

# Pacific Manuscripts Bureau titles documenting Climate Change

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The keywords used to search the PMB on-line database for this finding aid included climate, geology, flood, volcano, hurricane, cyclone, fish, whaling, temperature, rain, meteorology and weather.

## CLIMATE

### AU PMB MS 1020

Title: Journal of a survey slight by Caribou aircraft through Papua New Guinea

Date(s): 1965 (Creation) Major W.G.R. Fleming

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Major Fleming was a member of the crew which undertook the survey flight. The entries are on a day-by-day basis describing the survey which took 17 days from Monday, 5 July to Wednesday, 21 July 1965. The survey party was to assess the suitability of certain airstrips in PNG for Caribou operations. They recorded details of local conditions, climate, terrain, local customs and the people and places encountered during the trip. They made a 'base' at Mt Hagen and travelled to many outlying areas - northwest to Green River, north to Angoram, east to Minj and south to Balimo and Wasua, visiting many other small settlements on the way.

### AU PMB MS 1030

Title: Personal journal of events aboard HMS Challenger

Date(s): 1909 - 1910 (Creation) Charles Basil Norton

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Charles Basil Norton (1887-1968) was born in Worthing, Sussex. He joined the Royal Navy as a Boy 2nd Class on 13 January, 1902. On 22 January 1909 he transferred to HMS Challenger and the Australian Station. The ship was on a tour of duty for training exercises with the Royal Australian Navy. The journal (3 volumes) covers the period May 1909 to November 1910. The ship visited all the Australian State Capitals, many New Zealand ports (carrying out survey work around the west coast of the South Island), the Cook Islands, the Kermadecs and Fiji. Descriptions include the distances between various ports on each voyage, and notes on the climate and geography of the countries and island groups they visited.

### AU PMB MS 1364

Title: Field data on the altitudinal range of crops in Papua New Guinea

Date(s): 1979 - 1984 (Creation) R.M. (Mike) Bourke

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Dr Mike Bourke is an Adjunct Senior Fellow in the School of Culture, History & Language in the College of Asia and the Pacific at the ANU. He has been engaged in research and development activity in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu since 1970. His career highlights include: Agronomist, PNG Department of Primary Industry (1970-77); Principal Research Horticulturalist, PNG Department of Primary Industry (1978-83); Postgraduate Student, ANU (1983-88); Visiting Fellow (and later Adjunct Senior

Fellow), Department of Human Geography, ANU (1989-2008); Self-employed Consultant (1988-2008). Dr Bourke published the mean data in his paper, "Altitudinal limits of 230 economic crop species in Papua New Guinea", in S.G. Haberle, J. Stevenson and M. Prebble (eds), *Altered Ecologies: Fire, Climate and Human Influence on Terrestrial Landscapes*. *Terra Australia* 32 (2010), ANU E-Press, The Australian National University, Canberra; pp.473-512.

### **AU PMB MS 1367**

Title: The development of commercial agriculture on Mangaia: Social and economic change in a Polynesian community, MA Thesis, Massey University

Date(s): 1969 (Creation) B.J. (Bryant) Allen

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Dr. Bryant Allen submitted this thesis as partial fulfilment of the requirements for the Master of Arts in Geography at Massey University in 1969. In 1976 he completed a PhD at the Australian National University titled *Information flow and innovation diffusion in the East Sepik district, Papua New Guinea*. Dr. Allen carried out research in the Cook Islands in the 1960s and in Papua New Guinea from the 1970s to the present. His main interests are in the sustainability of agricultural systems and rural development. He has studied a number of PNG agricultural systems and has defined, mapped and described all PNG agricultural systems with Mike Bourke and Robin Hide. He has used the agricultural systems databases, to identify poor and disadvantaged areas in PNG, and has worked on food security and on the social and economic aspects of road maintenance. He is a co-author of the *PNG Rural Development Handbook*. He now works as a consultant for AusAID, FAO and the World Bank. This thesis includes a chapter on the Mangaian Environment and Climate.

### **AU PMB DOC 401**

Title: German Colonial Administration - German New Guinea Jahresbericht Uber Die Entwicklung Der Schutzgebiete in Afrika Und Der Sudsee (Annual Reports of the German Colonies in Afrika and the South Seas) (This series for Pacific Colonies Only)

Date(s): 1898 - 1908 (Creation) German Colonial Administration - German New Guinea

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: In 1898 German New Guinea came under the direct administration of the Reich. Prior to this, from 1885, the area comprising the north-eastern part of the New Guinea Mainland, known as Kaiser Wilhelmsland, and the Bismarck Archipelago, were administered by the New Guinea Compagnie. The territory was later expanded to include other island groups. Each report covers the period April of one year to March of the following year. They contain reports and statistics on administrative and commercial activities, climate, geology, botany and progress reports on education and the work of various missions. The Pacific Colonies represented in these reports are: German New Guinea: Caroline Islands: Solomon Islands: Mariana Islands and Palau.

## **CYCLONE**

### **AU PMB MS 1128**

Title: Miscellaneous papers

Date(s): 1913, 1987, n.d, 1984 (Creation) National Library of Vanuatu

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Miscellaneous documents held in the National Library of Vanuatu. Includes photographs of the Presbyterian mission at West Ambrym before and after the volcanic eruption of 1913; Final Report on Tropical Cyclone Uma (5-9 Feb 1987).

## **FISHING**

### **AU PMB MS 6**

Title: Notes sur les Moeurs et Coutumes des Fujuges, specialement des Tribus d'Alo et Sivu

Date(s): Notes completed in 1937 (Creation) Father Paul Fastre

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Father P. Fastre, M.S.C. (born 1880), was a member of the Roman Catholic Mission in Western Papua, whose headquarters are at Yule Island. His notes were completed in 1937. This contains notes on the customs of the Fijuges (English Fuyuges) people of the Mt. Scratchley-Chirima River area of the Central and Northern Districts of Papua. Includes descriptions of fishing, hunting and agriculture.

