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Papers, 1844-89

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Family documents

Family tree of the Townsends of Buckminster, Leicestershire.

Marriage certificate of John Townsend, joiner, of Pickworth, Lincolnshire, and Jane Machin, of Pickworth, married at Pickworth, 24 March 1844. Certified copy dated 28 February 1972.

Birth certificate of Ann Townsend, daughter of John and Jane Townsend, born at Pickworth, Lincolnshire, 29 July 1847. Certified copy dated 28 February 1872.

Marriage certificate of Thomas Robinson, wheelwright, of Spittlegate, and Ann Townsend, of Little Gonerby, married at Grantham, Lincolnshire, 21 June 1873. Certified copy dated 22 February 1972.

Original letters

Thomas Robinson to Anne Robinson, n.d.: diary for 25 October – 1 November, voyage on SS *Cuzco* in English Channel and Bay of Biscay; rough seas; beds lousy with fleas and cockroaches; voyage along Portuguese and Spanish coasts; fellow-passengers; work as a cook's assistant. (12pp)

Thomas Robinson (Albany) to Ann Robinson, 11 Dec. 1889: diary for 20 November - 5 December.; visit to Colombo; voyage across Indian Ocean; arrival at Albany (1 Dec.); impressions of the town; 'the people are nearly all white'; plans of travelling to Bunbury by boat rather than train; high wages and short hours in Bunbury; flies; possibility of a rough passage round Cape Leeuwin. (13pp)

Thomas Robinson (Dardanup Park, WA) to Ann Robinson, 13 Dec. [1889]: voyage from Albany to Vasse and Bunbury; accident of one of the crew; Robinson's heavy tool box left at jetty; impressions of Bunbury, 'like a large English village'; absence of singing birds; railway to Dardanup; long walk to Buckby's farm; conditions on the farm; potato crops; cost of board and storage at Bunbury. (7pp)

Typescript copies of letters and diaries

Diary, 25 October – 1 November 1889. (3pp)

Diary, 2-3 November 1889: visit to Naples. (2pp)

Thomas Robinson (Albany) to Ann Robinson, 11 December 1889: (4pp)

Thomas Robinson (Dardanup Park) to Ann Robinson, 13 December 1889. (3pp)

Biographical note

Little is known of Thomas Robinson, apart from the fact he was a wheelwright. He was born in 1850 and married Ann Townsend at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel at Grantham, Lincolnshire, in 1873.