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PRIVATE RECORDS

X240 Logbooks and papers of Richard Bastard

Select:

- 15 Lieut. Richard Bastard. Remarks made while passing through Torres Strait on a voyage from Sydney to India, 2-14 May 1820. (12pp)

- 19 Richard Bastard. Logbook of the transport *Lord Wellington* on a voyage from Deptford to Rio de Janeiro en route to New South Wales, 13 March-25 September 1819.

The log begins as a journal recording the fitting out of the ship, receipt of stores, the embarkation of convict women, the departure from Deptford (28 May 1819), the embarkation of further convicts at Plymouth and Cork, punishment of convicts and the departure from Ireland (6 July 1819). It then becomes a log, with hourly entries recording the ship's position, winds, and course, with brief references to the employment of the crew, the serving of lime juice to the convicts, disturbances among the convicts and punishments.

This collection has been withdrawn from the Archives.

X263 Papers relating to Richard Bastard and his family, 1816-1959

Select:

- 1 Logbook of the *Sir William Bensley*, commanded by Richard Bastard, on a voyage from Deptford to Sydney and the return voyage to Calcutta and England, 12 August 1816-16 June 1818. (140pp)

The logbook contains daily entries recording the embarkation of convicts at Deptford, the departure from Deptford (12 Sept. 1816) and Portsmouth, weather, misdemeanours and conflict among the convicts, inspections of convicts' possessions, offences by crew members, encounters with other ships, arrival at the Cape of Good Hope (24 Dec. 1816), exercise of convicts, arrival at Sydney (11 March 1817), the disembarkation of the convicts, the departure from Sydney (18 May 1817), passengers including Judge Jeffery Bent and the family of Ellis Bent, the voyage to India via New Britain, New Guinea and Timor, arrival at Calcutta (17 Aug. 1817), a survey and refitting of the ship, the departure from Calcutta (12 Jan. 1818) and the voyage to England via the Cape of Good Hope.

- 2 List showing the numbers of female convicts and children and their towns or counties of origin, 27 April-14 May 1819. (2pp) The dates suggest that the convicts embarked on the transport *Lord Wellington* at Deptford.

X256 Letters deposited by Mrs L. Robinson, 1810-44

Select:

- 2 Charles Cartwright (Wollongong) to his wife Elizabeth Cartwright (Amphill, Bedfordshire), 8 April 1842: Cartwright's detention in government employment since his arrival as a convict in 1838; hopes that sentence might be mitigated; village of Wollongong; Aborigines; countryside; food prices; wages.
- 3 Charles Cartwright to Elizabeth Cartwright, 2 July 1844: family news; rations; possibility of Elizabeth emigrating to New South Wales.

BD Barnard of Bedford Collection, 1799-1920

BD1392 Papers relating to Dr Witt, 1849-51

Select:

- 2 Dr George Witt (Sydney) to Thomas Barnard (Bedford), 6 April 1851: news of mutual friends; possibility of Witt visiting England; his single visit to the interior of the colony; shortage of labour due to Californian gold rushes; wages; friends in the colony.

L Lucas of Wrest Park Archive

Amabel Hume-Campbell, 5th Baroness Lucas, was created Countess de Grey in 1816. Her successor Thomas Robinson, who became 2nd Earl de Grey, built the great house at Wrest Park, Bedfordshire, in 1834-39.

L5 Parishes of Flitton, Greenfield, Wrest, Silsoe and Fielden, 1396-1839

Select:

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- 1 Joel Croxford (Ironbarks Goldfields, NSW) to his brother and niece (Silsoe), n.d.: success at goldfields; travels during last six years; would like to visit England.
- 2 Joel Croxford to his brother and sister, 30 Nov. 1864: death of their mother; visit to New Zealand; good life in New South Wales.

X275 Stapleton Family of Elstow, 1839-1920

Select:

- 1 Priscilla Dodson (Gympie) to her aunt Ann [Stapleton], 6 June 1886: family news; purchase of lacework; Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London; Queen Victoria; W.E. Gladstone; shipwreck on New South Wales coast.
- 2 Priscilla Hurley (Gympie) to her great-aunt, Ann [Stapleton]: death of Hurley's husband; family news; Gympie mines; floods.
- 10-11 Newspaper cuttings from *Adelaide Observer*, 1 August 1914, containing a photograph and article entitled 'Two pioneers: fifty years in South Australia'. It refers to Mr and Mrs George Dodson of Clarendon, South Australia, who emigrated from Elstow, Bedfordshire, in 1863.
- 12 Newspaper article, probably from the *Bedfordshire Times*, referring to the Adelaide Observer article, c. 27 October 1914.

HW Harvey of Ickwell Bury, Northill

John Harvey, a lawyer, bought the manor of Ickwell in Northill, Bedfordshire, in 1680. The family acquired properties of the Fish Palmer family at Northill in 1842.