#### **AU PMB MS 121**

Title: Ethnographic notes on South Pacific Islands

Date(s): 1899 - 1900 (Creation) Charles H. Townsend and H.F. Moore

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Townsend and Moore were members of the US Fisheries Commission aboard the U.S. Fisheries Commission Steamer Albatross which made a cruise to the South Pacific in 1899 - 1900 under Commander Jefferson F. Moser, USN. Contains ethnographic notes on the Marquesas, Tuamotus, Society Islands, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, Fiji, Ellice Islands, Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands and Caroline Islands.

#### **AU PMB MS 965**

Title: 'Notes sur la mission' by Father Jean-Marie Bazin

Date(s): After 1922 (Creation) Catholic Mission, Wallis Island

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Catholic mission was established on Wallis Island by members of the Society of Mary in 1837. Father Bazin was superior of the mission from 1874 to 1896. He then returned to France where he died in 1947. This is a notebook of 136 pages, with table of contents and illustrations, dealing principally with the Catholic mission to Wallis Island, but also containing chapters on Wallisian geography, fauna, flora and fish, Wallisian origins, voyaging, customs, kava, the family, ceremonies and songs, women's work and the history of Wallis.

#### **AU PMB MS 1116**

Title: PNG Collection - Records of fisheries research, surveys and management

Date(s): 1939 - 1984 (Creation) Papua New Guinea National Fisheries Authority, Research and Management Branch, Kanudi Research Station Library

Extent and medium: 23 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Fisheries research in Papua New Guinea began in the 1920s with the Archbold expeditions and expanded during the thirty years following Schuster's 1950 Report of a survey of the inland fisheries of the Territory of Papua New Guinea. During the 1970s and 1980s there was a further increase in fisheries research and development in Papua New Guinea. The Fisheries Division of the Department of Agriculture was established in 1954. The Research and Surveys Branch of the Fisheries Division was formed in 1968 with its headquarters at Kanudi Fisheries Research Station, Port Moresby. A PNG Collection of research materials was established by the Research and Surveys Branch in its Library at Kanudi. The PNG Collection includes the P Series of research papers, both published and unpublished, survey material and some administrative reports documenting PNG fisheries research from 1948 till 1986 which were selected and arranged by John Lock, a scientist at Kanudi, in 1986.

#### **AU PMB MS 1118**

Title: Miscellaneous research archives

Date(s): 1948 - 1984 (Creation) Papua New Guinea National Fisheries Authority, Research Branch

Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: See PMB MS 1116. The PNG Collection includes survey material and administrative reports documenting PNG fisheries research.

#### **AU PMB MS 1165**

Title: Archives

Date(s): 1927 - 1994 (Creation) Losuia District Administration, Kiriwina, Trobriand Islands, Papua New Guinea

Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: A Sub-Station was first established at Losuia in the South Eastern Division of British New Guinea (later Papua) in 1904. It was rebuilt in 1910 and continued to operate right through World War II till the present. In March 1950 the Papuan Eastern and South Eastern Divisions were merged to create the Milne Bay District. In 1978 the Milne Bay District acquired Provincial status. The Losuia District Administration covers the northern part of the Milne Bay Province with the mass of the population residing at Kiriwina, Kitava and Murua (Woodlark) Islands. It had two administrative centres, one at Losuia on the island of Kiriwina and a subsidiary centre at Guasopa on the island of Murua. Selected Losuia District Administration files, including: economic development, including agriculture, cooperatives, tourism, fisheries and forestry, 1956-92.

#### **AU PMB MS 1186**

Title: Studies of Indigenous societies in the Madang area, Papua New Guinea

Date(s): 1978 - 2000 (Creation) Mary R. Mennis

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Mary Mennis is an historian who lived and worked in PNG for many years. She has published works on Tolai people, myths and social customs, a history of St. Michael's Church on Matupit Island, a reader for Pacific Island primary school students and a biography of Father William Ross, first American missionary to Papua New Guinea. Contains an article by Brian Mennis: Brian Mennis, 'Tolai Fish Traps', Oral History, Vol. 7, No.4, 1979, pp.88-101.

#### **AU PMB MS 1214**

Title: High Commission, Fiji, pamphlets

Date(s): 1874 - 1881 (Creation) Sir Arthur Gordon

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Arthur Charles Hamilton-Gordon, first Baron Stanmore (1829-1912) was born in London and served from 1854 to 1857 as a member of the House of Commons. Gordon served as Governor of Trinidad (1866-1870), Mauritius (1871-1874), Fiji (1875-1880), New Zealand (1880-1882) and Ceylon (1883-1890). From 1877 to 1882 he also served as High Commissioner and Consul-General for the Western Pacific.

A collection of 33 pamphlets, bound in one volume, formed by Sir Arthur Gordon when Governor of Fiji and Western Pacific High Commissioner. The pamphlets include reports on the pearl shell fisheries in the Torres Strait.

#### **AU PMB MS 1279**

Title: Diaries and notebook kept at Vanikoro and Santa Cruz, Solomon Islands, and in the New Hebrides

Date(s): 1930 - 1953 (Creation) Fred Louis Jones

Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Fred Louis Jones was born in England in 1902. He arrived in Port Vila in the mid 1920s. He may have worked as District Officer in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate for a brief time in the 1920s. In Port Vila he purchased a trading schooner, Quand meme, and established a trade store in Vanikoro. He later purchased an Island in the Banks Group where his son, Jimmy, still lives. Fred Jones retired to Australia and died in Sydney in 1987. Contains F.L. Jones, general notebook, comprised of a series of essays, including: "A Brief Account of a Day Fishing for Trochus Shells"; "An Account of a Shark Fishing Disaster at Santa Cruz August 1935".

#### **AU PMB MS 1300**

Title: Research papers, correspondence and publications on economic development and industrialisation of Papua New Guinea

Date(s): 1961 - 1974 (Creation) Robert Kent Wilson

Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Robert Kent Wilson carried out long-term research on village industries and industrial development in PNG. He served as pilot in the RAF during World War II and was in the USA in 1952 on a study scholarship. He held a Masters degree in Arts from London University and a PhD from the Australian National University. He became lecturer in charge of Economic Geography at the University of Melbourne.

