Pacific Manuscripts Bureau titles documenting the Solomon Islands

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PMB Manuscript Series of Microfilms

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 15
Title: Diaries and pearling logs
Date(s): 1882-1905 (Creation) Captain William Hamilton
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Captain Hamilton (1852-1937) was born in Scotland and came to Australia at the age of 10. In 1882-1883 he made voyages from Brisbane to the New Hebrides, New Britain and New Ireland in labour recruiting vessels. For a dozen or so years from the late 1890’s, he ran the Hamilton Pearling Co. with luggers operating out of Komuli in the Admiralty Islands and Gizo in the Solomons. This company also traded in copra, tortoise shell, black lip and green snail shell. Later, Captain Hamilton had big planting interests in the Solomons, mainly on Choiseul. He died in Sydney in November, 1937. The papers copied on this microfilm are the most interesting and valuable historically of a large collection (in the Oxley Memorial Library) relating to Captain Hamilton’s career. They comprise:
1. Diary of a recruiting voyage in the schooner Lochiel from Brisbane to the New Hebrides from September 20, 1882, to December 29, 1882.
2. Diary of a recruiting voyage in the schooner Jessie Kelly from Brisbane to the New Hebrides, New Britain and New Ireland from March to September, 1883.
3. Two reports on voyages in search of pearl shell in New Guinea and the Solomons in 1899-1900.
4. Log of the pearling lugger *Nippon* from April 20, 1901 to September 24, 1901, kept at the Hamilton Pearling Company’s station at Komuli, Admiralty Islands.
5. Log of the Hamilton Pearling Company’s station at Komuli from September 27 1902 to March 10 1903.
6. Logs and diaries kept by William Hamilton in the vessels *Canomie, Ysabel, Gazelle and Kambin* from January 1 1903 to November 14 1905. These concern the operations of the Hamilton Pearling Company in New Guinea and the Solomons.

**AU PMB MS 43**
Title: Records
Date(s): 1857-1968 (Creation) Melanesian Mission, New Hebrides
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Includes names of birds in various languages of the Solomon Islands and the New Hebrides.

**AU PMB MS 44**
Title: Vocabulary of Kwara’ae, Solomon Islands
Date(s): c.1955 (Creation) R.N. Gallyon
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Kwara’ae vocabulary with English translations, followed by three stories in Kwara’ae, also translated into English.

**AU PMB MS 51**
Title: Vocabularies, correspondence, prayers
Date(s): n.d. (Creation) Melanesian Mission, New Hebrides
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Contains
7. Prayers in the languages of the Northern New Hebrides - Mera Lava, Mota, Gaua, Nduindui, Qatnapni.

**AU PMB MS 67**
Title: Articles on the Solomon Islands
Date(s):1350-c.1961 (Creation) Rev. John R. Metcalfe
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The Rev. John R. Metcalfe (1889-1970) was born in Yorkshire and served as a Methodist missionary in the Solomon Islands for 37 years. He served as a home missionary in Great Britain before moving to Victoria in 1914. He became a candidate for the Methodist ministry in 1916, and after being ordained was appointed to the Solomon Islands in 1920. After a brief period at Roviana, he was appointed to Choiseul as assistant to the Rev. V. LeC. Binet. Apart from four years at Teop, he remained on Choiseul until 1951. During the war, he served as a Coastwatcher. He became chairman of the Methodist Mission in the Solomons in 1951, a post he held until he retired to Australia in 1957. He continued to take an active interest in the mission until his death.

**AU PMB MS 68**
Title: Descriptive newsletters from the Solomon Islands
Date(s):15 Sep 1920-Jan 1950 (Creation) Rev. John R. Metcalfe
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: See PMB MS 67. From time to time during his career in the Solomon Islands, Metcalfe wrote long, descriptive newsletters to friends overseas which he called general letters. They were invariably typewritten. Apparently several carbon copies of each letter were sent out.

**AU PMB MS 74-79**
Title: Diaries
Date(s): 1 Jan 1911-31 Jul 1921 (Creation) Rev. John R. Metcalfe
Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: See PMB MS 67. The diaries span Metcalfe's entire career as a churchman and are of special historical interest for his years in the Solomon Islands.

**AU PMB MS 80**
Title: Reports
Date(s): 1918-1952 (Creation) Solomon Islands Methodist Mission
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: These reports were among the papers of the Rev. J.R. Metcalfe (1889-1970), a Methodist missionary in the Solomon Islands, mainly on Choiseul Island, from 1920 to 1957.

**AU PMB MS 81**
Title: Logbooks
Date(s): 1868-1874 (Creation) Captain Robert G. Rae
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The logbooks cover voyages in the ships *Laughing Water* (1868), *Corypheus* (1870-71), *Day Spring* (1872), *Alsager* (1872-73) and *Ceara* (1874). The voyages in the *Laughing Water* were between Newcastle, Lyttleton (NZ) and Melbourne. Those in the *Corypheus* between Melbourne and China. On her last voyage the *Corypheus* ran aground on a reef in the Marshall Islands and the crew sailed 3,000 miles in the ship's boats to Rockhampton. The voyage of the *Day Spring* was from Melbourne to the New Hebrides and return. The *Alsager* sailed from Melbourne to Malden Island for a cargo of guano. She foundered off Tongatapu, apparently as a result of sabotage. The *Ceara*’s voyages were from Adelaide to Mauritius and then to various Australian ports.

**AU PMB MS 82**
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1919-1968 (Creation) Rev. John R. Metcalfe
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

**AU PMB MS 88**
Title: Newspaper clippings
Date(s): 1918-1968 (Creation)
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The clippings were gathered by the Rev. J.R. Metcalfe (1889-1970), a Methodist missionary in the Solomon Islands, mainly on Choiseul Island, from 1920 to 1957. The clippings relate to Solomon Islands mission matters and affairs in the Solomons generally. See PMB MS 67.

**AU PMB MS 145**
Title: Autobiography
Date(s): 1887-1966 (Creation) Sister Margaret of the Cross
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Sister Margaret, daughter of the headmaster of Clifton College, an Anglican college in Bristol, was born in 1887. She was educated at St Andrews in Scotland; at a school run by Mrs Leonard Huxley at Priors Field, Godalming; and at Cambridge University. After a period of uncertainty, Sister Margaret became an Anglican nun. She taught at a school in South Africa for seven years and was later a novice mistress in India. In 1929 she went to the Solomon Islands as a teaching sister for the Melanesian Mission. In 1942 she transferred to the Melanesian Mission school at Torgil, Aoba Island, New Hebrides. After furlough in England in 1948, Sister Margaret became a member of the Roman Catholic Church and served a further term in the Solomon Islands. In 1966 she went to live in New Zealand.

AU PMB MS 196
Title: Logbook of the Barque Woodlark
Date(s): 27 Mar 1856-12 Apr 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 413
Title: Essays on Solomon Islands Life and Missionary Review extracts
Date(s): c.1902-1964 (Creation) Rev. John R. Metcalfe
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: See PMB MS 67. The papers comprise essays written by Solomon Islanders in vernacular languages describing their lives, local events and people of importance (52 pages); similar writings in English; annotated extracts from the Missionary Review 1902 - 1921; etc.

AU PMB MS 427
Title: Account Book and Diary
Date(s): 1881-1921 (Creation) Charles H. Buffett
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: This document is written in pencil in a minute hand in a book whose pages measure 7 x 4 ½. The document records trading activities on Norfolk Island from 1881 to 1902 and in the Solomon Islands from 1905 to 1921.

AU PMB MS 460
Title: Miscellaneous (non-local) correspondence of Bishop J. Vidal and Bishop C.J. Nicolas
Date(s): 1899-1930 (Creation) Roman Catholic Mission, Fiji
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence from New Caledonia, Wallis, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Moruroa, Sydney, New Zealand, France, Belgium, Naples. An index to material copied in the Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Office, Suva, was published in the Bureau's newsletter (Pambu, April-June 1972:27, pp.17-20)

AU PMB MS 515
Title: Rrois ans de captivite a Buka'
Date(s): Mar 1942-Sep 1945 (Creation) Father Paul Montauban
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Father Montauban, a Catholic priest of the Society of Mary, served as a missionary on Buka, North Solomons, from 1914 to 1958. He was at Burunotui (1914-22), Lemanmanu (1922-28) and Gagan (1928-58). An account of life in the Solomons during the Japanese occupation of World War II. When the Japanese invaded the Solomons in March 1942, all Catholic missionaries were instructed by their Bishop to remain at their posts.