Select:

- 574 Copy probate will of Thomas Fyshe Palmer, 22 Nov. 1793, with codicils dated 1 April 1794 and 22 April 1794 (when Palmer was on the *Surprise* transport bound for New South Wales).

AD Ancient deeds, or additional deposits

Select:

- 1191 Joseph Feazey (Melbourne) to his mother (Wilden), 20 Jan. 1844: work on sheep station; comfortable life; marriage plans; possibility of his brother emigrating. (The letter is crossed.)

WJ Wade and Jackson, solicitors, of Shefford, 1635-1888

Select:

- 607 Mortgage (not executed) £3000 of property near Market Wharf, Sussex Street, Sydney, from Gerard Phillips to William Northwood of Sydney, Oct. 1858.

SA Saunderson Archive

Select:

- 454 Mortgage on property in Bedfordshire of Thomas P. Macqueen included in a deed of appointment and conveyance, 22 May 1840. Macqueen, a Bedfordshire landowner and member of Parliament (1816-30), owned extensive properties in New South Wales.

BS British Records Society deposits

Select:

- 1548 Probate of Henry Marshall, timber merchant of Bedford, 10 Oct. 1876, with two codicils, one referring to property in New Zealand.

X695 Richard Dillingham letters, 1831-39

Richard Dillingham (Woolwich, Hobart) to his wife and his father Joseph Dillingham (Amphill?, Bedfordshire), Aug. 1831-Nov. 1839: preparations for departure from England; voyage to Australia on transport *Katherine Stewart Forbes*; work as a convict in Van Diemen's Land assigned to David Lamb; food prices; climate; family news; promise of a ticket of leave. (11 letters)

The letters were lent for copying by Mr and Mrs Bamford of Flitwick, Bedfordshire.

Jemima Hitchcock diary, 1853

Diary kept by Jemima Hitchcock, a passenger on the *Star of the East*, on a voyage from Liverpool to Sydney, 4 July -4 October 1853. The unusually detailed diary records her journey from Buckingham to Liverpool, preparations for the voyage, the departure, weather, seas, meals, church services, complaints of passengers, relations with other passengers, fights between passengers, Captain Robertson and other ship's officers, sightings of porpoises and whales, reading, dances, games of whist, church services, storms, arrival at Port Phillip, labour shortages in Melbourne, impressions of Melbourne, the voyage up the New South Wales coast and arrival at Port Jackson. The final page contains a list headed 'things useful on a long voyage'.

The diary was lent for copying by Mrs Marsh of Milton Ernest, Bedfordshire.

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QS QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS

QSS Statistics of crime

QSS4 Criminal statistics of Bedfordshire 1801-78, compiled by R.E. Roberts, Governor of the Prison

Select pages:

18-19 Transportations for life, 1825-52, giving names, ages, offences and disposals.

23-42 Transportations and sentences of penal servitude, 1801-78, giving names, ages, offences, sentences and disposals.

PU POOR LAW UNION RECORDS

PUB Bedford Union

PUBC Correspondence, 1835-1919

PUBC2 In-letters, 1835-89

Volume 2

Select item:

113 Lord Glenelg to Samuel Wing, Clerk to the Guardians of Bedford Union, 6 Jan. 1837: ship for emigrants to New South Wales.

Volume 4

Select item:

50 Lord John Russell to Wing, 24 Dec. 1839: no more emigrant ships to New South Wales before spring.

Volume 5

Select page:

221 S. Walcott (Colonial Land and Emigration Commission) to Wing, 19 Feb. 1845: does not know when passages will be again granted for Australian colonies.

243 J. Chadwick (Poor Law Commission) to Wing, 11 April 1845: emigration of Joseph Lightfoot and his four children to Australia.

367 J. Chadwick to Wing, 13 Dec. 1845: funds for emigration from parish of Milton Ernest by the sale of produce.

379-8 W.G. Lumley (Poor Law Commission) to Wing, 20 Dec. 1845: funds for emigration.

- 381 W.G. Lumley to Wing, 24 Dec. 1845: contracts for conveyance of emigrants.
- 409 J. Chadwick to Wing, 31 Jan. 1846: money for emigrants.
- 455 W.G. Lumley to Wing, 21 May 1846: help for wives of transported convicts to join their husbands.
- 525 S. Walcott to Wing, 5 Nov. 1846: no funds for free passages to Sydney at present or for families of convicts.
- 559-60 S. Walcott to Wing, 4 Jan. 1847: there will be frequent vessels to Australia in next few months.
- 725-26 S. Walcott to Wing, 13 Jan. 1848: officer to attend meeting of Bedford Union Board of Guardians.
- 869-71 George Nicholls (Poor Law Board) to Wing, 3 Oct. 1848: emigration of children.
- 877-78 Lord Ebrington (Poor Law Board) to Wing, 13 Oct. 1848: workhouse children to be sent to South Australia.
- 893-94 W.G. Lumley to Wing, 31 Oct. 1848: qualifications for child emigrants to Australia.
- 897-99 S. Walcott to Wing, 3 Nov. 1848: qualifications for selection of women emigrants to Australia.
- 903 W.G. Lumley to Wing, 30 Nov. 1848: female emigration.
- 905-9 Circular regarding emigration of paupers, n.d.
- 1089-90 S. Walcott to Wing, 12 Dec. 1849: applications for emigration.

