebels, [c. Aug. 1798]
- 232 Lord Waterford to ?, 19 Aug. 1798: activities of Irish rebels. (extract)
- 235 Sir John Mitford to Duke of Portland, 1 Sept. 1798: comments on bill for preventing return of transported rebels. (copy)
- 247 W. Wickham to Castlereagh, 5 Sept. 1798: encloses draft of bill to prevent return of transported rebels.
- 295 Robert Marshall to Castlereagh, 17 Oct. 1798: Thomas Pelham; remonstrations received opposing transportation of state prisoners.
- 302 Copy of secret information on Irish rebels, [c. Oct. 1798]
- 625 W. Wickham to Castlereagh, 25 Feb. 1799: state prisoners and influence of private interests.
- 628 Sir James Crawford to Lord Grenville, 26 Feb. 1799: information about French fleet and Irish rebels. (extract)
- 694 Draft description of Beedle McKenzie, United Irishman, [c. March 1799]
- 702 Draft list of supposed secretaries of United Irishmen, [c. March 1799]
- 1781 Circular letter from Lords of the Admiralty to naval officers instructing them to detain French ships and bring them into nearest port, 15 May 1803.
- 1783 Circular letter from Lords of the Admiralty to naval officers instructing them to seize and destroy Dutch ships, 16 June 1803.
- 1884 J. Princep to John Sullivan, 2 Nov. 1803: Princep's company has undertaken regular trade to Port Jackson.
- 1839 John Sullivan to Sir Stephen Cotterell, 7 Nov. 1803: encloses letter from J. Princep. (copy)
- 2043 Draft note on the troops serving at home and in the colonies, [1805]
- 2420 Draft notes by Castlereagh concerning colonial trade, [c. June 1806]
- 2562 Castlereagh to Charles manners-Sutton, Archbishop of Canterbury, [Dec. 1807/]: ecclesiastical establishment in New SouthWales. (copy)
- 3039 Castlereagh to King George III, 8 April 1809: Major-General Nightingale's ill-health; recommends 73<sup>rd</sup> Regiment be sent to New South Wales and Col. L. Macquarie be lieutenant-governor. (draft)

- 3074 Castlereagh to H. Alexander, 13 May 1809: thanks for information concerning Cape; has appointed a military governor to New South Wales. (copy)
- 3337 Draft remarks on the East India trade, [c. 1812]
- 4659 Statement on the revenue and expenses of the island of Java, [c. Aug. 1815]. (copy)
- 5315 Horse Guards memorandum on garrisons in British colonies, 2 May 1817. (copy)
- 5316 Horse Guards memorandum on garrisons in new colonies, 2 May 1817. (copy)
- 5715 Thomas Simpson to Castlereagh, 5 May 1819: agriculture and New South Wales.

**D3220 Tyler Papers, 1750-c. 1955**

Select:

- 2/1-3 Diary of Alexander Huey, an ensign in the 73<sup>rd</sup> foot, on a voyage from England to Sydney on the *Dromedary* and from Sydney to Cannibal Cove, New Zealand, and towards Cape Horn on the *Atalanta*, 5 May 1809-10 April 1810, 29 Oct.1810-21 Feb. 1811.
- 2/4 Watercolour sketches of Woolloomooloo, Double Bay and Watsons Bay.
- 2/5 John W. Lewin (Sydney) to Alexander Huey, 7 Nov. 1812: Lewin believes Huey will be a great artist; Lewin is painting two large oil paintings; picture of a corroboree for Mrs Macquarie; most officers in New South Wales are in debt; Governor Macquarie and contract for a hospital; convicts dining at Government House.

**Reel M1664**

**D3332 Twigg papers, 1891-1950**

Select:

- 1-66 Letters from James H. Twigg (Coolgardie and Balingup, Bunbury) to members of his family (Cookstown, County Tyrone), 1891-1907.

The letters describe Twigg's voyage to Australia on the *Lusitania* in 1891; fencing; kangaroo shooting; Aboriginal corroboree; construction of railway line; goldmining at Coolgardie in 1896; blacksmithing; wages and prices; the effect of federation on Western Australia's economy; sheep farming and shearing; the loneliness of farming life; threat of Labor Party to farmers; bushfires; marriage; sale of Balingup in 1907; impending departure for British East Africa.

