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A. L. MESTON

Papers relating to his historical research of Archibald Lawrence Meston (1890-1951), including notes, drafts and copies of articles for publication, transcripts or photocopies of documents, newspaper cuttings. See also M.11.

M.3/1 Mss of articles by A.L.Meston:

- (1) Folder containing "Early Days on the Tamar"; 2 copies of a photograph of Launceston; photocopy of "Plan of Launceston" (from Ross: Hobart Town Almanack, 1832); printed broadside, "Ackerman's Exhibition", Launceston.
- (2) "A Short History of Latrobe" 6p. typescript.
- (3) "A Short History of Devonport" 6p. typescript.
- (4) Folder with mss. of lectures and talks. "Introductory Talk to a Course on Australian Literature" (W.E.A. Launceston); two press cuttings and notes on English and Scottish localities; "Lost Cities of Southern Rhodesia" (Schools Broadcast, 9th February 1938); W.H. Hudson (Schools Broadcast, 4th December 1939); "A Visit to Kruger National Park", 7th July 1939; "Geology of Tasmania"; Talk to Tas. Field Naturalists Club 1949.
- (5) "The Derwent Bank", 1829-1854. 15p. typescript (by A.L.M.?)
- (6) "Settlement of the North-West Coast". Typescript. 5 p.
- (7) "On Behalf of the Company: the Explanation of Henry Hellyer". Cuttings from Circular Head Chronicle, 28 Apr.-26 May 1948. Typed copy of Hellyer's despatch to Edward Curr, 29 Nov.1928 with annotations by A.L.M.; letters re Hellyer's ancestry, 1933.

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- (1-6) Research notes, transcripts and rough drafts for his "Van Diemen's Land Company, 1825-1842". (5 folders).

M.3/3 Correspondence:-

- (1) Letter from Charles Whitham, re exploration of N.W. Tasmania. 17 September 1927.
- (2) 8 letters from A.L. Wayn, State Secretary's Department, in reply to queries from A.L.M.; 2 articles by A.L.Wayn from Educational Record: "Ouse in the State Records"; from the State Records, second article. 1947.
- (3) Correspondence, including 3 letters from R. Kirkup, on finding Hellyer's Slab in the Arthur Gorge. 1927.
- (4) 3 letters from Alan W. Lade, Deniliquin, on sheep breeds, 1929-30.
- (5) Letter from R.S. Sanderson, Burnie, 10 Sept. 1930, enclosing copy of "Notes on the life of Edward Curr by his Grandson, Frederick Curr."
- (6) Folder containing -
 - 25 letters from R. Stuart Sanderson, Burnie, to A.L.M. re exploration of N.W. Tasmania, 1927-1932.
 - Copies of 2 letters from A.L.M. to Sanderson, 1930, 1932.
 - "Brief History of the Port of Burnie", compiled by R.S. Sanderson. Typescript 21p. 1921.
 - "Notes on the North-West of Tasmania" by J. Sanderson. 5p. Typescript. 26 October 1948.
 - "Discovery of tin at Mt. Bischoff" by R.S. Sanderson. 2p. Typescript.
 - Extracts from personal diaries of R.D. Sanderson, Burnie. 6p. 1884-1928.
 - 3 photostats of maps of V.D.L's land grants from Lands Department, Hobart.
 - 9 photographs, including 2 of Stonehenge, near Pruana South and 1 of Hellyer's tomb.
- (7) Letter from R.W. Giblin, London, to "Mr. Murray" re Governor Arthur. 6 p. holograph signed. 10 Dec. 1927.

M.3/4 Copies of mss. in library of Royal Society of Tasmania:

- (1) List of Calder papers with Index of scrapbooks, and some transcripts of articles in A.L.M.'s hand. (see RS19).
- (2) Hurst, W.N. Notes on the old correspondence in the Lands Department. 1943. Dup. of RS23/1(10).

M.3/5 Copies of mss. and records in Tasmanian State Archives:

- (1) "Ships 1816-1823".
Arrival of vessels at Hobart Town and their departure from 1st June 1816 to the 31st December 1823, alphabetically arranged. Typescript.
- (2) "V.D.L. Co. Survey of Lands".
Correspondence with Colonial Secretary, 1842-1844.
- (3) "Death of Henry Hellyer" 1832. Colonial Secretary.
- (4) "King Island: Barnard's Report".
Despatch to Colonial Office, 24 Oct. 1827. Typed copy.
- (5) "Report of Backhouse and Walker of a visit to the V.D.L. Co's establishment, 1833". Copy of letter to Governor Arthur. 1833. Typescript. Also copy in A.L.M.'s hand.