Volume 6

Select pages:

- 247-48 W.G. Lumley to Wing, 15 Jan. 1851: emigration of people of Yeldon to South Australia.
- 249-50 W.G. Lumley to Wing, 15 Jan. 1851: emigration of Edward Edwards to South Australia.
- 251-52 W.G. Lumley to Wing, 15 Jan. 1851: James Partridge to South Australia.
- 253 S. Walcott to Wing, 20 Jan. 1851: brother of Knight too young to emigrate.
- 275-76 Lord Courtenay (Poor Law Board) to Wing, 26 March 1851: Thomas Ellington to go to South Australia.
- 279 J. Walpole (Colonial Land and Emigration Commission) to Wing, 31 March 1851: regulations for emigration to Port Phillip.
- 309-10 Lord Courtenay to Wing, 16 April 1851: raising money for emigration in parish of Milton Ernest.

- 451 S. Walcott to Wing, 18 Nov. 1851: requesting details of girls to be sent to South Australia.
- 455-56 W.G. Lumley to Wing, 25 Nov. 1851: sending list of persons assisted to emigrate in 1851.
- 459-60 R.F. Grey (Poor Law Board) to Wing, 29 Nov. 1851: girls from workhouse school for emigration.
- 465-66 Sir George Grey to Wing, 9 Jan. 1852: William Garrett to go to Van Diemen's Land.
- 471-72 J. Walpole to Wing, 22 Jan. 1852: William Garrett.
- 473 Circular on clothing required for voyage to Australia, n.d.
- 475 Printed form of emigration certificate, n.d.
- 561-62 J. Walpole to Wing, 12 June 1852: Ann Williamson and daughter to go to Van Diemen's Land.
- 595-96 Lord Courtenay to Wing, 20 July 1852: emigration of paupers of Pavenham.
- 705 S. Wing. Return of pauper emigrants of Bedford Union, n.d.
- 1117 Names and ages of family of Eli Hardwick, n.d.
- 1119 S. Walcott to Wing, 19 April 1854: conditions for emigration of Hardwick Family.
- 1121-24 Government Emigration Office. Printed regulations for selection of emigrants, Feb. 1854.

Volume 7

Select:

T. Knight (Poor Law Board) to Wing, 2 June 1858: Rachel Markham to go to New Zealand.

J. King (Poor Law Board) to Wing, 8 June 1858: Rachael Markham.

Lord Courtenay to Wing, 16 June 1858: Rachael Markham.

PRIVATE RECORDS

G/DDA Luton Hoo, papers of the Bute Estate, 1768-1859

Luton Hoo in Bedfordshire was the home of the Napier Family until it was acquired by John Stuart (1713-1792), 3rd Earl of Bute, in 1763. The house was rebuilt, following a fire in 1771. John Crichton-Stuart (1793-1848), 2nd Marquess of Bute (succeeded 1814), in addition to managing his extensive estates, was a noted industrialist.

Select:

163 List of property and stock of J.C.S. McDouall in New Zealand, 1841-45.

- 167 A.W. Scott. The character of John McDouall, 14 Jan. 1846. (extract)
- 168 W. McDouall (Copt Hall) to Lord Bute, 16 Jan. 1846: news of his daughter, niece and son John, and of William's ordination.
- 172 W. McDouall to Lord Bute, 27 Feb. 1846: family news; Capt. Hawthorn.
- 177 W. McDouall (Peterborough) to Lord Bute, 25 May 1846: William's sermon; money advanced by Bute and McDouall in Australia all spent, due to maintenance of 15 labourers.
- 178 W. McDouall to Lord Bute, 3 June 1846: letter from John.
- 179 W. McDouall to Lord Bute, 5 June 1846: still hopes John will live and thrive.
- 180 W. McDouall to Lord Bute, 12 June 1846: thanks for sympathetic view of John; Bishop's visit and confirmation.
- 190 W. McDouall to Lord Bute, 11 Aug. 1846: letter from John in New South Wales; suffering greatly from burning heat and lack of rain.
- 194 W. McDouall to Lord Bute, 28 Aug. 1846: rain in New South Wales.
- 201 W. McDouall to Lord Bute, 28 Oct. 1846: in New South Wales trees were felled for three months for stock to heat; 100 cattle sent 200 miles to a neighbour.