AU PMB MS 517
Title: Outlying Interlude’
Date(s): 1942-1947 (Creation) G. Lennox Barrow
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The author was a district officer in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. An account of life in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

**AU PMB MS 520-525**
Title: Minute Books
Date(s): 1903-1955 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Overseas Mission Department
Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: The Methodist Church in New Zealand sent its first missionaries to the Solomon Islands in 1902, and since then it has also sponsored missionaries to Papua New Guinea. The minute books cover the activities of New Zealand missionaries in those territories.

**AU PMB MS 549**
Title: Letterbook
Date(s): 1934-1936 (Creation) Melanesian Mission, Sydney
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence relating to mission management, particularly to financial matters.

**AU PMB MS 550**
Title: Diaries
Date(s): 1942-1963 (Creation) Rev. Dr. C.E. Fox
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Dr Fox (1878-) was born in Dorset, England, and educated in New Zealand. He joined the Melanesian Mission from New Zealand and was posted to the Mission’s school on Norfolk Island in 1902. After being ordained in 1903, he spent some time in the Banks Group of the New Hebrides before going to San Cristobal, Solomon Islands, in 1908 where he began a school and started learning the local languages. He remained in the Solomons throughout the Pacific war, living behind Japanese lines. After the war he continued as a teacher and remained in the Solomons until well into his eighties. The diaries cover the periods 1942-50 inclusive, 1952, 1955-56, 1958-59 and 1963. There are also some loose letters. During the period of the Japanese occupation of the Solomons the diaries are in the Arosi language.

**AU PMB MS 553**
Title: Autobiography and diary re Solomon Islands
Date(s): 1928-1943 (Creation) Eustace Sandars
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Sandars, a former officer in the British Army, went to the Solomon Islands in 1928 to join the armed constabulary. He was later a district commissioner. He died in NSW in March 1975. The papers comprise:
1. Autobiography covering the years 1928-43
2. A diary kept from 23 November 1942 - 7 April 1943
3. Autobiography, 1896-1923

**AU PMB MS 554**
Title: Letterbook
Date(s): 1924-1931 (Creation) Melanesian Mission, Siota, Solomon Islands
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence relating to mission management, particularly to financial matters.

**AU PMB MS 555**
Title: Minute Book
Date(s): 1940-1946 (Creation) Melanesian Mission Advisory Committee, Sydney
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Minute Book, 1940-46.
AU PMB MS 556
Title: Newspaper clippings re Southern Cross
Date(s): 1932 (Creation) Melanesian Mission
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Newspaper clippings re the dedication of the mission ship Southern Cross at Greenwich, England, on 26 July 1932.

AU PMB MS 557
Title: Autobiography
Date(s): n.d. (Creation) Arthur Innes Hopkins
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Hopkins (1869-1943) served as a missionary with the Melanesian Mission in the Solomon Islands from 1902 to 1925. The autobiography fills 112 typescript pages.

AU PMB MS 558
Title: Notes on Solomon Islands languages
Date(s): n.d. (Creation) Robert C. Vance
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Vance, a New Zealander, was a member of the South Sea Evangelical Mission who served at Makwanu, Malaita, from 1931 to 1940. The ‘notes’ concern the languages of Wanoni Bay, Star Harbour and Makira, San Cristobal. Vocabularies are given for the Wanoni Bay and Star Harbour languages. It is not certain that the notes were compiled by Vance.

AU PMB MS 559
Title: Correspondence, journal, music
Date(s): 1855-1953 (Creation) Melanesian Church, Solomon Islands
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Some correspondence of Bishop John Coleridge Patteson for the years 1855, 1858, 1861, 1863, 1865 and 1871; Rev. John Palmer’s journal to his sister in England (1863-1864), describing his voyage to Erromanga, New Hebrides and the mission there; copy of a letter by Mr Welchman (29.11.1891) entitled Voyage of the ‘Southern Cross’, describing the first voyage of the Southern Cross from England to New Zealand; miscellaneous correspondence (1952-53) including some by Dr C.E. Fox, at that time the longest actively serving member of the Melanesian Mission; music and words of a dance from the Qatnapnei district of Raga, New Hebrides, with English commentary.

AU PMB MS 560
Title: ‘Elizabeth Colenso: her work for the Melanesian Mission’
Date(s): 1956-1959 (Creation) France Edith Swabey
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Frances Swabey (1870-1958) was a granddaughter of Elizabeth Colenso. This is a typescript by F.S. Simcox, dated 24 February 1959, of an edited manuscript by his sister Frances Swabey, comprising the following sections: brief biography of Elizabeth Fairburn - Elizabeth Colenso - before she joined the Melanesian Mission in 1876.

AU PMB MS 594-599
Title: Diaries
Date(s): 1924-1942 (Creation) Lina Jones
Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Lina Jones (1890- ) was a school teacher at the Methodist mission, Munda, New Georgia, Solomon Islands, from 1924 to 1949. Her diaries have been filmed as PMB 594 - 599. The diaries relate to her work at Munda. Diary 1924 – 1926. See also PMB MS 713-715 for Jones’ correspondence, 1924-1942.

AU PMB MS 626
Title: Journal of voyage in HMS Basilisk
Date(s): Jan 1871-July 1873 (Creation) Francis Hayter
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Hayter was first-lieutenant of HMS Basilisk (Captain John Moresby, RN) which made a cruise to islands of the Western Pacific and to Papua in 1872-73. It was on this voyage that Moresby named Port Moresby after his father, Admiral Sir Fairfax Moresby. The journal begins with the departure of HMS Basilisk from England to Australia, via Madeira and the Cape of Good Hope. From Sydney, she visited New Zealand and Torres Strait. Then, after returning to Sydney, she went to Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, the northern outliers of Tonga, Wallis and Futuna, Rotuma, the Ellice Islands, some of the outliers of the Solomons, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Torres Strait and Papua.

AU PMB MS 713-715
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1924-1942 (Creation) Lina Jones
Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Lina Jones (1890- ) was a school teacher at the Methodist mission, Munda, New Georgia, Solomon Islands, from 1924 to 1949. Her correspondence to relatives and friends in New Zealand has been copied as PMB 713, 714 and 715. See also PMB MS 594-599 for diaries kept by Lina Jones, 1924-42.

AU PMB MS 716
Title: Papers on the history of Western District, Solomon Islands
Date(s): 1927-1975 (Creation) George G. Carter (compiler)
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The compiler was a missionary at Teop, Roviana, Solomon Islands, from 1951 to 1965. He later served as general secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (Overseas Division). The papers are in two series, called Alpha and Beta. The Alpha series contains documents written between 1927 and 1972 by European missionaries and Solomon Islanders. Those of some of the Solomon Islanders are in the Roviana language, but the compiler has made English translations. The documents in the Beta series were collected by the compiler during field work in 1975. All are by Solomon Islanders - some in English and some in Roviana, with English translations. A contents list precedes each series.

AU PMB MS 924
Title: Miscellaneous papers and reports
Date(s): 1920-1925 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description:
1. Papers re transfer of Solomon Islands district to Methodist Church of New Zealand in 1922
2. Papers re land matters, 1922 (Solomon Islands)
3. Synod Report, 1922; financial statements, 1922; first annual board meeting, Methodist Missionary Society of New Zealand, 1922
4. List of board members, 1924; accounts and estimates, 1924-25

AU PMB MS 925
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1922-1951 (Creation) Rev. John Francis Goldie
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Goldie, then 32, went to Roviana, Solomon Islands in 1902 as a member of the pioneer band of Methodist missionaries sent from Sydney. He became a minister of the New Zealand Conference in 1922 when the Methodist Church of New Zealand took over the Solomon Islands District and was its president in 1929. He was chairman of the Solomon Islands District from 1902 until his retirement in 1951. This microfilm contains Goldie's correspondence with the general secretary of foreign missions of the New Zealand Methodist Church. Correspondence inwards to Goldie appears first; then outwards correspondence. See also PMB MS 82 for Goldie's correspondence with Rev. John Metcalfe.
AU PMB MS 926
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1934-1943 (Creation) Rev. Vincent Le Cornu Binet
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Binet, from Jersey, Channel Islands, served as a Methodist missionary on Choiseul, Solomon Islands, from 1917 to 1932. Contains correspondence between Binet and the general secretary for foreign missions of the New Zealand Methodist Church.