M.3/6 Miscellaneous transcripts and mms.:

- (1) "Macquarie's Journals". Typed copy of diaries of visit to V.D.L., 1811-1821. From mss. in Mitchell Library, published in full, 1956.
- (2) Letter from Charles Butler to Bishop Montgomery, 27 Nov. 1902. (Another copy in same hand, also signed, in B9/2-23).
- (3) Typed copy of letter by Adam Amos, 1826.
Given to A.L.M. by descendant, L.E. Amos, 1945.
- (4) Transcripts from newspapers, almanacs and Colonial Office correspondence, concerning the Van Diemen's Land Co. 1827-43.

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- M.3/6 (Cont'd)
- (5) Research material on V.D.L. Co. including:
Brochure advertising land for sale, ca.1920;
Sydney Stock Exchange, Investment Service.
[Report] on Emu Railway Co., 1938; Mining Services [Report]
on Mount Lyell Mining & Railway Co., Nov. 1939; copies of
letters from J. Norton Smith, V.D.L. Co. to James Smith
re Mt.Bischoff Tin Mine, 1873-79; Transcripts from Bigge's
Report, 1820; Baptist Magazine, 1832; "Authentic Information
regarding ... Van Diemen's Land Company" by F. Boucher, 1859
(Ferguson no. 7296).
 - (6) "Extracts from the Diary of Mr. W.M. Crosby, late of
Leith, Tasmania" 1868-74. Typescript 3p.
 - (7) "Description of a trip to the Frenchman Cap, in February
1887 by Mr. T.B. Moore. Copied from Mr. Moore's mss. in
January 1915. (Published in Hobart Mercury, 14 Apr. 1887.
See RS5/9).
- M.3/7 Transcripts from published works:
- (1) Richard Hilder. Transcripts of ten articles on the history
of N.W. Tasmania. Published in newspapers. n.d.
 - (2) James Denton Toosey. Transcripts in A.L.M's hand from his
"Brief Jottings of My Life from Richmond Hill, near Launceston",
Launceston, 1881.
 - (3) Origin, rise and progress of the V.D.L. Co. from the
Colonial Advocate, 1828.
 - (4) Trial of Captain W. Kellie of the ship "Cape Packet" 1826.
Transcripts in A.L.M's hand from Hobart Town Gazette and
Colonial Times.
 - (5) Burn, David. "Narrative of the Overland Journey of Sir John
and Lady Franklin and Party from Hobart to Macquarie Harbour."
Typed copy.
 - (6) "Proposals for the Encouragement of Immigrants ..." 1833.
(Ferguson no.1723). Ms. transcript.
 - (7) Van Diemen's Land Company. Transcripts from Annual Reports,
1831-1854.

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- (8) Calder, J.E. Typed copies of "Some account of the Country lying between Lake St.Clair and Macquarie Harbour" (Tasmanian Journal of Natural Science, Jan. 1849); "Report on the waste lands between the Mersey and Leven". (House of Assembly Journals 1860, no.84).
- (9) Transcripts from "History of the Origin, Rise and Progress of the Van Diemen's Land Company. London. (Ferguson 1302) 1829.
- (10) "Sheep". Transcripts including letter to Pastoral Review, by R.S. Sanderson, 8 June 1928; "Early History of Saxony Sheep in Australia", by A.W.L. (Pastoral Review, 16 July 1928); transcripts from Historical Records of N.S.W. concerning John Macarthur's sheep interests.
- (11) "Ross v. Gurr": transcripts from Hobart Town Courier and V.D.L.Almanac. 1833-35.
- (12) Typed copy of "Report of Mr. Gould upon the Gold Exploring Expedition". (House of Assembly Journal, vol.10 (1863) no .9).
- (13) Typed copy of "Exploration of the Northern Country: Mr.Gunn's Report". (House of Assembly Journals, (1860) no.11)

M.3/8 Copies of University theses etc.:

- (1) Thesis: B.P. Andrews "The Life, Position and Influence of Women in the Early Settlement of Van Diemen's Land"(1803-1850). Typescript. (Copy in University of Tasmania).
- (2) Thesis: Joyce E. Eyre "The Franklin-Montagu Dispute" M.A., 1939. Typescript. (Copy in University of Tasmania).
- (3) "Archives" - Folder containing: "University of Tasmania. History Department. Brief General Survey of Tasmanian Historical Material in Mitchell Library, Sydney." Typescript; Launceston Public Library. "List of Books in the Library on the Early History of Australia and Tasmania, Almanacs, and Tasmanian Newspaper ... Files." 1942. Duplicated. Hartwell, R.M. "Early Tasmanian Records and Problems, University of Sydney, 1947. 4p. "Tasmanian Newspaper Files in the Chief Secretary's Department, Hobart". Duplicated. "Shelf list of Early Tasmanian Newspapers in the State Library, Hobart, Tasmania". 6p. Typescript.