Robert Kent-Wilson became interested in PNG social structures on his first visit to PNG, to New Ireland PNG in 1954. After 1960 he studied cottage industries in PNG, in particular the type of goods which could be made for export and for the home market. In 1966 and 1967 he worked with the PNG Research Unit based in Port Moresby surveying village industries including timber milling, furniture, building materials, bakeries, pottery, matting and hand weaving. In March 1972 he was a member of a group, appointed by the Australian Minister for External Territories to inquire into measures to assist the less developed areas of PNG. The archive includes correspondence, lectures, notebooks, papers and other research records relating to economic development and the industrialisation of Papua New Guinea from 1961-1974. The documents cover subjects such as building and construction, fishing, gas, coconut and village industries, labour market, migration and over-urbanization in Papua New Guinea

### **AU PMB MS 1337**

Title: Cook Islands research papers

Date(s): 1951 - 1989 (Creation) Donald Stanley Marshall

Extent and medium: 10 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Don Marshall undertook 12 expeditions to Polynesia during the period 1951 to 2004, a number of them on behalf of the Peabody Museum, Salem, carrying out research work in Honolulu, Tahiti, Fiji, New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Samoa, the Australs and the Tuamotus. His field work in the Cook Islands focused on Mangaia. This archive contains research papers compiled during Marshall's Cook Islands field work, including his catalogue of fish and fauna on Mangaia, and materials on songs and music, bibliography and linguistics and kinship.

### **AU PMB DOC 32**

Title: Tonga Government Miscellaneous reports by various consultants

Date(s): 1961 - 1970 (Creation) Tonga Government

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Includes Fishing Investigation, by Kyokuyo Hoge Co. Ltd., (1965).

### **AU PMB DOC 457**

Title: Fiji Agricultural Journal (Fiji Dept of Agriculture; later Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests)

Date(s): 1928 - 1996 (Creation) Fiji Dept of Agriculture; later Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests

Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Fiji Agricultural Journal, Vols.1 – 52, 1928 – 1996; including the Fiji Farmer, Vol.1, No.1 – Vol.3, No.1, Mar 1965 – Mar 1967.

## **FLOOD**

### **AU PMB MS 1018**

Title: Correspondence re Papua

Date(s): 1920s - 1940s (Creation) Dr Walter Mersh Strong

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Sixteen letters from Dr Strong to Gladys de Groen, Alan de Groen's sister, about his Port Moresby domestic affairs and visits to Australia, one accompanied by Papua Medical College students. Others deal with the purchase of a tobacco plantation in 1934 from Beatrice Grimshaw, Strong's period as Acting Lieutenant Governor (Feb-March 1936) and his time in ANGAU. There are also five letters from Alan de Groen containing his personal comments about his career in the Health and Treasury Departments and as Boarding Inspector. The last section of the microfilm includes photographs, press clippings about the Bulolo River floods, and a short story.

### **AU PMB MS 1217**

Title: Western District legends

Date(s): 1974 - 1975 (Creation) Western District (Png) Fly River Area Authority

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The initiative for this booklet came from Papua New Guinea tertiary students who gathered for the 1974 Camp Sirinumu Vernacular Literacy Course. The Western District Fly River Area Authority provided the funding and services of a typist. Volunteer students of Daru High School spent their 1974 Christmas holiday collecting the material from direct interviews with their grandfathers or elders in their respective villages. Brother Philip Guimont of Daru Montfort Catholic Mission encouraged the project. Doris Bjorkman and Ramona Lucht of the Summer Institute of Linguistics corrected and edited the transcripts and made the translations. *Western District Legends*, 127pp., illus., map, Ts., roneo, bound, consists of legends in the vernacular languages from the Western District villages of Awim, Bine, Faiwol, Gogodala, Kiwai, Suki, Yongom and Zimakani, with English translations and illustrations. One of the legends is titled 'The Flooded Lagoon'.

## **GEOLOGY**

### **AU PMB MS 531**

Title: Papers, chiefly relating to Easter Island

Date(s): 1873 - 1920 (Creation) Katherine Scoresby Routledge

Extent and medium: 4 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The author was a member of a scientific expedition which visited Easter Island from 29 March 1914 to 18 August 1915. A brief call was also made at Pitcairn Island. The expedition travelled in the yacht *Mana*. Routledge published an account of the expedition in her book *The Mystery of Easter Island*, London (1919). This archive contains copies of printed accounts of Easter Island, including Carl Burckhardt, *Traces Geologiques d'un Ancien Continent Pacifique*, La Plata, 1900.

### **AU PMB MS 606**

Title: Report of the salient geological features and natural resources of the New Guinea Territory

Date(s): 1922 (Creation) Evan R. Stanley

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The report was sponsored by the Australian Administration. Typescript report of the salient geological features and natural resources of the New Guinea Territory.

### **AU PMB MS 1272**

Title: Papers relating to an expedition in 1922 to the Upper Fly and Tedi Rivers area of Papua

Date(s): 1922 - 1925 (Creation) Leo Austen

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Leo Austen was Assistant Resident Magistrate of the Western Division of Papua in the 1920s and served elsewhere in Papua during the 1930s. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, 1929-1938. This archive contains expedition reports submitted by Leo Austen to the Royal Geographical Society.

### **AU PMB MS 1287**

Title: New Guinea notebooks

Date(s): 1937 - 1938 (Creation) Burton Wallace Collins

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Burton Wallace Collins, 1916-1977, was in the area around Madang in 1937 - 1938, for 18 months, working as a geologist for the Island Exploration Company. He was based at Madang, and at the company's headquarters at Atemble. He went on numerous expeditions in the surrounding country. While in New Guinea, Collins kept a journal of his experiences, his work, and his social life, which he sent back for his family in New Zealand to read. There were eight small notebooks completed in the 18 months Collins spent in New Guinea. He was particular about recording the names of people, the names of villages, and their distances and heights, animals and birds he saw, and details of company life in Madang. He visited several missions, and describes the 'Fathers'. He also compiled a photograph album, using his own photos and those of his colleagues. This archive contains transcription of eight notebooks documenting B.W. Collins' work and travel in the Madang area of New Guinea, 1937-1938, with a brief introduction by Jill Goodwin, his daughter.