AU PMB MS 927
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1934-1952 (Creation) Rev. John R. Metcalfe
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Metcalfe, a Methodist missionary in the Solomon Islands for 37 years, was born in Yorkshire in 1889. He served as a home missionary in Great Britain before moving to Victoria in 1914. He became a candidate for the Methodist ministry in 1916, and after being ordained was appointed to the Solomon Islands in 1920. After a brief period at Roviana, he was appointed to Choiseul as assistant to the Rev. V. LeC. Binet. Apart from four years at Teop, he remained on Choiseul until 1951. During the war, he served as a Coastwatcher. He was chairman of the Methodist Mission in the Solomons from 1951 until he retired to Australia in 1957. He died in 1970. Contains correspondence between Metcalfe and the general secretary for foreign missions of the New Zealand Methodist Church. For other Metcalfe papers see also PMB MS 67, 68, 74-80, 82, 88 and 413.

AU PMB MS 928-931
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1920-1945 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The correspondence, between missionaries in the field and the general secretary for foreign missions of the New Zealand Methodist Church, includes Rev. F.H. Hayman (Outwards, 1923-32; Inwards, 1920-39); Rev. T. Dent (1921-45); Rev. A.H. Cropp (1927-33); Rev. H.G. Brown (1924-28).

AU PMB MS 932-934
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1923-1952 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The correspondence, between missionaries in the field and the general secretary for foreign missions of the New Zealand Methodist Church, includes Rev. F.H. Hayman (1923-32), Rev. E. Leadley (1939-46); Rev. A.W. Silvester (1934-52).

AU PMB MS 936-938
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1940-1958 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The correspondence, between missionaries in the field and the general secretary for foreign missions of the New Zealand Methodist Church, includes Rev. D.C. Alley (1940-48); Rev. C.T.J. Luxton (1946-48); Rev. Trevor Shepherd (Outwards - 1947-58, Inwards - 1947-58).

AU PMB MS 939-942
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1946-1958 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The correspondence, between missionaries in the field and the general secretary for foreign missions of the New Zealand Methodist Church, includes Rev. A.H. Hale (1947-59); Rev. G.A.R. Cornwell (1946-58); Rev. G.G. Carter (1947-58); Rev. D.I.A. McDonald (1952-58).
AU PMB MS 943
Title: Correspondence with various missionaries
Date(s): 1929-1959 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence between missionaries in the field and the general secretary of foreign missions of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Correspondence of:
- Rev. Clifford J. Keightley, 1953-58 (New Guinea Highlands)
- Rev. A.C. Watson, 1954-59 (Roviana, Vella Lavella, Honiara)
- Belshazzar Gina, 1932-50
- Rev. Gordon D. Brough, 1958 (Teop)
- Philip F. Taylor, 1951-54
- Rev. Philip F. Taylor, 1957-58 (Tonu)
- Dr E.G. Sayers, 1922-34 (Medical missionary)
- Dr C. James, 1926-33 (Medical missionary)
- Dr A.G. Rutter, 1941-48 (Medical missionary).

AU PMB MS 944
Title: Correspondence with various missionaries
Date(s): 1946-1968 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence between the general secretary of foreign missions of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and missionaries - mainly lay missionaries or short-term volunteers - in the field. They are:
- Dr G.E. Hoult, 1947-58 (Medical missionary)
- Bruce Cole, 1946-48
- Charles Carter, 1947-49
- Brian Sides, 1950-56
- Robert A. Mannall, 1952-58
- Gordon Dey, 1953-58
- William Shariples, 1954-58
- R.C. Fleury, 1957-58
- John S. Gatman, 1958
- Keith Woodley, 1963-68

AU PMB MS 945
Title: Correspondence with various missionaries
Date(s): 1920-1958 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence between the general secretary of foreign missions of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and missionaries - deaconesses, teachers and nurses - as follows:
- Mary Addison, 1955-58
- May Barnett, 1921-33
- Pamela Beaumont, 1948-58
- Lilian Berry, 1920-33
- Lesley Bowen, 1953-57
- Vera Cannon, 1932-33
- Elizabeth Common, 1920-34, 1940-49
- Jean Dalziel, 1925
- Merle Farland, 1955-57
- Lorraine Flowers, 1955-57
- Myra Fraser, 1950-58
- Jessie Grant, 1949-57
- Norma Graves, 1953-58
- Audrey Grice, 1953-58
AU PMB MS 946
Title: Correspondence with various missionaries
Date(s): 1934-1959 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence between the general secretary of foreign missions of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and missionaries - deaconesses, teachers and nurses - as follows:
Effie Harkness, 1937-57
Audrey Higham, 1954-58
June Hilder, 1950-58
Edith James, 1954-58
Lina Jones, 1941-48 (NOTE: For the diaries of Lina Jones, 1924-42, see PMB MS 594-599, and for her letters, 1924-42, see PMB MS 713-0715.)
Ada Lee, 1934-58
Grace McDonald, 1925-48
Ethel McMillan, 1940-44
Lucy Money, 1943-59

AU PMB MS 947
Title: Correspondence with various missionaries
Date(s): 1929-1969 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence between the general secretary of foreign missions of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and missionaries - deaconesses, teachers and nurses - as follows:
Coralie Murray, 1929-31
Eva Saunders, 1947-55
Muriel G. Stewart, 1922-32
Joy Thompson, 1954-58
Edna White, 1939-53, 1962-63
Joy Whitehouse, 1937-48
Rewa Williamson, 1959-60
Beverley Withers, 1963-69

AU PMB MS 948
Title: Correspondence with governments
Date(s): 1942-1953 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The correspondence is as follows:
New Zealand Government, 1942-52
New Zealand Government, 1952-53, mainly re bonds and wages tax
War damages, 1946-48
British Solomon Islands Government, 1942-46
Western Pacific High Commission, Suva, 1943-44
Australian Government, 1945-53

AU PMB MS 949
Title: Correspondence with Methodist Mission office, Sydney
Date(s): 1934-1952 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence between the Foreign Missions Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Methodist Mission office (Australian Board of Missions) Sydney, Australia.

AU PMB MS 950
Title: Correspondence with volunteers for mission service
Date(s): 1919-1954 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Solomon Islands District
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Correspondence between the Foreign Missions Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and volunteers for mission service.

AU PMB MS 951
Title: Correspondence with sister organisations
Date(s): 1925-1956 (Creation) Methodist Missionary Society of New Zealand
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The correspondence is with sister organisations in Fiji (1925-56); Tonga (1943-52); and Papua New Guinea (1953).

AU PMB MS 952
Title: Miscellaneous correspondence re Pacific Islands
Date(s): 1921-1955 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The correspondence relates largely to the Solomon Islands and is subdivided as follows:
- Accounts, 1946-49
- Correspondence re accounts, 1950-54
- Correspondence, etc. re plantations, 1921-36
- Medical Mission, 1927-32
- Correspondence with Pacific Christian Literature Society, 1948-51
- J.H.L. Waterhouse, 1930-32
- Hughie Wheatley, 1937-38
- F.H. Woodfield, 1949-55
- George Yearbury, 1945-55