H/WS Wilshere Family of Welwyn

William Wilshere (1754-1824) was a lawyer, banker and magistrate and a close associate of the reforming politician, Samuel Whitbread.

Select:

- 1222 Richard Beardsley to Curtis (Cambridge), 8 Dec. 1818: seeking help from Hibbert and Dr Ramsden regarding sentence of seven years' transportation for robbing a dove house. (copy) With accompanying note to William Wilshere as chairman of Bedfordshire Quarter Sessions.
- 1244 Thomas Warner (Bedford Gaol) to W. Wilshere, 24 April 1819: requests that he apply to Lord Sidmouth for removal of seven convicts sentenced to transportation. With draft of letter from Wilshere to Sidmouth.
- 1252 Theed Pearse to W. Wilshere, 23 Oct. 1819: request to Home Secretary for order to immediately remove Arnold and Barnes, sentenced to transportation.
- 1253 W. Wilshere to Lord Sidmouth, 24 Oct. 1819: requests removal of Arnold and Barnes.
- 1273 W. Wilshere to Lord Sidmouth, 14 April 1820: transportation of William King and J. Gascoigne.
- 1294 Thomas Warner to W. Wilshere, 12 Jan. 1821: requests early application to Home Secretary for removal to hulks of three poachers, sentenced to transportation.

- 1306 Arran Smith (Newport Pagnall). Testimony of good character of convict George Smith, 26 Oct. 1821. With copy of letter from William Cockerill.
- 1317 Thomas Warner to W. Wilshire, 15 Sept. 1821: requests application to Lord Sidmouth for removal orders.
- 1318 Thomas Warner to W. Wilshire, 1 Nov. 1821: requests application for removal of George Smith, sentenced to seven years' transportation.
- 1327 W. Wilshire to Sir Robert Peel, 22 Jan. 1822: recommends reduction of sentence of Norman Harkins to seven years' transportation.
- 1354 Thomas Warner to W. Wilshire, 22 March 1822: request to Home Secretary for removal of convicts to the hulks.
- 1355 W. Wilshire to Sir Robert Peel, 12 April 1822: request for removal of convicts for transportation.
- 1419 Thomas Warner to W. Wilshire, 9 March 1823: request to Home Secretary for removal of nine convicts sentenced to transportation.

L Lucas of Wrest Park archive

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- 1 Joel Croxford (Ironbarks Goldfields, NSW) to his brother and niece, n.d.: success at goldfields; travels during last six years; would like to visit England.
- 2 Joel Croxford to his brother and sister, 30 Nov. 1864: death of their mother; visit to New Zealand; good life in New South Wales.

These letters also appear on reel M591.

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Jemima Campbell (1723-1797), 2nd Marchioness Grey (succeeded 1740) married Philip Yorke, later 2nd Earl of Hardwicke. Their daughter Amabel Yorke (1750-1833) married Alexander Hume-Campbell, Viscount Polworth.

Select:

- 62 Lady Grey (Wrest) to Amabel Hume-Campbell, 14 July 1774: return of HMS *Adventure* to the Cape; report on events by Capt. Furneaux.
- 229 Lady Grey (Richmond) to Amabel Hume-Campbell, 12 Jan. 1780: refers to death of Capt. Cook.

W Whitbread of Southill Archives

Samuel Whitbread (1764-1815) was born in Bedfordshire, the son of a brewer. He was elected to the House of Commons for the town of Bedford in 1790 and held the seat for the rest of his life. A close associate of Charles Fox and other Whig leaders, he was an outspoken advocate of parliamentary reform and civil liberties and an opponent of the war with France. Jorgen Jorgenson (1780-1841) was a Danish-born seaman and adventurer. He took part in the Anglo-Danish War in 1808, proclaimed the independence of Iceland in 1809, but then spent periods in English gaols for debt and other offences. In 1825 he was sentenced to transportation and he spent the rest of his life in Van Diemen's Land.

Select:

Political miscellaneous

2448 William Roscoe to [Whitbread], 9 Jan. 1809: impossibility of peace and desertion of Spain at this time; wishes to write on East Indies; has discussed subject with Thomas Creevey.