### **AU PMB MS 1049**

Title: Miscellaneous papers

Date(s): 1924 - 1965 (Creation) George Arthur Vickers Stanley

Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: G.A.V. Stanley (Uda Baroma) (b. Sydney, 1904), geologist, bibliographer and historian, went to Papua in 1927 and spent most of his life there until his death in October 1965. He graduated BSc from Sydney University in 1926 with first-class honours, a double major in geology and geography and a dissertation on the Jenolan Caves. He undertook postgraduate work in Ontong Java and the Solomons and participated in a University of Queensland survey of the Great Barrier Reef. He worked with a number of oil companies in Papua and New Guinea and was awarded the DSC for his war service with RANVR and the Far Eastern Liaison Organisation (FELO). He married Palu Hehuni and had two children, Artur and Anne. In 1962 he returned to Australia to work with the Bureau of Mineral Resources in Canberra. In 1965 he developed cancer and returned to Port Moresby where he died in October of that year. The material in this collection was left with a colleague in Canberra in 1965 and did not come to light until that colleague's death in 1989. The material on these five reels mostly relates to surveys undertaken for the Anglo-Persian Oil Company (APOC), Oil Search Limited (OSL) and the Australian Petroleum Company (APC). The collection consists of folders, notebooks, letterbooks and envelopes. Each has been given an Item number, a total of fifty-one. The material includes letters, reports, maps, equipment and stores lists, indigenous labour arrangements, photographs and other documentation related to geological survey work. A detailed guide has been prepared and is available on request from the Bureau.

### **AU PMB MS 1153**

Title: Manuscripts collection

Date(s): 1832-1972 (Creation) Fiji Museum

Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Fiji Museum Reference Library holds manuscripts and archives transferred to the Museum from time to time. A section of these is microfilmed here at PMB MS 1153. "D Series" manuscripts held in Fiji Museum Library, including W G Woolnough papers on the geology of Fiji, c.1907.

### **AU PMB DOC 401**

See entry under Climate subheading

### **AU PMB DOC 508**

Title: The Journal of the Solomon Islands Museum Association

Date(s): 1972 - 1978 (Creation) Solomon Islands Museum Association

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: In January 1972 the Solomon Islands Museum came under direct Government administration as the National Museum. The Journal of the Solomon Islands Museum Association was produced by the Museum Association. The journal includes articles on Solomon Islands material culture, folklore, geology, natural history, research reports from anthropologists and other scientists working in the Solomon Islands, museum news and acquisition information.

## **HURRICANE**

### **AU PMB MS 125**

Title: Correspondence and diary of Ba Campaign

Date(s): 1870 - 1875 (Creation) John Hall James

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: John Hall James, an Australian, was born in Richmond, Victoria, in 1848. He went to Fiji at the height of the cotton boom in 1866, took up land on Viti Levu, and returned to Australia eight or nine years later after a hurricane had destroyed his crops. He died in Melbourne in 1923. The correspondence, which covers the period 1870 - 1875, and the diary of the Ba Campaign, May 1873, give a vivid idea of the life and attitudes of a European planter in Fiji just before and just after Cession.

### **AU PMB MS 781**

Title: Whaling logbooks, and other documents, copied in New England (USA) repositories

Date(s): 1828 - 1856 (Creation) New England Microfilming Project

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The microfilms in this series were obtained during two projects organised in 1970 and 1976 by the PMB. Each project was known as the PMB New England Microfilming Project and was under the direction of Dr John Cumpston, a specialist in early Australian maritime history. The purpose of the projects was to obtain microfilm copies of significant American records having a bearing on the history of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and the Pacific basin generally. This reel includes miscellaneous papers of the CLARKSON: The ship sailed from Edgartown in October 1842 on a whaling voyage. In 1843, after visiting Tahiti, it was damaged during a hurricane but continued the voyage. In 1845, when attempting to round Cape Horn in severe gales it was again damaged and forced to put in to Tulcuhuano for repairs. The ship was condemned and sold. For indexes see American Whalers and Traders in the Pacific, Robert Langdon, ed., Canberra, 1978 and Where the Whalers Went, Robert Langdon, ed., Canberra, 1984.

### **AU PMB MS 1013**

Title: Voyage of the yacht Bounty from New Zealand to Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and Australia

Date(s): 1953 - 1955 (Creation) Max Jenkins

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Max Jenkins and three friends (Ken Furley, Raymond Brierly and Neville Sunderland) left New Zealand on Ken Furley's yacht Bounty for what was intended to be a nine month cruise in the South Pacific. The voyage began in May 1953 and ended two years later, via Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and Australia, where they had left the Bounty a mere floating and scarred hull (manuscript p.211). Mr Jenkin's manuscript was written up in New Zealand just after his return in 1955. The typescript, on foolscap pages, consists of 21 chapters (211 pages), one of which is titled 'hurricane'.

## **METEOROLOGY**

### **AU PMB MS 985**

Title: Tupou College records

Date(s): 1868 - early 1920s (Creation) Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga

Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The records are in a series numbered D100 to D137. Some items could not be located for microfilming; others were not microfilmed because of their minimal historical value. Reel 2 contains D120 - daily meteorological records 1874-78.

### **AU PMB MS 1050**

Title: The Brenchley papers

Date(s): 1840 - 1865 (Creation) Rev. Julius Lucius Brenchley

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Reverend Julius Brenchley (1816-1873) first visited the Pacific (Hawaii) in 1850 with the French traveller, Jules Remy, during his American tour. He later visited New Zealand in 1864 with Lieutenant the Hon. Herbert Meade, RN and involved himself in Maori affairs. From Sydney he made his celebrated visit to the Islands in the Curacoa in 1865, also with Meade whose journals, kept on board the Curacoa in 1865 and the Esk in 1866, form part of the Brenchley Papers. The contents of the microfilm are those items in the collection relating to the Pacific. They include: Meade's original journal on board the Esk (October/November 1866) with observations on Tongan and Fijian chiefs Meade's journal on board the Curacoa which mentions Fiji, Aneiteum (New Hebrides), Norfolk Island, Niue, Samoa, and Tonga including account of the punitive action on 11 August involving the missionary J.G. Paton at Tanna botanical, biological, meteorological and scientific observations sandal wood and the journal of a tour from Auckland to Taranaki, New Zealand 1849-1850 by the Governor General.