AU PMB MS 975
Title: Papers
Date(s): 1896-1968 (Creation) Captain Oscar Svensen
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Captain Oscar Svensen (1862-1943) was a pioneer planter and trader in the Solomon Islands from 1888 - 1912. He subsequently became Norwegian consul in Brisbane, Australia. In the Solomons, he was usually known as 'Captain Marau', after Marau Sound, the site of his first trading station. The documents are:
1. Article by J.G.B. Nerdrum, 'Indtryk og oplevelser under et 7 aars ophold paa Salomonoerne' in Norske Geografiske Selskab Aarbog 1901-02, Oslo, pp.23-58
2. English translation of above by P. Stenbo, Auckland
3. Typescript of article re Captain Oscar Svensen in The Daily Mail, Brisbane, 20 July 1922
4. Article re Captain Oscar Svensen in Pacific Islands Monthly, February 1964, pp.77-80
5. Letter from N. Theodor Svensen, 12 Buranda Street, Buranda, Queensland, of 11 May 1964, to Mr Carden W. Seton, re Pacific Islands Monthly article. Also typescript copy of letter.
6. Letter dated 9 June 1964 from J. Svensen, 12 Rosling Street, Moorooka, Queensland, to editor of Pacific Islands Monthly re article on Captain Oscar Svensen, enclosing a manuscript entitled 'The First Kapitan Marau'. Also a typescript copy of 'The First Kapitan Marau'.
7. Letter from R.A. Langdon, executive officer, Pacific Manuscripts Bureau, to J. Svensen, dated 15 October 1968 re Captain Oscar Svensen
8. Undated letter (of about December 1968) from Mrs Gertie A. Svensen, 12 Rosling Street, Moorooka, Queensland, re Svensen family

AU PMB MS 996
Title: Dissertation sur une deuxieme mission aux Iles Salomon
Date(s): 1893 (Creation) Abbe Leopold Verguet
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Verguet went to the Solomon Islands as a Marist missionary in December 1845 and remained there until early 1847. He was the author of two works on the Solomons, Histoire de la premiere mission catholique au vicariat de Melanesie (1st edn, Brussels 1854; 2nd edn, Paris 1861) and Grand archipel des Iles Salomon: son etendue, sa fertilite (Marseilles, 1883). At the time of writing the dissertation, he was canon of the Cathedral of Carcassonne, France. The dissertation is preceded by a letter dated 24 April 1893 to the Very Rev. Father Monfat. It gives Verguet's views on a proposal to resume mission work in the Solomons, including the type of ship required, mission houses and plantations. There are numerous sketches of harbours and anchorages.

AU PMB MS 1021
Title: Correspondence re the British Solomon Islands Protectorate
Date(s): 1919-1928 (Creation) Charles M. Woodford
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Woodford, the first Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, established its postal services and designed the first postage stamp used there. The correspondence includes a 4-page history of the philatelic services of the Protectorate and mentions the design of the first postage stamp and its production. The film also includes correspondence of Eric Monckton 1909-10, describing the establishment of a copra plantation at Ko Ko Nai in the Shortland Islands. Also mentioned is Eric's brother, Claude (H.C. Monckton) who put money into the Ko Ko Nai venture, and who later became Advisor on Native Affairs in Fiji.

AU PMB MS 1062
Title: Archives
Date(s): 1855-1939 (Creation) Methodist Church of Australasia Overseas Mission
Extent and medium: 22 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: In 1855, following the formation of the Australasian Connexion of the Methodist Church, general jurisdiction and administration of the Methodist missions in the Friendly Islands, Fiji and New Zealand was transferred to the Methodist Missionary Society of Australasia which subsequently also took control of Methodist activities in Samoa, New Guinea, Papua, the Solomon Islands and North Australia. New Zealand became a separate Conference in 1910 and in 1922 it took over responsibility for the Solomons Islands District. In 1926 Tonga was made an independent Conference in affiliation with the Australasian General Conference.

AU PMB MS 1063
Title: Archives
Date(s): 1898-1943 (Creation) Methodist Church of Australasia Overseas Mission
Extent and medium: 36 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: See PMB MS 1062.

AU PMB MS 1076
Title: Marching rule: a personal memoir
Date(s): c.1970-1980 (Creation) Roy Davies
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: After graduating from Manchester University, Roy Davies joined the British Overseas Civil Service in 1944. He served first as a cadet with the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, and later became a Solomon Islands District Commissioner on Malaita. From 1957 to 1962 he was Secretary of the Government of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. He retired in 1972. A 368 page typescript with mss corrections, footnotes, index and maps, c. 1970. Divided into 43 chapters, with an introduction, this manuscript gives the author's reminiscences of the Masina Rule Movement in the Solomon Islands during the years 1944-47. Based on contemporary notes recorded in his personal diary and on other personal papers from the time, Davies constructs an account of Masina rule from the viewpoint of the British colonial administrators. Also included on this reel is a 45 page typescript by Davies entitled The Marching Rule and the British Solomon Islands Government, dated April 1980.
AU PMB MS 1092
Title: Executive Committee and Finance Board minutes
Date(s): 1921-1934 (Creation) Melanesian Mission
Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm

AU PMB MS 1096
Title: Excerpts from Sister Harkness’ diaries relating to her service with the Methodist Overseas Mission in the Solomon Islands
Date(s): 15 Jul 1941-7 May 1957 (Creation) Sister Effie Harkness
Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Sister Harkness, who followed her family’s missionary tradition, was a teacher with the Methodist Mission in the Solomon Islands from 1937 to 1957. Index to the diaries of Sister Effie Harkness, 1941-1957, compiled by Mrs Nancy Carter, together with entries from 18 volumes of Sister Harkness’s diaries dealing with the her time in the Solomon Islands. See reel list for details.

AU PMB MS 1097
Title: Foreign Mission Executive minute books
Date(s): 8 Jan 1925-15 Dec 1931 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Methodist Overseas Mission
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: The Methodist Church in New Zealand sent its first missionaries to the Solomon Islands in 1902, and since then has also sponsored missionaries in Papua New Guinea. See also Overseas Mission Department minute books, 1903-1955, at PMB MS 520-525.

AU PMB MS 1098
Title: Excerpts from Sister Lee’s diaries relating to her service with the Methodist Overseas Mission in the Solomon Islands
Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Sister Ada Lee was a very influential teacher with the Methodist Mission in the Solomon Islands. She was stationed at Roviana with Sister Lina Jones from her arrival in the Solomons in 1934 till July 1937 when she was transferred to Bougainville. Absent in NZ during the War years, Sister Ada Lee returned to the mission station at Koau, Buin, in southern Bougainville early in 1947. She took leave in NZ from 1948 till 1952 for family reasons and returned to Koau in 1952. Sister Lee was Principal of the Kihili Girls School at Buin from its establishment in 1956 till her retirement in 1966. Contains eleven volumes of diaries. See reel list for details.

AU PMB MS 1100
Title: Diaries (English translation from Roviana original)
Date(s): Oct 1940-Mar 1943 (Creation) Joseph Alege [Alenge]
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Joseph Alenge (1910-1969) was born at Piniri (Munda), New Georgia, Solomon Islands. He trained as a medical dresser by the Methodist Mission at Kokeqolo. He served the Church as dresser at Mono, part of the Shortlands group, for a number of years. In 1940 he joined the Government Medical Service as a dresser at Korovou, near Faisi and continued in this capacity after the War. In accordance with Methodist custom, he kept a work diary in English until after his capture by the Japanese. Of this the period from Oct 1940 survives. After his capture he began keeping a diary in his own language, Roviana, and of this some fragments survive. (George G. Carter, Ti E Varane: stories about people of courage from the Solomon Islands, Rabaul/Auckland, Unichurch, 1981; p.165) Contains notes on Joseph Alenge; Copies of letters of Joseph Alenge; Letter of Rev. George Carter to Allen Rutter and reply re Joseph Alenge; Diary of Joseph Alenge (Ts., translation; annotations by Rev. George Carter); Ms. translation of the diary by Peter Sasabule.
AU PMB MS 1101
Title: Diary (original and transcript)
Date(s): May 1926-Dec 1934 (Creation) Rev. A.A. Bensley
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Rev. Arthur A. Bensley (1884-1974) was born in Christchurch, New Zealand. He was the first New Zealand Methodist Minister appointed to the Solomon Islands, taking over Bilua Station, at Vella Lavella, from Rev. Reginald Nicholson in 1921 and remaining at the station till 1934. He met and married Sister Constance Olds there. He mastered the Bilua language and did a great deal of translation work. For six years, he edited the NZ Methodist Mission’s children’s paper, *Lotu*. Following his retirement from the Methodist Mission in the Solomon Islands he held ministries in Morrinsville, Greymouth and Tauranga in New Zealand. He was supernumerary from 1950.

AU PMB MS 1102
Title: Diaries (photocopy of Roviana originals and English translations)
Date(s): Jun 1925, Feb 1936, Apr 1937, Mar-Sep 1942, Jan-Mar 1946, May-Dec 1950 (Creation) Job Tozaka
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Diary (photocopy of original); Diaries (Ts. translations of originals).