## PHOTOCOPIES OF RECORDS

### **T1454 Family documents of Robb and Bryson families of County Down, c. 1800-1900**

Select:

5/17 Frank R. Robb (Tooma, NSW) to John Robb, 19 Dec. 1878: family news; life on sheep farm; 'there is always some amusement in the bush that I don't know if it is not on the whole the happiest existence for a man in this world'; highly educated men on stations; need for a young man to have capital.

### **T1457 *Newry Commercial Telegraph* and Lipper documents, 1816-56**

Select:

Maxwell Lipper (Honolulu) to Henry, 26 Feb. 1856: survey in Little Salt Lake Desert; conditions in Honolulu; men from Belfast living in Honolulu.

### **T1488 Sherry and Madill emigration documents, 1874-76**

Select:

1-5 John Sherry (Victoria), Matthew Madill and Mary Ellen Madill (Undera, Victoria) to Margaret Tailor (Clones, County Monaghan), 1874-75: offers to pay passage to Australia; life of girls on a farm; family news. (5 letters)

### **T1489 Quaker papers, 1833-47**

Select:

Edward Pease (Darlington, Yorkshire) to James N. Richardson (Lisburn, County Antrim), 10 March 1833: Society of friends; dedication and fervency of pilgrims in Tasmania; Francis Cotton; good influence of Friends in Tasmanian community.

### **T1560 Forde Family documents, c. 1804-28**

Select :

Lieut. George Forde (Omagh) to General Taylor, [1825] : seeks posting in Australia rather than the West Indies.

### **T1611 Documents of Gilmore Family of Kircubbin, County Down, 1876-1901**

Select:

- 2 John Gilmore (Tauranga, NZ) to his parents, 16 Sept. 1876: voyage to New Zealand; quarantine on island near Auckland; description of settlement of Ulstermen at Tauranga.
- 3 Andrew Gilmore (Tauranga) to Robert Gilmore (Kirkcubbin), 16 July 1878: sends money; impending arrival of Belfast settlers.
- 4-6 Andrew Gilmore to his family, 1880-81: sends money; urges Robert to emigrate; wages for smiths and carpenters; costs of farming; farmers with only €100-150 should stay at home. (3 letters)

#### **T1698 Papers of Cardwell Family of County Down, c. 1830-98**

Select:

William Cardwell (Christchurch) to his family (Tonaghmore, County Down), 24 April 1879: death of his father; dull state of business; farmers' debts.

William Cardwell to his brother, 13 Aug. 1880: business and family matters.

Genealogical notes on Cardwell Family.

Record of a voyage to New Zealand in 1881, written by John Cardwell of Tonaghmore.

#### **T1701 Papers of Dalway Family of Carrickfergus, County Antrim, 1811-57**

Select:

- 17 Noah Dalway (Forest Creek, Victoria) to his mother, 10 Dec. 1854: journey from Melbourne to Simpsons Diggings; lack of success at Forest Creek; cost of horses and food; 'Australia is most falsely represented'; Eureka uprising; deaths from dysentery in Melbourne.
- 18 Noah Dalway (Ballarat) to his mother, 23 Feb. 1857: loss of money on quartz crushing; miserable Christmas; overpopulation and low wages in Victoria.

#### **T1779 Papers deposited by W.S. Ferguson**

Select:

Extracts from the *Londonderry Sentinel*, 16 Oct. 1830, with a description of the Swan River settlement by a military officer.

#### **T1790 Emigrant correspondence to Elizabeth Carlisle of Forkhill, County Armagh. 1846-72**



Select:

William Carlisle (Williamstown, Victoria) to Elizabeth Carlisle, 20 May 1856: struggle to find work; purchase of land at Williamstown; economic depression; difficulty in finding female servants.

**T1917 Papers of John Sayers, 1875-87**

Select:

Diary of John Sayers kept on a journey from Belfast to London and thence to Melbourne on the steamship *St Osyth*, 7 May-24 June 1875. Sayers and his family travelled by rail from Holyhead to London and boarded the ship at Gravesend. The diary refers to its departure (11 May 1875), a brief call at Plymouth, the weather, seas, church services, sighting of other ships, coaling at St Vincent, food and meals, and the health of family members. The last entry was written three days before the ship reached Melbourne. The shortness of the voyage, a steaming time of 43 days from London to Melbourne, aroused a good deal of interest and was said to be unparalleled.

**T1923 Papers of Shaw Family, 1877-1962**

Select:

Diary (typescript) of Samuel Shaw of Saintsfield, County Down, on a voyage from Plymouth to Sydney, 20 Nov. 1877-18 Feb. 1878, together with two letters to his parents and brothers.