### **AU PMB DOC 452**

Title: Territory of New Guinea, Department of Agriculture, Leaflet Nos.1-70 (Gaps)



Date(s): 1924 - 1934 (Creation) Territory of New Guinea, Department of Agriculture, Leaflet

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Nos. 1-26, 28-60, 62-63, 65, 67-70. Of these Nos.1-9, 21-37, 48-55 and 60-64 deal with various products of the Territory of New Guinea, the remainder deal with meteorological records.

### **AU DOC 460**

Title: British Solomon Islands Protectorate Agricultural Gazette

Date(s): 1933 - 1936 (Creation) British Solomon Islands Protectorate, Agricultural Committee

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The first three issues were compiled by Major F.R. Hewitt MC, Manager of Levers Pacific Plantations Limited, who conceived the idea of The Gazette. Subsequent issues were edited by R.A. Lever, Government Entomologist, BSIP, who also wrote many of the articles. The Gazette was printed in Sydney by W.T. Baker & Co. Resident Commissioner F.N. Ashby wrote that the Gazette aimed at "distribution among Planters of the results of the scientific researches made by Entomological Officers employed by the Government in the Protectorate and as a means for Planters to express their views and seek advice." (Vol.3, No.4) The Gazette includes meteorological reports from Tulagi and elsewhere in later issues. It also includes annual reports of the Government Entomologist, correspondence and reviews. There are articles dealing with insects attacking coconut palms, native gardens, mosquito and malaria control (by H.B. Hetherington, Senior Medical Officer), wire fencing, tractors and horses, commercial possibilities of local plants, household pests, the copra market, copra driers, rice, kapok and ginger growing, export of reptile skins, Dr H.B. Guppy's datum line at Ugi Island, and the geography of the Solomon Islands, etc.

## **RAIN**

### **AU PMB MS 630**

Title: Diaries and papers

Date(s): 1919 - 1941 (Creation) Rev. Ira James Mann

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Mann, a Methodist missionary, served at Piniqidu (now spelt Pinikidu), New Ireland, from 1919 to 1921. The papers comprise:

1. Diary 1919-22
2. Letters, 1920
3. Letters from missionaries at Piniqidu, 1922-41
4. Notes on the Malagenes ceremony and the influence of government and missions
5. Stores list, Piniqidu, 1919-20
6. Writings (with translations) by mission staff at Piniqidu describing various local customs including burial practices, the preparation and use of malira (an aphrodisiac), treatment of sickness and insanity, rain making and the presentation of eligible girls
7. Description of slides.

### **AU PMB MS 1252**

Title: Letter books

Date(s): 1896 - 1905 (Creation) Rev. T. Watt Leggatt

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Includes Leggatt, T. Watt, How rain came up through the earth on Aniwa [1924].

## **TEMPERATURE**

### **AU PMB MS 773**

Title: Whaling logbooks, and other documents, copied in New England (USA) repositories

Date(s): 1838 - 1853 (Creation) New England Microfilming Project

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

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## **VOLCANOLOGY**

### **AU PMB MS 767B**

Title: Whaling logbooks, and other documents, copied in New England (USA) repositories

Date(s): 1829 - 1856 (Creation) New England Microfilming Project

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

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### **AU PMB MS 1019**

Title: Weekly Newspaper Nos 633 and 866

Date(s): June 1937 and January 1942 (Creation) Rabaul Times

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Two issues of the Rabaul Times, a weekly newspaper. Issue no.633 contains eyewitness accounts of the volcanic eruptions of May 1937 and of Rabaul after the event. Also included are several photographs of the area before and after the eruptions.

### **AU PMB MS 1128**

See entry under Cyclone subheading

### **AU PMB MS 1191**

Title: Reports from New Ireland and New Britain, New Guinea

Date(s): 1937 - 1950 (Creation) Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Hiltrup

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC) were founded in France in 1854. In 1881 the Sacred Heart Missionaries relocated to Hiltrup in Germany, having been expelled from France, and in the same year the first MSC South Seas Missions were established. In 1884 German protectorates in Melanesia and Micronesia were proclaimed. The Congregation of Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was recognised in 1900. Photocopies of documents held in the MSC Hiltrup Archives (Archiv Missionssch-western vom hist. Herzen Jesu, Hiltrup, Westfalia), together with English translations, including reports on the volcanic eruption in Rabaul, May 1937, when the Vunapope Mission station was used to house many evacuees, by Gordon Thomas, Fr. H, Nollen MSC, Sr. Potentiana MSC, Sr. Karola MSC, and Sr. Plazida MSC. The documents are translated from German and Dutch by Sister Brendan, Sister Brigid Kissane, Dymphna Clark and Mrs Olga Watters.

### **AU PMB MS 1291**

Title: Reported observations of volcanic activity in Papua New Guinea before 1944: published and unpublished documents, C1-C837.

Date(s): 1616 - 1988 (Creation) R.J.S. Cooke

Extent and medium: 10 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: This record group began as a collection of extracts from books, journals and letters by the late R.J.S. Cooke, Senior Volcanologist at the Rabaul Observatory 1971 to 1979. After Cook's untimely death on Karkar volcano in 1979, R.W. Johnson reorganised Cook's collection and compiled a bibliographic card index. Subsequently Johnson combined with W.D. Palfreyman and R.J. Bultitude to produce a bibliography of 740

items which was published on microfiche by the Bureau of Mineral Resources in 1986. After publication of the bibliography, an additional 97 items were added to the collection. This microfilm combines copies of the complete set of observations of volcanic activity in PNG prior to 1944 with the bibliographic references.