AU PMB MS 1103
Title: Diaries (photocopy of original and English translation)
Date(s): 1951-1956 (irreg.) (Creation) Daniel Ringi
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Daniel Ringi belongs to Buini Tusu, a village in the Marovo Lagoon. However, he moved out of his predominantly Seventh Day Adventist village to Patutiva (the headquarters of the Methodist Church in the area) once he became a Methodist. Well-educated, he served at various times on the local council. He wife, Lula, figures in these diary entries. His diaries also refer to the Rev. Paul Havea, a Tongan Minister. Daniel Ringi was one of Rev. Havea’s advisers and helpers. At first, the entries in the diaries are irregular.

AU PMB MS 1104
Title: Diary (Roviana original and English translation)
Date(s): May 1935-Jan 1936 (Creation) David Voeta
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Diary (possibly a transcript); English translation.

AU PMB MS 1105
Title: Diary (photocopy of original in Roviana)
Date(s): Jan-Apr 1937 (Creation) John Kevisi [?]
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: This diary, associated with the Methodist Mission in the Solomon Islands, was found with Job Tozaka’s diary (see PMB MS 1102)

AU PMB MS 1106
Title: Diary (photocopy of original) and index, together with correspondence, press cuttings and other documents including Rev. J.R. Metcalfe, “The Gizo Scuttle”.
Date(s): Dec 1938-Mar 1940, Nov 1941-Feb 1943 (diary); 1942-1978 (correspondence, press cuttings and other documents) (Creation) Sister Merle Farland
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Sister Merle Farland (1906?-1988) trained at Auckland Hospital. In 1938 she was appointed to a nursing position at NZ Methodist Mission’s Helena Goldie Hospital at Bilua, Vella Lavella. Most of the missionaries left the Solomon Islands in January 1942 when the Japanese first attacked Rabaul, however Sister Farland refused to leave on the grounds that a nurse was necessary to attend to the needs of Solomon Islanders and that, as she had just returned from furlough, she was the right person to stay. From Bilua she visited New Georgia, Simbo and Choiseul which were occupied by the Japanese at the time. For a time, Miss Farland ran a coast watching station herself. Travelling a good 100 miles by canoe through enemy lines she
was eventually evacuated by Catalina from Sege at the south end of New Georgia. After the War Sister Farland became a tutor sister at Lautoka Hospital where she was presented with a MBE for her services on 12 May 1947. *(Fiji Times, 14 May 1947)* Contains Sister Merle Farland’s diary, 1938-1940, 1941-Feb 1943 (photocopy of the original); Index to Sister Farland’s diary; “The Gizo Scuttle”, by Rev. J.R. Metcalfe; Press cuttings, 1942-1988; Correspondence, 1942-1944.

**AU PMB MS 1108**

Title: Correspondence with the government, 1926-1931 and with Dr Clifford James on wearing clothes in the tropics and hygiene, 1931

Date(s): 1926-1931 (Creation) Rev. Vincent Binet

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Rev. Vincent Le Cornu Binet came from the Channel Islands in 1916 to Choiseul where he served from 1917 till 1932 as a Methodist Minister, following in the footsteps of S.R. Rooney. Dr Clifford S. James was a medical missionary who served at Choiseul from 1928-1931. Well known in medical circles in the Pacific, he later served at the Anglican Hospital at Fauambu on Malaita. He died in New Zealand in 1967.

Contains letters to the government, Dec 1926-Sep 1931; Correspondence with Dr Clifford James on clothes, 1931.

**AU PMB MS 1109**

Title: Diaries (translations)

Date(s): 1927-1954 (Creation) Ishmael Ngatu

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Ishmael Ngatu was a leading figure in the Marovo Lagoon, Western Solomon Islands from 1914 to his death in 1955. He was probably about 70 years of age at the time of his death. The translations from Roviana were made by a variety of people, mainly Rev. E.C. Leadley, under the editorship of Rev. G.G. Carter. The original diaries were kept in the Western Pacific Archives and apart from the two microfilmed here have since been transferred to the Solomon Islands National Archives. Contains original diaries, 1938 & 1952; Ms. English translations of the diaries, 1927-1928, 1929-1931, 1933, 1935-1936, 1938-1942, 1945-1948, 1950; Ts. English translation of the Ngatu diaries, 1929, 1931, 1938, 1952; Notes on the Ngatu diaries; Further notes on 1933 and 1935 diaries; File of correspondence re the Ngatu diaries, 1976-1978.

**AU PMB MS 1110**

Title: Minutes

Date(s): Dec 1955-Nov 1972 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Methodist Overseas Mission Board

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Methodist Church in New Zealand sent its missionaries to the Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji. From 1922 until 1968 the administration of the Methodist Mission in the Solomon Islands, including Bougainville and Buka, was the particular concern of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The Overseas Mission Board (originally named, the Foreign Missions Board, and renamed in 1961) administered the activities of New Zealand Methodist missionaries in those territories. These minutes continue the series covering the period 1903-1955 which have already been microfilmed at PMB 520-525. Contains index to Methodist Foreign Mission Board minutes, Dec 1955-Dec 1963; Methodist Foreign Mission Board minutes, Dec 1955-Dec 1963; Methodist Foreign Mission Board minutes, Feb 1964-Nov 1972

**AU PMB MS 1111**

Title: General Secretary’s correspondence with the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District (indexed)

Date(s): 1952-1965 (Creation) Methodist Church of New Zealand, Overseas Mission Department

Extent and medium: 11 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The administration of the Methodist Mission in the Solomon Islands, including Bougainville and Buka, was the particular concern of the Methodist Church of New Zealand from 1922 until January 1968 when formal independence was granted to the Methodist Church in the Solomon Islands. This correspondence documents policy, personnel, resources and many other matters relating to the administration of the Solomon Islands District. This series is a continuation of correspondence between the
Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, Rev. Metcalfe and the General Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department, 1934-1952, microfilmed at PMB MS 927.

AU PMB MS 1112
Title: Branch manager
Date(s): 1925-1932 (Creation) W R Carpenter & Co. Ltd, Tulagi Branch
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: W R Carpenter & Company Limited was registered in Sydney in 1914. It was involved in buying and selling island produce including copra, cocoa, trochus, beche-de-mer, green snail shell and Fijian bananas. The company later developed shipping and pioneered an airline. Having built its trading strength in New Guinea and Fiji, the Company extended its operations to the Solomon Islands in 1922 where it established a Branch at Tulagi. The Branch was abandoned in 1942, but after the War some of the Tulagi Branch papers fell into the hands of Tom Elkington whose widow passed them on to Dr Judy Bennett. Contains: Inward correspondence, 23 Sep 1925- 5 Jan 1931; Outward correspondence, 19 Oct 1925-3 Jul 1929; 14-15 Dec 1930; Inspection reports and related papers, 1930-1932; Legal papers, 1925-1931; Undated and fragmentary papers.

AU PMB MS 1113
Title: Camohe: a history of four generations of the Carpenter family
Date(s): n.d. (1980s) (Creation) Ray Melrose
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: W R Carpenter & Company Limited was registered in Sydney in 1914. The company was founded by Walter Randolph Carpenter. He was subsequently joined by his brothers, J A and W H Carpenter and, still later, by his two sons, R B and C H Carpenter. The company was initially involved in shipping and trading island produce in Papua, including copra, cocoa, trochus, beche-de-mer and green snail shell. After 1920 it became involved in copra plantations in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea and extended its interests to the Solomon islands, and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. In 1938 it pioneered an air link between Sydney and Lae. After the War, in which Carpenters suffered heavy losses, the company was restructured as a holding company. In 1956, when R B Carpenter was Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Carpenter Group purchased the retail operations of Morris Hedstrom & Co in Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. This is a poor quality photocopy of the original, Ts., 97pp., given to the Bureau by Pepita Carpenter.