Jorgen Jorgenson

4831-48

Correspondence between Whitbread and Jorgen Jorgenson (Nov. 1811-Sept. 1813) concerning Jorgensen's writings on the Copenhagen Expedition, Christianity and the history of Iceland, his need for financial assistance, his difficulties in Portugal, plans to visit other European countries, his writings on the Iberian Peninsula, requests for interviews, ill-treatment by British ministers and his arrest and imprisonment in 1813. In addition, there is a petition on behalf of Jorgensen by officers of the Royal Berkshire Militia (4831), letters on behalf of the Portuguese Government ordering him to leave Portugal in June 1812 (4838-39), and a long essay (64pp) on the history and politics of Portugal, dated 5 Nov. 1812 (4848)

Prisons and hulks

4944 Lt. Col. William Speed (Woolwich). Memorandum concerning his sentence of seven years' transportation for bigamy; Capper, a government official, tried to prevent Mrs Speed going to New South Wales, 11 July 1809.

4945 William Speed (Sydney) to Whitbread, 2 May 1810: John Capper's treatment of Speed; sends names of persons who will testify against official.

4947 Joseph Boneham (Spithead) to his wife Sarah, 18 July 1810: bound for New South Wales on *Indian*; sorry for his conduct that led to transportation.

4949 Jorgen Jorgenson (London), 24 Dec. 1811: petition to Prince Regent on his imprisonment.

- 4974 Lord Sidmouth to Whitbread, 17 Dec. 1813: cannot recommend to Prince Regent to grant mercy to Thomas Coventry, sentenced to transportation.
- 4984 Thomas Wheldale to Whitbread, 27 April 1809: encloses correspondence between Edward Abbott and Governor Philip King on New South Wales.
- 4985 Edward Abbott (Sydney) to P.G. King, 13 Feb. 1808: events in New South Wales when Governor William Bligh was deposed and replaced by Lt. Col. William Patterson. (copy)
- 4986 Martin Mason to Whitbread, 21 June 1811: conditions under which convicts are employed in New South Wales; good character and rectitude of conduct not always best recommendations.
- 4987 Printed prospectus of a work by Martin Mason, surgeon, entitled *The History of Botany Bay, or New South Wales*, with a letter by Mason on treatment of convicts, 9 May 1812.
- 4988-97 Correspondence (March 1810-July 1811) of Whitbread concerning conditions on the *Retribution* and other convict hulks and accusations of acts of sodomy on board the hulks. The correspondents include Dudley Ryder, John Beckett, Aaron Graham, Richard Fryer and Thomas Thompson. In addition to letters, there are reports by Graham on complaints about the hulks, a copy of Graham's instructions to the captains of hulks regarding management and economy (4992), a statement of the daily allowance of food for convicts (4990) and a statement by Richard Fryer and seven others on the evidence regarding sodomy (4997).
- 5002 F. Loader, 14 Feb. 1814: former mate on a convict ship; evils and depravity of prisoners.
- 5003 F. Loader (Norwood), 24 March 1814: his letter.
- 5004 Petition by convicts on the *Retribution* seeking pity and help in their situation on the hulks, 27 June 1814.
- 5005 A. Graham to Whitbread, [1814]: surprised that Loader did not communicate with Graham when he was stationed on the hulks.

Political offences

- 5007 Lord Lauderdale, Charles Grey and R.B. Sheridan to Henry Dundas, 14 Dec. 1793: questions legality of sentences passed on Thomas Muir and T.F. Palmer; proposes postponement of their transportation until discussed in Parliament.
- 5009 Thomas Fyshe Palmer (Sydney) to [Whitbread?], 14 Aug. 1797: nature of custody in New South Wales; deaths of William Skirving and Joseph Gerrald due to privations; suggests matter be brought up in Parliament.

Navy

- 5133 R.H. Bennett (HMS *Amphion*) to Whitbread, 24 Jan. 1801: financial affairs; is ready for India if needed; Lord St John's vagaries.

Army

5518 Jorgen Jorgenson (Gibraltar) to Whitbread, 10 Jan. 1813: affairs in Peninsula.

Foreign affairs

5716 Jorgen Jorgenson. Essay on foreign affairs, 4 Dec. 1811. (11pp)

5718 Jorgen Jorgenson (Portsmouth) to Whitbread, 25 Feb. 1813: affairs in the Peninsula; court martial at Portsmouth.

Petitions

5917 John Smith, carpenter: seeks help in reducing sentence of transportation passed on his wife for felony, 11 July 1810.

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Colonial Office. Terms upon which land is granted to settlers in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land, April 1827. (ms, 6pp)

X.345/28

Albert H. Culpin (Sydney) to his father, Rev. B. Culpin (Shillington), 22 Sept. 1892: work as wharf labourer for New Zealand Company; Broken Hill strike and maritime disturbances.

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HN Records of Hobourn, solicitors of Woburn

Boxes 28-29 Papers relating to the estate of Howard Spensley of Westoning Manor

Howard Spensley (1870-1938) was born in Melbourne and educated at Harrow and Cambridge University. He practised as a barrister in London. In 1905, following the death of his mother, he moved to Westoning, Bedfordshire, as the lord of the manor. He was active in local government and many local organisations. He had business and property interests in Australia and visited the country many times. He bequeathed the manor house to the Australian Government as a country residence for the High Commissioner in London, but the bequest was declined.