#### **AU PMB MS 1294**

Title: Monthly reports

Date(s): 1937 - 1942, 1950 - 2007 (Creation) Rabaul Volcanological Observatory

Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Following the eruptions of Vulcan and Tavurvur in 1937, Dr C.E. Stehn and Dr W.G. Woolnough recommended establishment of an observatory in Rabaul. Norman Fisher, the Territory government geologist who was sent to assist them, remained in Rabaul to continue the investigation, publishing a key report in 1939 in the first issue of the Territory of New Guinea's, Geological Bulletin. An observatory was designed by Dr Fisher and built under his supervision in 1940 at its present site on Observatory Ridge, SW from the north Daughter. Dr Fisher was appointed first Director of the Observatory, assisted by Clem Knight. During the Japanese occupation, 1942-1945, the RVO was shut down. A Japanese volcanologist, Dr T. Kizawa, established a new observatory at Sulphur Creek, including seismographic measurements, which was eventually destroyed by Allied bombing. By 1950 the RVO was re-established on Observatory Ridge. The disastrous eruption of Mt Lamington in 1951 prompted wider volcanological operations across the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. In 1975 the operation of the RVO was transferred to the new nation of Papua New Guinea. In 1994 eruptions of Tavurvur and Vulcan destroyed much of Rabaul Town and most of the RVO's monitoring systems. Key monitoring equipment was restored under a grant from the US Government. In 1996 the Australian Government began a major investment program by to upgrade the national PNG volcanological service. The Observatory is responsible for monitoring the activity of the 14 active and 23 dormant volcanoes spread along three volcanic arcs throughout Papua New Guinea and which have produced more than 140 eruptions in the last 200 years. Monitoring is carried out at RVO, 6 "outstation" observatories (Manam, Karkar, Langila, Ulawun, Esa'ala, and Lamington volcanoes) and an unmanned telemetered station (Lamington). The reports are made by the Volcanologist and/or Assistant Volcanologists, usually Ts., carbon, c.4pp., signed, covering volcanic activity across the Territory, earthquakes and tremors, seismograph readings, tilt readings, Observatory general, visitors and fieldwork, as follows:

#### **AU PMB MS 1295**

Title: Volcanological records

Date(s): 1937 - 1996 (Creation) Rabaul Volcanological Observatory

Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: See PMB MS 1294. Selected files of reports, observations and correspondence held in the RVO administrative file series, "Volcanological Records", on the following sites: Bam Island, Manam Volcano, Long Island, Mt Bagana, Mt Lamington, Fergusson island, Esa'ala Station, D'Entrecasteaux Islands, Biniguni Hot Springs, Mt Langila, East and West New Britain.

#### **AU PMB MS 1296**

Title: Geodesy records

Date(s): 1949 - 1993 (Creation) Rabaul Volcanological Observatory

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: See PMB MS 1294 and PMB MS 1295. Levelling data: Reduced Levels – Rabaul District, 1949 to 1993, 4th edition, July 1993; annotated, and additional papers.

#### **AU PMB MS 1305**

Title: Notes and research materials on the history of Rabaul and the Gazelle Peninsula, Papua New Guinea

Date(s): 1786 - 1975 (Creation) Rev. Neville A. Threlfall

Extent and medium: 13 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Rev. Neville Threlfall was born in Subiaco, a suburb of Perth, on 4 October 1930, and grew up on farms in Western Australia's wheatbelt. Following education by correspondence and at a one-teacher school, then at Perth Modern School and the University of WA, he entered the ministry of the Methodist Church in 1951 and served at Gosnells, Gnowangerup, Mount Barker, Moora and the North Midlands, before

going as a missionary to Papua New Guinea in 1961, accompanied by his wife Roma (nee Thompson) and children Tim and Beth. He served in the New Guinea Islands Region of the Methodist Church and then of the United Church of PNG and the Solomon Islands, at Nakanai 1961-64; Raluana 1964-67; Kavieng 1968-70; Matupit 1971; as Regional Secretary 1972-75; in charge of Literature and Publications 1976-77; as Regional Secretary again 1978-80; and finally undertook historical work in 1981-82 much of which was carried out while a Visiting Fellow at ANU, Canberra. This archive includes: NT/120-129, Geological and volcanic history, especially the 1937 and 1941-43 eruptions.

#### **AU PMB MS 1327**

Title: Additional volcanological records

Date(s): 1953 - 2008 (Creation) Rabaul Volcanological Observatory

Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: See PMB MS 1294 - 1296. Contains inspection reports; RVO History; RVO Contingency Planning; RVO Annual Reports; and loose volcanological reports.

#### **AU PMB MS 1329**

Title: Time of darkness legends from Papua New Guinea: questionnaire returns, correspondence and reports.

Date(s): 1977 - 1982 (Creation) Russel J. Blong

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Emeritus Professor Russell Blong was the former Director of Risk Frontiers (Natural Hazards Research Centre) and a Professorial Fellow in the Division of Environmental & Life Sciences at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. He holds Masters degrees in Geography (Auckland) and Engineering Science (UNSW) and a PhD in Geomorphology (Sydney). Professor Blong has researched a wide range of natural hazards and their consequences but his passions include earthquake, volcanic and landslide hazards in Australia and the South Pacific. The "time of darkness" project was undertaken from 1970 to 1982 in collaboration with Emeritus Professor Jack Golson from the Australian National University. The aim of the project was to collect oral histories from people in Papua New Guinea about the "time of darkness". The "time of darkness" legends were collected to document a cataclysmic volcanic eruption which occurred in Papua New Guinea more than 300 years ago. The legends were collated and edited into a journal article, "Time of darkness legends from Papua New Guinea", collated and edited by Russell J. Blong, Oral History, Vol.VII, No.10, 1979 and were later published in the book *The time of darkness : local legends and volcanic reality in Papua New Guinea*, by R.J. Blong, Canberra, Australian National University, 1982.

#### **AU PMB MS 1330**

Title: Correspondence and notes on volcanology in Papua New Guinea

Date(s): 1971 - 1979 (Creation) R.J.S. Cooke

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: R.J.S. Cooke was Senior Government Volcanologist at the Rabaul Volcanological Observatory from 1971 to 1979, on secondment from the Bureau of Mineral Resources in Australia. He was killed on Karkar volcano in 1979.