AU PMB MS 1120
Title: Archives
Date(s): 1905-1982 (Creation) Catholic Archdiocese of Honiara
Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: French Marists first reached the Solomon Islands in 1845. A decade on, the losses of this expedition were great: San Cristobel, Woodlark, Umboi and Tikopia had all been abandoned; nine missionaries were dead. Under the auspices of the Oceania Marist Province, missionaries re-entered the Solomon Islands in May 1898. Apostolic Vicariates were established in the North and South Solomons and a Vicariate of the Western Solomons was established in 1960. After 1967 the Vicariats became known as Dioceses. Catholic development was directed from the Mission Station at Visale Station, Guadalcanal, before World War II, and from Honiara after the war. Though the Marist Fathers stayed at their posts during the war many records were destroyed and surviving records were subsequently decimated by mould and termites. See also the Mission journal, Na Turupatu, 1911-1958, 1970-1971, at PMB Doc 423 and Oceania Marist Provincial archives re North and South Solomons at OMPA 361-400. Contains diocesan correspondence with the following Mission Stations: Ata'a/Ususue 1957-1967; Malageti 1953-1971; Tarapaina 1950-1970; Ata'a land 1961-1973; Makina 1971-1974; Rohinari 1972-1974; Avu Avu 1946-1981; Makina Marau District 1952-1977; Tsvu 1964-1970; King George VI School 1951-1954; Manivovo 1949-1967; Visale 1948-1953, 1961-1969; Buma 1927, 1947-1982; Rokera 1946-1968; Wanoni Bay 1945-1970; Buma land 1946-1981; Ruavatu 1944-1977; Yadina 1963-1970; Dala 1950-1976 (gaps); Tangarare 1943-1968. Together with correspondence held by the Wanoni Bay Mission Station, 1905-1957, and a box file labelled World War II, and history and customs.
AU PMB MS 1121
Title: Archives
Date(s): 1902-1994 (Creation) Levers Pacific Plantations Pty Ltd/Lever Solomons Ltd
Extent and medium: 10 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Closed till 2044 (except in special circumstances). Readers wishing to request access to this material should write to the Corporate Archivist, Unilever, Unilever House, Blackfriars, London EC4P 4BQ, United Kingdom. Levers Pacific Plantations Ltd was incorporated in England on the 20 May 1902 to acquire coconut properties in the Pacific region with the objective of ensuring a supply of copra to the oil mill of Lever Bros Ltd at Balmain in Sydney. The practice of shipping copra direct to Balmain continued until 1971 when crushing at Balmain ceased, after which the company sold its total production through the Solomon Islands Copra Board. Levers Pacific Plantations Pty Ltd was incorporated under the NSW Companies Act on 8 November 1928 when it acquired the assets of the original company. Levers Plantations Limited was incorporated under the Solomon Islands Companies Act on 30 December 1975 as a private company limited by shares. The name was changed to Lever Solomons Limited on 29 January 1980 when it was incorporated as a joint venture Company between the Solomon Islands Government and Unilever.

AU PMB MS 1139
Title: Papers relating to Levers Pacific Plantations Limited and related companies.
Date(s): 1894-1928 (Creation) Joseph Meek
Extent and medium: 4 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Available for reference but no part of the contents of this microfilm may be reproduced or used in quotation without the written permission of the Corporate Archivist, Unilever, Unilever House, Blackfriars, London EC4P 4BQ, UK. Joseph Meek was Chairman of Lever Bros Australia Ltd and Managing Director of Lever's Pacific Plantations Ltd, 1903-1924. An enthusiastic supporter of the copra industry in the Pacific, Meek purchased 51,000 acres of freehold land in the Solomon Islands for Lever's Pacific Plantations Ltd from Captain O. Svenson in 1905 for copra growing.

AU PMB MS 1150
Title: Correspondence
Date(s): 1890-1942 (Creation) South Sea Evangelical Mission, formerly Queensland Kanaka Mission
Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Florence Young commenced mission work among indentured labourers from the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu (New Hebrides) on her brothers’ sugar plantation and mill, Fairymead, near Bundaberg in Queensland, in the early 1880s. Steeped in the beliefs of the Plymouth Bretheren and influenced by the English Keswick Convention, members of the Young, Deck and Grant families established the Queensland Kanaka Mission in 1886 and extended it to various centres along the Queensland coast. Converts of the QKM returned to the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu at the turn of the century, among them Peter Ambuofa of North Malaita who appealed to the QKM for help. Two men from Queensland, Charles Pillians and Peter Schwiegert, came in response. Both died of malaria. Subsequently, in 1904, the QKM formed a Solomon Islands Branch and established a principal station at Onepusu on the west coast of Malaita in 1905. The Mission changed its name to the South Sea Evangelical Mission in 1907. Its activities were extended to Guadalcanal, Makira and Rennell Island and, after World War II, it commenced operations in the Sepik region in the Territory of New Guinea. (See John Garrett, Footsteps in the Sea: Christianity in Oceania to World War II, 1992; pp.82-87.) Contains general correspondence, 1890-1925, and Island Council matters, 1928-1950; together with letters-in from the following missionaries: Frederick Daniels, 1911; Jessie Deck, 1911; A. Hedley Abbott, 1913; Violet Sullivan, 1916-1941; Norman Deck, 1917-1942; Robert & May McBride, 1920-1941; M. Clark, 1924; H. J. Waite, 1924-1941; Miss Drummond, 1927-1931; Alan Niel, 1927-1938; Lilian Drewett, 1927-1937; David Humphries, 1927-1932; Lily Waiti, 1929; Mr MacDonald, 1929; Dorothy Read, 1929-1938; John M. Bee, 1930-1934; Robert Vance, 1930-1937; Ken Griffiths, 1930-1938; Joan Deck, 1930-1940; Andrew Cowie, 1937-1941.

AU PMB MS 1167
Title: Reports on land and related matters in Papua New Guinea
Date(s): 1960-1979 (Creation) Peter Sack
Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: These reports were gathered by Dr Peter Sack, Senior Fellow in Law, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, 1957-1998, as part of his research on land ownership systems and cultural patterns of inheritance and ownership which effect land tenure in Papua New Guinea. (see also PMB MS 1147). Contains a report by G.P. Nazareth on registration of customary land in the Solomon Islands, 1971.

**AU PMB MS 1168**
Title: Papers on Pacific Islands land matters
Date(s): 1945-1997 (Creation) Alan Ward
Extent and medium: 10 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Alan Ward is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Newcastle, NSW and contract historian for the Waitangi Tribunal, New Zealand. His Master’s thesis was on the East Coast Maori Trust, in the Gisborne region of New Zealand’s North Island where he was born and raised. During this research Ward became interested in customary Maori land tenure and its conversion to forms of title cognisable in the New Zealand courts and intended to facilitate land transfer and economic development. This interest lead to subsequent research on land tenure in the Pacific islands, particularly in New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea and to employment in land administration in the latter two countries. A small portion of these papers relate to politics and land matters in Australia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Africa, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Banaba, French Polynesia and Guadeloupe.

**AU PMB MS 1180**
Title: A research tribute by the Retired Officers Association of Papua New Guinea
Date(s): 1957-2000 (Creation) Captain Brett Hilder
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Captain Brett Hilder was born in Epping, Sydney in 1911, son of watercolourist J.J. Hilder. In 1928 he joined Burns Philp Ltd as a deck cadet, which took him to the Pacific Islands and Indonesia, then the Dutch East Indies. Ten years later he had become a ship's master. Captain Hilder was called up by the Navy in World War II, but quickly transferred to the RAAF where he flew Catalina flyingboats. After the war he returned to his former profession and captained passenger and cargo liners that traded between Sydney and the Solomon Islands, including the MV Malaita. During this period, Hilder started painting and drawing, producing many watercolour landscapes and portraits of the people and places he visited in both the Pacific and South East Asia. These were exhibited in Sydney, Melbourne, Port Moresby, Honiara and New York. He also wrote extensively on navigation, ports, islands and other topics, such as forestry and architecture, publishing in magazines such as Walkabout. Hilder wrote the book Navigator in the South Seas, published in 1961. In 1964 he became Senior Captain of Company with Burns Philp. Captain Hilder founded the Australian Institute of Navigation. Captain Hilder died in 1981, leaving a unique artistic legacy which is closely associated with the heyday of the Burns Philp era in the South Pacific. This research tribute was collated to accompany an exhibition of Captain Hilder’s paintings at the Annual Dinner of the Retired Officer’s Association of PNG in Sydney on 3 December 2000. The documents include lists of paintings and drawings, lists of profiles published in Pacific Islands Monthly, Hilder genealogical details, maps, magazines, invitations and catalogues to exhibitions, correspondence, charts, navigation charts, descriptions of islands, indexes, passenger lists, photographs and cards, and manuscripts of Brett Hilder, including a substantial work on marine phosphorescence.