Box 28 Papers relating to the estate of Howard Spensley

Select: Documents concerning properties of Howard Spensley in Melbourne, 1896-1943

The documents include:

Deputy Registrar-General of Victoria. Resettlement and confirmation by residuary devisee under will of Samuel Staughton of hereditaments in Victoria, 11 Nov. 1896.

Supreme Court of Victoria. Case stated by Collector of Imposts in matter of indenture of resettlement and confirmation made between (i) H. Spensley (ii) Martha T. Spensley (iii) H. Spensley (iv) S.T. Staughton (v) S.T. Staughton and F.W. Armytage, 30 Oct. 1897. (printed)

Deed of revocation and new assignment by Martha T. Spensley of annexe to Royal Arcade, Melbourne, 1913. (draft)

Acknowledgment and undertaking by Ethel Spensley to Martha T. Spensley of assignment of income from property in Melbourne, n.d.

Correspondence of H. Spensley with Blake and Riggall, solicitors, 1921-36.

Correspondence of R. Hobourn and Blake and Riggall (Melbourne) concerning H. Spensley Trust and Royal Arcade, Melbourne, 1938-42.

Statutory declarations of C. Spensley and W.A. Fairchild, 1940.

Transfer by W.A. Fairchild to C. Spensley and W.A. Fairchild of property in Melbourne, 19 Jan. 1940.

Statement of Federal land tax on H. Spensley trusts, 30 June 1938.

H. Spensley Trusts. Statement of accounts, 1940, 1943.

Transfer by W.A. Fairchild and S.T. Staughton of property in Melbourne, 1942. (draft)

Box 29 Papers relating to the estate of Howard Spensley

Select: Documents concerning properties of Howard Spensley in Melbourne, 1896-1943

The documents include:

Schedule of title deeds relating to Allotment 17 of Section 12, Melbourne (Royal Arcade), 1838-96.

Settlement by H. Spensley upon himself, wife and children of hereditaments situate in Melbourne, 20 June 1901.

Copy of will of H. Spensley, 24 March 1932, and codicil, 26 Feb. 1938. (Refers to bequest of art objects to Government of Victoria.)

Correspondence of R. Hobourn and Blake and Riggall (Melbourne), 1938-39.

Consent of Ethel Fairchild and Tassie M. Skene to mortgage of royal Arcade, 22 Dec. 1938.

R. Hobourn. Instructions to Counsel for conference concerning H. Spensley Trusts.

R. Hobourn. Case for opinion of Counsel: Royal Arcade and Annexe.

Edmund Herring. Opinion on Royal Arcade and Annexe, 13 may 1938.

Deed of disclaimer by High Commissioner of Australia concerning bequest of Westoning Manor, 1938. (draft)

Correspondence of R. Hobourn and J.S. Eastwood & Co. (Melbourne), 1938.

Correspondence of R. Hobourn and W. Fairchild concerning Royal Arcade annexe, 1939.

Instructions from Ethel Fairchild and Tassie Skene to executors concerning income from Royal Arcade and Annexe, 11-12 Dec. 1939.

R. Hobourn. Account of H. Spensley executors, 1939.

Blake and Riggall. Account of H. Spensley trustees, 1943.

SFM Papers of Swaffield Family of Ampthill, 1683-1954

2 Papers relating chiefly to Samuel Swaffield (1802-63), a farmer and land agent.

Select:

10-13 Henry Badcock (Sydney) to S. Swaffield (Ampthill), 1849-51: voyage to Australia; mutiny; fall in wages; visit to a station; prices; purchase of a sheep station; rumours of gold discoveries; effect of gold discoveries on pastoral industry; visit to goldfields; predicts large-scale immigration. (4 letters)

SM/E Smyth Family of Streatley and Barton

Select:

27-32 Correspondence of Oscar Lines (Pastures Farm, SA) to his mother, Jane Kingston (Harpenden), 1836-52: conditions on emigrant ship (1837); family news; farming in South Australia; visit to goldfields at Mt Alexander, Victoria; landscape of Victoria; high prices in Adelaide; economic conditions in England. (6 letters)

X417 Papers presented by A.F. Cricket of Bedford

Select:

2 Letters of administration of estate of Arthur B. Purser of Horne Creek, Queensland, 20 June 1882.

X479 Records deposited by Horwood and James, solicitors of Aylesbury

Select:

3 Papers of Squire Family of Clophill and Victoria, 1873-99. (21 documents)

The documents include:

Will of J.D. Squire of Clophill, 1 April 1873.

Deed of assignment from J.H. Squire (Melbourne) to D. Henry (Melbourne), 12 Dec. 1891.