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 (4) "Tasmania"
 File containing: Transcript from headstone on grave of Bart. B. Thomas, 1831; letter from Ronald Smith 1929; letters from W. Walker, 1927; note by A.W.S. Hume re J.H. Wedge; letter from Thomas Dunbabin, 1928, re Jorgen Jorgensen, with transcripts from Jorgensen's Diary; photograph of W.W. Elliston, photocopy of his handwriting and Coat of Arms; photograph of Stanley and The Nut; drawing of The Nut, Plan of Settlement Island (Sarah Island) Macquarie Harbour.

M.3/9 Printed works and press cuttings:

- (1) Van Diemen's Land Company: British Acts relating to the Company, 1825, 1847, 1863, 1877, 1916.
 Tasmanian Parliamentary Papers in re V.D.L. Co., 1859, 1889, 1911.
 Circular advertising land for sale, 1858.
 Report of Emu Bay Railway Co. 1937
 V.D.L.Co. Annual Report, 1868/69, 1931/37.
 Report to V.D.L. Co. by James Bailey on the State of their properties, 10 Aug. 1881.
 Report on properties by Capt. James Rowe, 1886.
- (2) Van Diemen's Land Co. Minutes. Printed by Andrew Bent. Photocopy (Ferguson no.1097), 1826.
- (3) Tasmanian Parliamentary Papers relating to harbours in the North-West. 1881-1904.
- (4) Walker, J.G. "Deportation of the Norfolk Islanders to the Derwent in 1808" (Parl. Paper, 1895). "Discovery of Van Diemen's Land in 1642". (Parl. Paper, 1891).
- (5) Wedge, J.H. "Official Report of Journies ... in the North-West Portion of Van Diemen's Land ... 1828". (Parl. Paper 186?).
- (6) "Circular Head's Hotel History". Cuttings from Circular Head Chronicle, 22 Aug. 1945.
- (7) Miscellaneous press cuttings relating to Tasmania.

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M.3/10 News clippings, 1930-1931:

- (1) 1928 - literary matters (quarto note book, partly unused).
- (2) 1928-30 - miscellaneous - history, reminiscences etc. (quarto notebook)
- (3) 1930-31 - miscellaneous: history, animals, Frenchman's Cap, obituaries, reminiscences, ships. (spring binder).

M.3/11 Newspapers:

- (1) The Mercury, 4 July 1863
- (2) The Mercury - Supplement, 4 December 1883
- (3) Tasmanian Times, 8 July 1870

M.3/12 Notes on genealogy:

Including families of Luttrell (ancestors of Mrs. A.L. (Winifred) Meston; Rockwell, including typed copy of letter written by J. Rockwell, an officer on H.M.S. Dreadnought, describing the battle of Trafalgar, photograph of Captain Rockwell, Master of P.S."Kangaroo"; Churchill and Crocker families. (1 envelope).

Note:

Printed works removed from Collection and placed in Library's Rare Book Collection or in Staff Publications:

- Howard, M.C. West Coast mineral areas, 1947.
 Miller, E.M. Literary beginnings in Tasmania. (Educational Record, Oct.15, 1948)
 Miller, E.M. The Tasmanian, Launceston's first newspaper. (Bibliowews, vol.2, No.8, 1949). 2 copies and typed ms.
 Preshaw, A.S. The University of Tasmania throughout half a century. (Tasmanian Institute of Educational Research. Bull.No.6, 1940).
 Triebel, L.A. Whaling in Australasian Seas a century ago. (Educational Record, Feb. 1949).

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- The Antarctic Expedition, 1898-1900. Order of Service of thanksgiving on board the "Southern Cross" on her return from the South Polar Regions, April 1900.
- Service of Public Thanksgiving ... Pioneer Gathering Celebrations, 1803-1835. Launceston, 7 April, 1935.
- The Derwent Star and Van Diemen's Land Intelligencer, April 3, 1810: Souvenir [facsimile] of Antique Art Exhibition, Hobart, Aug/Sept. 1931.