**AU PMB MS 1187**
Title: Archives
Date(s): 1975-2000 (Creation) Solomon Islands National Union of Workers
Extent and medium: 4 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: The Solomon Islands General Workers Union (SIGWU), later known as the Solomon Islands National Union of Workers (SINUW), was founded by Bart Ulufa'alu and registered on 17 June 1975. Solomon Islands trade unions ran into immediate difficulties gaining recognition from employers and, following a large demonstration in Honiara in December 1975, a number of union leaders were fined and two, Bart Ulufa'ulu (SIGWU) and James Meafa'alu (GNEWU), were gaoled. Bart Ulufa'ulu won a seat in the
June 1976 general elections, as a candidate for the union-organised Nationalists’ Party. He consequently resigned as SIGWU General Secretary, staying on as an adviser to the Union. Joses Tuhanuku was elected as his replacement. Mr Tuhanuku went to Denmark for training from February 1977 till June 1978, however SIGUW’s registration was suspended from October till December 1977 on the grounds of misappropriation of funds (later disproved). By the time Joses Tuhanuku returned to Honiara the Union’s membership had dropped from 6,000 to 300. However strong organisation among plantation workers over the next few years produced collective agreements with Unilever’s palm oil operation in Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands Plantations Ltd, and two other Unilever subsidiaries, Levers Pacific Timbers Ltd and Levers Pacific Plantations Ltd. By 1980 the union had rebuilt its membership to 10,000, half the Solomon Islands workforce. The name of the union was altered to Solomon Islands National Union of Workers at the at the AGM in April 1980, reflecting the Union’s national representation of workers in various categories in almost all industries in the Solomon Islands. (From Joses Taungenga Tuhanuku, ‘Trade Unions and Politics’, in Peter Lawrence and Sue Tarua (Eds.), Solomon Islands Politics, Suva, USP Institute of Pacific Studies, 1983. Contains Bart Ulufa’ulu’s SIGUW correspondence, Apr-Dec 1975; National Council minutes, 1984-1999; annual returns, 1976-1980; financial returns, 1983-1988; press releases, 1982-1992; correspondence re collective agreements with Foxwood (SI) Timbers Ltd, Honiara Town Council, Levers Solomons Ltd, Lever pacific Timbers, Solomon Islands Plantations Ltd, Solomon Taiyo, Solomon Islands Ports Authority; Trades Disputes Panel Awards, 1984-2000. See Reel List for details

AU PMB MS 1189
Title: Papers on the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu
Date(s): 1881-1993 (Creation) Sir Colin Allan
Extent and medium: 11 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Born in Wellington, New Zealand, 23 October 1921, Sir Colin took a BA (1943) and MA (1945) at Canterbury University and a Diploma in Anthropology at Magdalene College, Cambridge. He served with the NZ army (1942-44) and with the British Solomon Islands Defence Force (1945). Sir Colin was appointed in 1945 as an Administrative Cadet in the British Colonial Service and spent a brief training period in the Western District of Fiji. Transferred to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, he served first as District Officer Nggela, Western Solomons, then D.O. and District Commissioner Western (1946-1948), D.O. Choiseul and Ysabel (1948), D.O. Malu’u (1949) and finally District Commissioner Malaita (1950-1952) at the time of the Marching Rule. He was appointed by the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific to be Special Lands Commissioner on 10 July 1953. In 1954 Sir Colin was seconded to the Western Pacific High Commission Secretariat as Senior Assistant Secretary, Finance and Development. Here Sir Colin completed the report of the Solomon Islands Special Lands Commission on 17 June 1957. He served as Secretary of the BSIP Agriculture and Industrial Affairs Board (1956-57), Chaired the BSIP Copra Marketing Board (1957-58) and represented the UK on the South Pacific Commission Research Council (1958). In 1959 Sir Colin transferred to Port Vila where he was appointed Assistant British Resident Commissioner of the New Hebrides Condominium (1959-66) and then Resident Commissioner (1966-73). Sir Colin was appointed Governor and Commander in Chief of the Seychelles (1973-76) and then Governor of the Solomon Islands (1976-1978) at the time of their independence. He was the last High Commissioner of the Western Pacific. Sir Colin was knighted in 1977 and retired from his illustrious career in 1978. Sir Colin had a close association with Professor Jim Davidson and other members of the faculty in Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies and the National Centre for Development Studies, having been a Visiting Fellow in the Australian National University for a time. His publications include Customary Land Tenure in the Solomon Islands, 1958, based on the report of the Special Lands Commission, Constitution Making in New Island States, 1982, and Solomons Safari, 1989.

AU PMB MS 1190
Title: Papers on Provincial and Local Government in the Solomon Islands
Date(s): 1962-1982 (Creation) Joan M. Herlihy
Extent and medium: 13 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Joan Herlihy was an adviser to the Solomon Islands Special Committee on Provincial Government which met in November 1978, shortly after independence. The Committee produced a report in January 1979, Decentralisation and Provincial Government: Solomon Islands, which was the basis for
provincial and local government arrangements in the Solomon Islands for the next 20 years. Frustration with centralisation of political power in Honiara was a concern of the Committee and remains a concern in the Solomon Islands, as indicated by the civil conflict in 2000-2001. Dr Herlihy's PhD thesis, *Always we are last: a study of planning, development and disadvantage in Melanesia*, was submitted at the ANU in 1981.

**AU PMB MS 1201**
Title: Registers of Baptisms  
Date(s): 1886-1973 (Creation) South Sea Evangelical Mission, formerly Queensland Kanaka Mission  
Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm  
Description: See also SSEM correspondence, 1890-1946, at PMB MS 1150; *Not in Vain*, 1887-1995, at PMB DOC 439; *Despatches from the SEM*, Mar 1932-Jul 1956, at PMB DOC 440; and *Solomon Soldiers’ News*, 1945-1966, at PMB DOC 441. Contains baptism registers and *Grammar Notes and English-Makira Vocabulary WB* [Wanoni Bay], arranged by Miss Waterson. Ts., carbon; c.80pp., (first page missing), 1931.

**AU PMB MS 1205**
Title: Legal papers, agreements, reports, notes and press cuttings on Islands  
Date(s): 1840-1914 (Creation) Pacific Islands Company Ltd: Pacific Phosphate Company Ltd  
Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm  
Description: See PMB MS 1174 and 1175 for administrative history of the Pacific Islands Co Ltd and the Pacific Phosphate Co Ltd. Contains PIC, Sydney, correspondence with London, 1897-1898; deeds, leases, accounts & other documents, 1877-1902; PIC articles of association, 1897 & 1902; notes on islands, 1840-1915; PIC prospectus, 1893-1896; Solomon Islands concession, 1903-04; Ocean Island Crown Lease, 1901; PIC agreement with Jaluit Gesellschaft, 1901; PIC Reports to Directors, 1899-1904; Copra Co Ltd estimates, 1893; PIC notice of purchase of Henderson & Macfarlane, 1898; Jaluit Gesellschaft Nauru concession, 1888; PIC press cuttings, 1886-99; PIC contracts, 1898-1902; Capt. Langdale, Account of Rob Roy expedition to the Solomon Islands, 1900.

**AU PMB MS 1210**
Title: Registers of Melanesian Indentured Labourers,  
Date(s): 1887-1913 (Creation) Deutches Handel Und Plantagen Gesellschaft  
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm  
Description: The copra trade was the core business of the Deutches Handel und Plantagen Gesellschaft. The company had monopoly recruiting rights enabling it to draw labour for its plantations in Samoa from the eastern New Guinea islands and the northern Solomon Islands. The labour registers give the number and name of the labourer, his or her village and district. The registers also note the plantation on which the labourer worked and transfers to employment elsewhere. If applicable, the date and cause of death is noted. There was a high mortality. Otherwise the register notes the date of return. There is also a column for further notes.