Power of attorney from D. Henry (Melbourne) to T.H. Meynell (London), 12 Dec. 1891.

Correspondence of J. Wright (Amphill) with Blake and Riggall (Melbourne), J.H. Squire (Melbourne) and T.H. Meynell concerning the estate of J.D. Squire and claims of D. Henry, 1898-99.

X518 Documents deposited by Waterhouse and Co., solicitors, of London

Select:

9 Release of (i) E. Monser and R. Eldridge (ii) Mary Morris (Sheffield), Ann Mordell (Gravesend), John and Eliza Brandon (Sydney) (iii) J. Pryor, concerning marriage settlement of James Pryor and Elizabeth Smith, 22 Nov. 1861.

10 Power of attorney from John and Eliza Brandon (Sydney) to Thomas Brandon, 21-23 Sept. 1861.

11 T. Brandon to J. Pryor, 22 Nov. 1861: requests payment of share of Eliza Brandon.

X537 Papers of Rev. G.C.H. Phillips of Northampton

Select:

34/1 Letters of Orders (deacon), Diocese of Waikato, 21 Dec. 1932.

34/2 Letters of orders (priest), Diocese of Waikato, 11 June 1933.

34/3 Licence to officiate as assistant curate at Cathedral Church of St Peter, Hamilton, 21 Dec. 1932.

34/5 Commission as chaplain, Territorial Land Forces in New Zealand, 6 Nov. 1936.

36 Notebook containing a list of parishioners at Raglan, Mokau, Taranaki, with lists of confirmation candidates, c. 1935-36.

40 Photographs of A. Cherrington, Bishop of Waikato, 1926, and Mrs C.A. Cherrington and children, 1933.

X589 Records deposited by G.B. Williams of Pertenhall

Select:

- 11 Power of attorney from Frank H. Courage and Marmaduke Bethell (Canterbury, NZ) to Gregory, Rowcliffe, Ball and Palnt, solicitors (London), concerning the will of George B. Starky of Canterbury, 18 Aug. 1926.
- 12 Conveyance between (i) F.H. Courage and M. Bethel (Canterbury), (ii) J.B. Peters (iii) W. Hull of Pertenhall Manor, formerly property of G.B. Starky, 18 Jan. 1927.

X598 Deeds relating to Garth, Colleton and Gambier families, mainly in Harrold, 1719-1899

Select:

- 59 Appointment by Amabel Gambier (Bengeo, Herts.) of trust of £200 for son Gerald to enable him to proceed to New Zealand, 28 Oct. 1865.
- 61 Appointment by Amabel Gambier of trust of £600 to enable Gerald Gambier to carry on business in New Zealand, 23 Aug. 1866.
- 62 Release by Amabel Gambier and Gerald Gambier concerning sale of bank annuities, 23 Aug. 1866.

X604 Documents deposited by Green & Co. of Beaconsfield, 1809-1948

Select:

- 23 Letters of administration of estate of Aubrey B.C. Cooper (d. 1918) of Indooroopilly, Queensland, 14 Oct. 1931. (copy)
- 24 Letters of administration of estate of Elizabeth Cecil (d. 1929) of Auckland, 30 Oct. 1929. (copy)

X695 Letters of Richard Dillingham, 1831-39

- 1 Sarah Williamson (Ridgmount) to R. Dillingham (Woolwich), 1 Sept. 1831: best wishes for future; sends present.
- 2-9 Richard Dillingham (Woolwich and Hobart) to his parents, 1831-39: voyage to Australia on transport *Katherine Stewart Forbes*; life as a convict; market gardening; wages and prices; trees; family news; hopes for pardon; promise of ticket of leave. (8 letters)

Note: The letters were also filmed on reel M591.

Z136 Papers of Miss Cameron, mainly relating to Cameron and Kennedy families, 1786-1893

Select:

- 4 Will of Donald Kennedy of Melbourne, 14 April 1858, attested 18 March 1864.
- 21/1 William Kennedy (Fort William) to Donald Kennedy (Duntroon), 18 May 1838: pleased that Donald is doing well in Australia.
- 21/2 Gray and Man to Donald Kennedy (Port Phillip), 18 Feb. 1848: adjustment of boundaries with G. Roger.
- 21/3 K. Kennedy (Leneachan) to Donald Kennedy, 25 April 1848: Scottish emigrants; Chartist meetings; state of revolt in Ireland.
- 21/4 W. Kennedy to Donald Kennedy, 27 June 1838: eagerness of Scots to emigrate.
- 22 Correspondence of Duncan Kennedy (d. 1864) of Fort William and Greenock

Select:

- 1-3 Donald Kennedy (Glenroy and Melbourne) to Duncan Kennedy, 1850-52, 1858-64: family news; gold mania; elections; Duncan's return to Scotland; mutual friends; population increase in Melbourne; labour shortage; shipments of wool; changes in land regulations; prices; voyage to Australia in 1858-59; Victorian politics; European affairs; manhood suffrage; poor calibre of parliamentarians; mail service; sale of stock; G. Cameron; W. Campbell; Sir Henry Barkly; Scots in Victoria; 1860 Land Act; leasing of farms; crops; progress of railways; weather; meeting with explorer, W. Landsborough. (72 letters)

Reel M1660

Z136 Papers of Miss Cameron, mainly relating to Cameron and Kennedy families, 1786-1893 (contd.)