**T1935 Stewart-Moore papers, 1838**

Select:

James Dempsey (Moville, County Donegal) to Capt. Stewart-Moore (Ballydivity, County Antrim), 18 Oct. 1838: conditions on board emigrant ship sailing to Sydney, rations; allegations of ill-treatment.

**T1956 Papers deposited by Col. J.B. Wilson**

Select:

Memorandum by William Orr entitled 'A Vision', referring to his transportation, life in New South Wales, release and arrival in Calcutta (1805-6) and Penang (1807).

William Orr. Defence against charge of robbery, 1799.

Lord Castlereagh to Rev. George Macartney (Antrim), 9 Feb. 1805: acknowledges letter concerning W. Orr; will send it to A. Marsden.

John King (London) to Alexander Marsden, 18 March 1805: request of Lord Castlereagh that Orr be permitted to return to Ireland as there is reason to believe he was unjustly tried.

Alexander Marsden (Dublin) to Rev. George Macartney, 23 March 1805: sends copy of King's letter.

Rev. George Macartney to William Jamieson (alias Orr), 31 July 1806: sympathy for Jamieson's suffering; has found Orr advised against rebellion; advances £100; advises him to remain in Calcutta and accumulate money.

W.A. Clubley (Fort Cornwallis) to W. Jamieson, 14 Dec. 1821: Governor-General directs that on his departure from Penang he hand over Government clocks to I. Ruggills.

R. Cannter ? (Penang) to W. Jamieson, 15 Dec. 1821: grants permission for Jamieson to leave settlement and return to England on *Amity*.

W. Clubley to W. Jamieson, 17 Dec. 1821: Government testifies to Jamieson's good conduct while in presidency.

#### **T1978 Letters of J.N. Armstrong, 1859-65**

J.N. Armstrong (Crofton, NZ) to Marion Armstrong (Dublin), Aug. 1859: defence measures in Auckland; drilling with Enfield rifles; fire at New Plymouth; farming.

J.N. Armstrong (Bell Block Stockade) to Marion Armstrong, 3 Dec. 1861: dissatisfaction with military proceedings in New Plymouth; drillings; hostile reception to Bishop G.A. Selwyn in New Plymouth; Selwyn's explanation of new system of government to Taranakis; need for Maori race to be suppressed; family news.

J.N. Armstrong (New Plymouth) to Marion Armstrong, May 1865: Maori War; Government's decision to dispense with imperial troops; dissatisfaction with campaign in Wanganui; offer by H. Atkinson of a company to occupy land north of Waitura River.

#### **T2052 Papers of James Getty, 1853-59**

1-13 Correspondence of James Getty (Melbourne) with John Getty (Ballymoney, County Antrim), Mary Getty, J. Irvine (Beechworth), John Garry (Melbourne), Edward Weaver, Peter Maloney (Melbourne), 1853-59: trade in Victoria; financial affairs; family matters.

#### **T2093 Correspondence of Irwin Family of Drogheda, County Louth, 1793-1854**

Frederick Chidley Irwin (1788-1860) of Enniskillen, Ireland, enlisted in the British Army in 1808. In 1828, with the rank of captain, he was given command of a detachment of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Regiment to provide military protection for the new settlement at Swan River. In 1834 he was transferred to

England. Promoted to major, he returned to Western Australia in 1837 as commandant and held the position until his retirement in 1852.

Select:

- 61 J. Boswell (Kincardine, Scotland) to Capt. F.C. Irwin (Sydney), 30 Jan. 1829: inquiry about agricultural situation.
- 63 Rev. J. Graham (Rochester) to Capt. F.C. Irwin (Perth), 14 Aug. 1833: religion in the colony; Graham's appointment as headmaster; news of friends.
- 65 Governor James Stirling (Perth) to Capt. F.C. Irwin (London), 1 April 1836: acknowledges Irwin's book *The state and position of Western Australia*; prosperity of the colony; unsuitable settlers; plans to return to England in 1837.
- 67 Capt. F.C. Irwin (London) to Rev. James Irwin, 7 Nov. 1836: preparations for emigration; engagement of Essex farmer as bailiff; will be taking much machinery.
- 68 Capt. F.C. Irwin to James and Mary Irwin, 14 Nov. 1836: agrees to take niece Elizabeth.
- 69 Capt. F.C. Irwin to Rev. James Irwin, 19 Nov. 1836: plans for education in the colony; hopes to send for vehicle; return of Governor Stirling; Irwin may be offered lieutenant governorship.
- 70 J. Adams (Armagh) to Major F.C. Irwin, 3 Jan. 1837: congratulations on marriage.
- 71 General Tolley (London) to Major F.C. Irwin, 11 Jan. 1837: good wishes for voyage.
- 72 Hugh Forbes (Altrincham) to Major F.C. Irwin, 4 March 1837: would like to emigrate but no ship available until July or August.
- 74 J. Boswell (Kincardine) to Major F.C. Irwin, 17 Feb. 1838: farming methods in colony; increases in Australian flocks; family news.
- 85 J.B. Gascoyne (London) to Lt. Col. F.C. Irwin, 16 July 1849: appointments to Barrack Department and other posts in Britain; if Irwin were to return from Australia there would be no guarantee of employment.