#### **AU PMB MS 1362**

Title: Papers on volcanological work in Papua New Guinea

Date(s): 1950 - 1972 (Creation) G.A.M. Taylor

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: George Anthony Morgan (Tony) Taylor was born in Moree, northern NSW, on 30 October 1917. He was educated at Maitland High School and matriculated at Sydney Boys' High School. After matriculation Tony Taylor joined the Broken Hill Proprietary Company (BHP) as an analytical chemist. He remained with BHP until he enlisted in the Second AIF in April 1942. He spent the next 3 years mainly in Queensland. From May 1945 until October 1946 he was posted to New Britain where his interest in volcanoes was aroused. Tony Taylor was discharged from the Army in January 1947 and in the same year commenced a Science Degree at the University of Sydney. He completed the Bachelor of Science in three years and joined the Bureau of Mineral Resources in the Australian Government's Department of National Development as a

Geologist Grade 1 in March 1950. One of the BMR's responsibilities was to provide geological and volcanological services to the Administration of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. Tony Taylor was posted to Rabaul in April 1950. His first task was to re-establish the Volcanological Observatory which had been destroyed during the war. In February 1961 Taylor was promoted to the position of Senior Resident Geologist, Port Moresby. At the end of 1963 Taylor transferred his headquarters to Canberra but continued to devote most of his attention to volcanological problems in PNG and spent a considerable amount of his time on fieldwork in PNG. Most of the documents microfilmed here were gathered by Wally Johnson from desk drawers and files in Tony Taylor's office at the Bureau of Mineral Resources building in Canberra following his death on Manam Island in August 1972. For one reason or another the documents had not made their way onto official files. Subsequently Dr Johnson added documents from other sources to the original 'office' collection. The papers consist of:

1. letters, interviews and reports of eye witnesses giving their observations of the eruption at Mount Lamington on 21 January 1951;
2. notes and correspondence on and from Manam Island during eruptions from 1955 to 1960;
3. a comprehensive curriculum vitae written by Tony Taylor quite late in life, probably in late 1971 or 1972;
4. field notes made at Manam Island in the days immediately before Tony Taylor's death in August 1972.

### **AU PMB DOC 469**

Title: An outline of Samoan History

Date(s): 1958 (Creation) Sylvia Masterman

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: This early edition of Sylvia Masterman's, *An Outline of Samoan History* (67pp., Ts., roneo, maps, appendices), was published by the Western Samoan Education Department in 1958. It consists of 17 chapters and an appendix titled 'Volcanic Eruption in Savaii – 1905'. A later edition was published in Samoan and English in 1980.

## **WHALING**

### **AU PMB MS 12**

Title: Autobiography

Date(s): 1803 - 1852 (Creation) Captain Edward Primrose Tregurtha

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Captain Edward Primrose Tregurtha (1803-1880) was born in Cornwall and died in Launceston, Tasmania. He went to sea at an early age, and made voyages to the Far East and India. In 1831-33, as master of the whaler *Caroline*, he made an extensive whaling voyage out of Hobart. His itinerary included Sydney, the Bay of Islands, the Kermadecs, Rotuma, Wallis Island, the Gilberts, Solomons, New Ireland and the Coral Sea. After a visit to England, Tregurtha returned to Tasmania, whence he traded with neighbouring colonies as owner and master of the *Henry*. He made voyages to Adelaide in 1837 and took early settlers and sheep to Port Phillip. He later opened a business in Launceston as a general merchant and shipping agent. The autobiography, which, in many places, appears to have been written up from journals kept at sea, gives a full account of Tregurtha's life from his birth in 1803 until the late 1830's. From then until the year 1852, it is brief and sporadic.

### **AU PMB MS 196**

Title: Logbook of the *Barque Woodlark*

Date(s): 27 March 1856 - 12 April 1857 (Creation) John W. Fisher

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Fisher was chief officer of *The Woodlark*. The logbook describes a whaling voyage to the South Pacific apparently under a Captain Hardwicke. The voyage began in Sydney and took in Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, the New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, Torres Strait, Bismarck Archipelago, Santa Cruz Group, Tikopia and New Zealand. There is a gap in the log from 2 February to 31 March 1857.

### **AU PMB MS 409**

Title: Indexes to whaling voyages out of New Bedford

Date(s): 1876 - 1925 (Creation) Reginald B. Hegarty

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: At the time of copying (1973) Reginald B. Hegarty was curator of the Melville Whaling Room at the New Bedford Free Public Library.

### **AU PMB MS 414**

Title: Journal and logbook of the ship Maria of Nantucket, Mass., USA

Date(s): 1832 - 36 (Creation) Captain Alexander Macy

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The MARIA made a whaling voyage to the Pacific Ocean in 1832-36. She rounded Cape Horn, cruised on the Chilean and Peruvian coasts and touched at the Galapagos Islands, Easter Island, Maui (Hawai'i). There are two documents: A typescript copy of a journal kept by the ship's carpenter Joseph B. ?, 18 February 1833-27 April 1836; A logbook kept by Captain Macy beginning 13 October 1832 and ending 17 January 1836.

### **AU PMB MS 426**

Title: Daily journal

Date(s): 1881 - 1887 (Creation) Robert Edward Buffett

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Robert Edward Buffett was a Norfolk Islander, who died on Norfolk Island in 1953 at the age of 90. The book in which the journal was kept was originally owned by a Portuguese or Brazilian seaman, Manuel Jose. Some pages in Portuguese are in his hand at the beginning of the book, which he presented to Buffett. The journal gives an account of a whaling voyage in the New Bedford bark CANTON from 1881 to 1885 and in the bark PETREL in 1887. Buffett signed on the CANTON at Norfolk Island. The bark subsequently visited many islands in the Pacific.