- 22 Correspondence of Duncan Kennedy (contd.)
- 1-3 Donald Kennedy to Duncan Kennedy, 1850-52, 1858-64 (contd.)
- 5 Jessie Kennedy (Glenroy and Melbourne) to Duncan Kennedy, 1850-53: family news; activities of Donald Kennedy; Melbourne enveloped in dust; departure of Duncan Kennedy from Australia in 1851; picnic; trip to mountains; effects of gold discoveries; separation of Victoria from New South Wales; political candidates. (5 letters)
- 6 William Campbell (Melbourne) to Duncan Kennedy, 1859-61: inspection of stations in South Australia and New Zealand; Donald Kennedy; Victorian elections; social events; manipulation of Land Act by squatters; fall in prices; stagnation in trade; purchase of land in New Zealand; investments. Includes a letter from his son Finlay Campbell. (5 letters)

- 29 Diary (author not known) kept on a visit to New Zealand, Australia, India, Malta, Gibraltar and France, Jan.-July 1888. It contains brief and intermittent entries, with references to Hokitika, Christchurch, Dunedin, Invercargill (Jan. 1888), Melbourne and Adelaide (Feb.-April 1888).
- 33 Not copied: *Squatters Directory* (Melbourne, E. Wilson, 1849)

Z171 Anonymous gifts

Select:

- 10 Marriage settlement between (i) Rev. Randall Leigh (Orange, NSW) (ii) Emily R. Anderson (Studham) (iii) A. Bird and A.H. Bird (London), 11 April 1902.

Z251 Papers of the Newman Family of Ampthill presented by Mrs I.N. Cooper, 1800-1970

119-94 Papers of Newman Family of Woburn

Select:

- 193 Correspondence between W.H. Smith & Co. (Woburn), H.C.C. Newman (Woburn Sands), E.G. Taylor (Woburn) and W.A. Godfrey (Gulgandra, NSW) concerning a search for Fred T.R. Newman, 1932-45 (15 Letters). Fred Newman emigrated to Australia in 1906 and was found living in New South Wales under the name of Aubrey Chater.

Z506 Papers mainly relating to the Field Family of London and Berkshire

John P. Field (1801-1881) was a gun maker and tobacco manufacturer, who retired to Dunstable in 1870. The four children of his first marriage all emigrated to Australia. His sons Octavius and John Field emigrated in 1863 and 1867. Their sisters had settled in Australia at an earlier date and Mary Ann Field married Henry Martell of Geelong.

- 2 Deeds

Select:

- 21 Probate of will of John P. Field (Dunstable), proved 23 Jan. 1882. Beneficiaries included his children John Field (Melbourne), Mary Ann Martel (Geelong) and Octavius Field (Ondit, Victoria).

- 3 Correspondence

Select:

- 14 John Field (Melbourne) to his father John P. Field, 1870-76: voyage to Australia in 1866-67; various occupations; work as a saw sharpener; efforts to give up drink; Primitive Methodist

Church; visits to his sister Mary Ann at Geelong; mutual friends; hopes of becoming a gun maker; rent; F.L. Fison; Henry Martell; Victorian politics; economic conditions; religious views. (16 letters)

- 15 Fred Martell (Geelong, Ballarat) to John P. Field and Elizabeth Field, 1875-76: family news; appointment as a drawing teacher at Ballarat; expenses; intended marriage. (8 letters)
- 16/1 Octavius Field (Geelong) to Jessie Field, 24-26 Oct. 1864: work on *Geelong Chronicle*; lodgings; family news.
- 16/2 Octavius Field (Ondit) to John P. Field, 14 Aug. [1870]: news of Franco-Prussian tensions; opening of Melbourne Town Hall; severe weather; school at Ondit.
- 16/3 Octavius Field (Puckapunyal) to sisters, 16 Feb. 1882: death of their father; separation of family; Martells.
- 17/1 Henry Martell (Geelong) to John P. Field, 19 July 1855: serious illness of Lavinia Field.
- 17/2 Henry Martell (Ashby) to John P. Field, 13 June 1875: Octavius Field in New Zealand; his marital problems; Fred Martell.