#### **T2393 Papers deposited by Heron & Dobson**

Select:

3/10-15, 17-19, 24-26, 31

Correspondence of Isabella Wyly (Adelaide) and J.A. Scott (Adelaide) with members of their family, 1856-79: family news; emigration; wages; fever epidemic; move from Adelaide to Melbourne.

#### **T2479 Papers deposited by J.J. Herron**

Richard Brydges Beechey (1808-1895) was the son of the painter Sir William Beechey. He joined the Royal Navy in 1822 and in 1825-28 served on HMS *Blossom*, commanded by his brother Captain Frederick Beechey, on its voyage of exploration to the Bering Strait. He was a notable marine painter and first exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1832.

Select:

2-3 Two notebooks kept by Richard Beechey, May 1825-Nov. 1826, entitled 'Remarks on a voyage of discovery to the Pacific and Behring straits on board HMS *Blossom*'.

24 drawings by Beechey: 'Views of Pacific etc. Islands'

## **Reel M1665**

### **T2551 Papers deposited by J. Harris Rea**

Select:

13 George B. Simpson (Dry Diggings, near Bendigo) to Fanny Irvine (Annahilt, County Down), 16 Dec. 1861: description of gold diggings.

### **T2680 Papers of Williamson Family of Ahory, County Armagh, 1781-c. 1910**

Select:

George McLean (Young, NSW) to William C. Williamson (Richhill, County Armagh), 15 April 1870: goldmining; climate; crops; bullock teams; Folies Circus; Sunday schools.

### **T2743 Papers of the McSparran Family of Feeny, County Londonderry, 1860-1916**

Select:

1/1-33 Correspondence of Oliver McSparran (Geelong), Jane McSparran (Sydney), John Moore and William Oliver (Geelong) with their family in County Londonderry, 1860-81: voyage to Australia; farming; hardships of immigrants; family news. (33 letters)

2/1-6 Oliver McSparran (New Zealand) to Archibald McSparran (Feeny, County Londonderry), 1865-82: gold diggings; prices; wages. (6 letters)

### **T2858 Papers of the Dill Family, 1812-1925**

Select:

2A Photographs of Thomas Whitson, Isabella Whitson (née Grant), their children and parents.

Thomas Whitson (1847-1922) married Isabella Grant at Dunedin in 1876. She had emigrated to New Zealand with her parents in 1870.

**T2901 Papers of the Moody and Hopkins families of County Londonderry, 1809-1968**

Select:

3/1-4 David Moody (Australia) to his family, 1851-54: family news; voyage to England on the *Marco Polo*. (4 letters)

3/5-17 Correspondence of David Moody (River Light and Kapunda, SA), Solomon Moody (Truro, SA) and Mary Moody, 1858-99: return to Australia; farming; weather; family news.

**T2902 Log books of the clipper ships *Norfolk* and *Lady Arabella*, 1852-61**

1 Log of *Lady Arabella* on a voyage from New York to Melbourne, 29 Sept. 1852-23 Jan. 1853. (11pp)

2 Log of *Norfolk* on a voyage from Melbourne to London, 13 April – July 1861, including an essay on Australian gold digging. (22pp)

**T3115 Letter of James Marks, 1871**

James Marks (William's Grove, NSW) to his cousin, 20 Feb. 1871: life on a farm; prices; Franco-Prussian War; fortification of Sydney Heads.

**T3356 Emigrant letters from the Houston Family, 1866-1938**

Select:

Thomas Houston (Gippsland, Victoria) to his uncle, 20 March 1866: farming; nature of the country.

J.C.W. (Gippsland) to his uncle, 12 Sept. 1866: journey from Melbourne; farming; price of food.