### **AU PMB MS 1038**

Title: Journal on board the whaling ship Massachusetts

Date(s): 1836 - 1840 (Creation) James Warden Brett

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: James Warden Brett (1815-1846) was born in Kent, England and was entered on the books of the MASSACHUSETTS as the harpooner of the larboard whaleboat. Brett was twenty-one years old when he began his journal and the voyage which was to last for three and a half years. He died in Bombay, at the age of thirty-one, while captain of the ship WEST INDIAN. In the latter half of the 19th century the journal narrowly escaped being buried or burnt during a clearing out by the Widow Brett of Raymond Terrace. A family friend retrieved the journal which he later presented to Mr Percy Thomas, grand nephew of James Brett, in July 1893. The journal also suffered considerable damage during the Maitland flood of 1954. As a result some pages are missing and others are almost illegible. The journal begins on Wednesday 7 December, 1836, when the ship sailed from New Bedford, Massachusetts on a whaling voyage to the South Seas under Captain George F. Brown. Brett describes in great detail the activities of a harpooner, life on board a whaling ship in general, the many other ships they spoke and all the events experienced during their landfalls and their time at sea. The journal ends on Sunday 19 July, 1840. The voyage included the Peruvian coast, Galapagos Islands, Hawaiian Islands, Guadaloupe, the Mexican coast, Juan Fernandes, Massafeuro, Quiraquina and Talcahuano Bay.

### **AU PMB MS 1342**

Title: Reminiscences of voyages in the Pacific Ocean

Date(s): 1860s (Creation) Alfred William Hill

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Alfred William Martin (1844-1928) was born in Clarence Plains, Tasmania, first son of William Martin (1805/6-1878), a convict transported to Tasmania, and Hannah Braim (1825/6-1860). Alfred William Martin was educated at Kettering Grammar School in Northamptonshire while his parents were revisiting

England. Returning to Tasmania, Martin became a seaman, despite his good education, firstly on the ship *Gem* sailing out of Hobart and then, while still in his teens, on a whaler, *Southern Cross*, Capt. Mansfield, sailing out of Hobart to whaling grounds off New Zealand, NSW, and the New Hebrides. This archive contains an untitled incomplete manuscript written by Alfred William Martin of Tasmania, written possibly in the 1890s relating his Pacific voyages and adventures in the 1860s.

#### **AU PMB MS 200-400, 540-545, 571-580, 671-699, 720-737, 767B-900, 910, 911, 914, 953-958**

Title: Whaling logbooks, and other documents, copied in New England (USA) repositories

Date(s): (Creation) New England Microfilming Project

Extent and medium: 375 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The microfilms in this series were obtained during two projects organised in 1970 and 1976 by the PMB. Each project was known as the PMB New England Microfilming Project and was under the direction of Dr John Cumpston, a specialist in early Australian maritime history. The purpose of the projects was to obtain microfilm copies of significant American records having a bearing on the history of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and the Pacific basin generally. Reels numbered PMB 200-412 were obtained under the first project and reels numbered PMB 540-545; PMB 571-580; 671-699; 720-900 (includes American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions); 910-911; 914-915; and 953-958 under the second project. For indexes see *American Whalers and Traders in the Pacific*, Robert Langdon, ed., Canberra 1978 and *Where the Whalers Went*, Robert Langdon, ed., Canberra 1984.

## **WEATHER**

#### **AU PMB MS 14**

Title: Diary, in Tahitian, Mangarevan and English, kept on Flint Island, Eastern Pacific

Date(s): 14 April 1889 - 31 January 1891 (Creation) H.I.N. Moouga

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: H.I.N. Moouga appears to have been of Mangarevan descent and foreman of a team of coconut plantation workers from French Polynesia and Niue, employed on Flint Island by J.T. Arundel and Co. of London. The names of the workers are listed in the opening pages of the diary. The mixture of languages in which the diary is written may have been the lingua franca of the multi-lingual community on Flint Island. Moouga details daily weather conditions, prevailing winds, land areas cleared, coconut palms planted, coconuts harvested, crushed and cut. He describes also the difficult conditions under which the group worked - fire-ant infections, lack of medical care, lack of food, food contaminated by rust - and the often difficult relationships between the workers themselves and between them and the Arundel family. In the concluding pages of the diary, Moouga says that he has had more than enough of the life and asks to be repatriated.

#### **AU PMB MS 123**

Title: Diary

Date(s): 1856 - 1892 (Creation) Sen. John Buffett and others

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: John Buffett arrived on Pitcairn Island in the whaler *Cyrus* in 1823. He married Dorothy Young, daughter of Midshipman Edward Young, a mutineer of HMS *Bounty*. In 1856 Buffett moved to Norfolk Island with 193 other Pitcairners in the ship *Morayshire*. The diary begins on 8 June 1856, the day of arrival at Norfolk Island. It is kept in a year book of Norfolk Island's convict era, which Buffett apparently found in one of the abandoned buildings at Kingston. It continues to 16 (?) September 1860. There is then a gap until 28 March 1868, when Buffett returned to Pitcairn, where he remained until 4 July 1872. There is then another gap until 17 October 1872 when Buffett returned to Norfolk Island, keeping the diary until 2 October 1875. Another break then occurs until 26 May 1879, when the diary appears to have been continued in another hand until 31 August 1879. From 1 January 1888, when it again resumes, various hands appear. After a break between 4 August 1888 and 1 January 1889, it continued uninterrupted until 31 March 1892. The death of John Buffett, Sen., is recorded on 5 March 1891. The diary is the day by day affairs of the island on which Buffett happened to be - shipping arrivals and departures, births, marriages and deaths, the state of the weather, chases after whales and other remarkable events. At the front and back of the diary are a number

of miscellaneous items, including the text of hymns, a description of a dream, the laws and regulations of Pitcairn Island, recipes, poems and copies of letters and Commissariat details.

### **AU PMB MS 1365**

Title: Solomon Islands papers

Date(s): 1912 - 2005 (Creation) James L.O. Tedder

Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: James L.O. Tedder was raised in Wamberal, NSW, attended the local primary school, and Gosford High School. He served for a few months as a deck boy in the merchant navy and spent two years in the AIF, the last year in 13th Small Ships in New Guinea. After the War he spent four years at Sydney University graduating with Bachelor of Economics with three years of geography and three years of political theory. In February 1952 James Tedder was appointed as an Administrative Officer cadet in the British Colonial Service and was posted direct to the Solomon Islands. He has various positions in the public service, including Director of Information and Broadcasting from 1972 -1974. In 2008 he self published, Solomon Island Years: An Administrative Officer in the Islands 1952-74. PMB 1365/1-97 includes files collected and/or collated by James Tedder on Solomon Islands subjects, including weather.