**MICROFILMS OF RECORDS**

**MIC22 Correspondence of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, 1770-1888**

Select:

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Ebenezer Wyse (Glasgow) to Lord Dufferin, 26 March 1863: voyage to India and Australia on yacht *Spray*; Hobart race; search for Burke and Wills; dinner with Sir George Bowen at Brisbane; attempt to establish himself as a shipbroker in New Zealand; return to Britain.

#### **MIC64 Memoir and journal of Robert Cochran of Melbourne, 1852-68**

The original microfilm was of very poor quality and many pages are partly or totally illegible. The memoir records Cochran's impressions of Australia in the years 1852-67. It refers inter alia to social customs, gambling and drunkenness in the colonies, colonial manners, servants, impressions of Melbourne, the Botanic Gardens, Australian flora, and the beauty of the countryside.

The journal dates from April 1867 to February 1868 and records Cochran's voyage from Port Phillip to Falmouth on the *Highflyer* (21 May-26 August 1867, his visits to London, Paris, Dublin and Londonderry, and his return voyage to Melbourne.

#### **MIC66 Papers of the Williamson Family, 1779-1876**

Select:

Reel 3

George McLean (Young, NSW) to William Williamson, 15 April 1870: Young goldfield; gold rushes; work as a storekeeper; Australian climate; crops; bullock teams; Folies circus; Sunday schools; visit by Bishop of Goulburn.

George McLean to William Williamson, 2 Oct. 1870: photographs; Franco-Prussian War; Fenians; weather; beauty of countryside; 'teafight' to raise funds for new meeting house; Aboriginal corroboree.

### **Reel M1666**

#### **MIC97 Letters and journal of George Fletcher Moore, 1830-49**

George Fletcher Moore (1798-1886), an Irish lawyer, emigrated to Western Australia in 1830. He was given a grant on the Upper Swan, called 'Millendon', and in time became a major landowner. He was appointed advocate-general in 1834 and was a member of the Executive Council and Legislative Council. He visited his father in England in 1852 and decided not to return to Australia.

The letters and journal letters were mostly addressed to his family as a whole, but some were sent specifically to his father, his sisters or his brother Joseph. Of the 52 letters, half were written in the years 1830-33. Moore visited Britain in 1841 and there are therefore no letters until he returned to Western Australia in 1843. The letters, which are all very lengthy, provide an extraordinarily

detailed record of the first two decades of the colony. They refer inter alia to Moore's arrival at the Swan River, his first impressions and speculations about the future of the settlement, his property and the erection of a house, stock and crops, relations with other settlers, the economic prospects of the colony, the arrival of ships, the scarcity of provisions (1832), exploring expeditions including the Avon Valley (1831) and the coastal district near Champion Bay (1840), visits to King George's Sound, relations with shepherds and other farm workers, production of wool and wheat, prices, land transactions, financial matters, meetings and conflict with Aborigines, meetings of the Legislative Council and Executive Council, court cases and legal work. Among the many individuals mentioned are his brother Samuel Moore (who also emigrated to Western Australia), Fanny Jackson (whom he married in 1846), the governors James Stirling, John Hutt and Sir Andrew Clarke, Capt. George Grey, Peter Broun, Major J.C. Irwin, J.S. Roe, Capt. William Shaw, William Mackie, William Brockman and Lieut. Henry Bull.

The legibility of the letters vary considerably: the writing is often crossed and the original film would seem to be of poor quality. The texts of the early letters are reproduced in J.M.R. Cameron. *The Millendon Memoirs: George Fletcher Moore's Western Australian diaries and letters, 1830-1841* (Perth, 2006).

#### **MIC111C/1 Emigrant letters from James and Adam Sloane, 1831-48**

James Sloane (c. 1808-1848) and Adam Sloane were the sons of James Sloane (d. 1850), who was the rector of the grammar school at Peebles, Scotland. James emigrated to Van Diemen's Land in 1830. He was an accountant and worked for Captain Charles Swanston, the managing director of the Derwent Bank. Adam Sloane was a postmaster and lived in various country towns, including Avoca.

The large collection of letters to their parents were mostly written by James Sloane, from his home at Battery Point. There are also a few lengthy letters from Adam Sloane who was living at Campbelltown. They are mostly of a private nature, dealing with family affairs, employment, religion, with occasional references to political events.

Many of the letters have crossed writing and the legibility varies considerably. The letters of Adam Sloane are much clearer than those of his brother.