**AU PMB MS 1216**
Title: Report on Education in the British Solomon Islands  
Date(s): Mar 1940 (Creation) W.C. Groves  
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm  
Description: William Charles Groves, B.A. (Melb), Dip.Ed., F.R.A.I. (1898-1967) was a Supervisor of Education in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea from 1922 till 1926. He carried out anthropological work in the Western Pacific, including New Guinea, from 1931 till 1936, as a Research Fellow in Social Anthropology under the Australian National Research Council. He was Director of Education in Nauru from 1937 till 1938 and Advisor on Education in the Solomon Islands from 1939 till 1940. After World War II he was appointed Director of Education in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea (TPNG) and remained in that post till 1958.

**AU PMB MS 1244**
Title: Correspondence from the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu  
Date(s): 1930-1948 (Creation) Sister Helen Leishman  
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Mary Helen Margaret Leishman was born at Bunbury Western Australia on 17 April 1902. She died on 7 May 1995 in Launceston, Tasmania. Helen Leishman gave 22 years service to the Anglican Church’s Melanesian Mission in the Solomons and New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) as both lay missionary nursing sister, then as a member of the religious sisterhood, the Community of the Cross. That Community corporately moved to the Roman Catholic church in July 1950, after which Helen Leishman spent more than 38 years in a Carmelite Monastery in Tasmania. Helen Leishman trained as a nurse in Perth WA, completing her midwifery in Adelaide SA. While living and working in Perth she heard a clergyman preach on the work of the Anglican church's overseas missions. Some time later, on an impulse, she enquired about missionary life, was accepted on the spot, sent to Mission headquarters, Siota, Solomon Islands for training, then was assigned to a school in the New Hebrides. Her enculturation programme was conducted by the Community of the Cross, an Anglican Sisterhood of three members established only a year previously. She subsequently joined the Community. She taught in the Community's school, was nurse, dentist, midwife and otherwise multi-skilled member of the Community, became the de facto mother of the babies taken in as orphans, taught personal and community hygiene and mothercraft to the older students at the school, trained indigenous women who joined the Community in hygiene, child care, midwifery and other elementary medical skills. Either alone, or with colleagues (mostly one or two Taina), she worked in remote locations, went periodically to distant islands to preach Christianity, teach, and attend to the sick. She was in the Solomons during World War II when the Japanese invaded, remained in seclusion in the mountains under the protection of the indigenous people until after the battle of Guadalcanal, when evacuated to the New Hebrides. After some years back in the Solomons the Sisters decided to join the Roman Catholic church, an event described by Mother Margaret Wilson, the Community Superior (see PMB 145). (From T.W. Campbell, “The Hidden Lives of Helen Leishman”, Women-Church, 33, Spring 2003.)

**AU PMB MS 1253**
Title: Papers on the South Sea Evangelical Mission in the Solomon Islands
Date(s): 1907-1957 (Creation) J. Northcote Deck
Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: John Northcote Deck came to Sydney from New Zealand with his parents in 1877. In 1908, he visited the work in the Solomon Islands of the South Sea Evangelical Mission conducted under the aegis of his aunt, Florence Young, and felt called to join the Mission. For the next nineteen years, he served as the SSEM's first medical missionary, travelling among the islands of the Solomon group in the mission’s vessel Evangel.

**AU PMB MS 1275**
Title: Papers on constitutional development in the Pacific Islands
Date(s): 1901-1985 (Creation) C.J. Lynch
Extent and medium: 8 reels; 35mm microfilm
C.J. (Joe) Lynch was born on 6 June 1924 in Albury, New South Wales. He married Jean Marian Lane and had one daughter, Elizabeth. Joe Lynch died in May 1985. Joe Lynch was admitted as Barrister, Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1949. He worked as a legal officer at the Department of Territories from 1949-1952. He worked as a legal officer at the Department of Law in Papua New Guinea from 1952 and was the Deputy Crown Law Officer and Assistant Secretary from 1955. From 1961 he worked as a legislative draftsman and drafted the constitutions of Papua New Guinea and Tuvalu (finalised after his death). He also completed post constitutional drafting for Kiribati and pre-constitutional drafting for the Marshall Islands. Joe Lynch was the Constitutional Draftsman and Special Legislative Counsel in Papua New Guinea from 1972 until Independence. He continued to undertake work on legislation for Papua New Guinea until around 1978. He was also the Acting Secretary for Law on several occasions. The documents are arranged by country, including the Solomon Islands: No.15).

**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. Fred Jones had wide interests, see for example, H.G. Beasley and F.L. Jones, ‘Notes on Red Feather Money from Santa Cruz Group, New Hebrides’, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Vol.66, Jul-Dec 1936. 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.

AU PMB MS 1290
Title: Papers on the Solomon Islands and other Pacific Islands
Date(s): 1879-1927 (Creation) Charles Morris Woodford
Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Charles Morris Woodford was born in 1852 and educated at Tonbridge School in England. He settled in Suva about 1882 and from Fiji visited Kiribati (the Gilbert Islands group), as Government agent on the ketch Patience. In 1886, as a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society he made the first of three successive explorations of the Solomon Islands, especially Guadalcanal, where he was the first white man to penetrate the interior to any distance, collecting natural history specimens for the British Museum. His experiences are described in his book A Naturalist Among Headhunters (1890). In 1895 Woodford became Acting Consul and Deputy Commissioner at Samoa, and in the following year, a part of the Solomon Group having been made a British Protectorate, he was appointed the first Resident Commissioner, a post which he retained until his retirement in 1914. His later years were spent in Sussex. Woodford contributed an account of his visit to the Gilbert Islands to The Geographical Journal in 1895, and a note on Ontong Java in 1909. In 1916 he read a paper to the Royal Geographical Society on Polynesian settlements in the Solomon Islands, published in the Journal in 1926. Woodford helped elucidate the narratives of Mandaña’s discovery of the Solomon Islands by identifying places visited by the Spaniards and taking photographs for inclusion in the Hakluyt Society publications. He also published papers in the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, of which he was a Fellow.

AU PMB MS 1292
Title: Papers relating to the Western State movement, Solomon Islands
Date(s): 1999-2001 (Creation) Ian A. Scales
Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Papers gathered on field research during the political crisis in the Solomon Islands. Some of the results of Dr Scales research have been published, see Ian Scales (2007) “The coup nobody noticed: the Solomon Islands Western State Movement in 2000”, Journal of Pacific History 42(2): 186-209.

AU PMB MS 1301
Title: Selected Archives
Date(s): 1863-1932 (Creation) Church of Melanesia (Anglican Church in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Norfolk Island, New Zealand and Australia)
Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: In 1854, at the recommendation of Bishop George Augustus Selwyn, Melanesia was created as a separate "See" which Bishop Selwyn toured in 1857 in the mission ship Southern Cross, visiting sixty-six of the islands. John Coleridge Patteson was consecrated Bishop of Melanesia in 1861. Patteson and several of his companions were killed on 20 September 1871 on the island of Nakapu, in the Santa Cruz group, after slave-raiders had visited the area. In 1867, the Mission college at Mission Bay, Auckland, moved to Norfolk Island. In 1919 it moved to Siota, Gela Island, and in 1970 to Guadalcanal where in became known as Bishop Patteson Theological Centre (later college), Kohimarama. The first Melanesian to be an ordained priest was George Sarawia from Mota Island, New Hebrides (Vanuatu) in 1873. Charles Elliot Fox joined the staff of the Anglican Melanesian Mission in 1903. During more than seventy years of service as a missionary and teacher, Fox lived and worked in most of the islands of the Solomon chain, on the Banks, and in the New Hebrides. Ini Kopuria formed the Melanesian Brotherhood in 1925. The first two Melanesian bishops were Dudley Tuti from Ysabel and Leonard Alufurai from Malaita. They were consecrated in Honiara in 1963. The Church of Melanesia was inaugurated in 1975. Contains Rev. Dr Charles E. Fox, Diaries, 1950-1963 (gaps);

**AU PMB MS 1316**
Title: Solomon Islands languages collection: Manuscripts and old prints collected in Malaita by Fr Donatien Coicaud Sm and Fr Chris Kamphuis Sm.
Date(s): 1918-1996 (Creation) Fr Jan Snijders
Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: The Marist missionaries involved in the collection of these documents are: Donatien Coicaud (1884-1957); Christian Kamphuis (1916-2006); Rinaldo Pavese; Alois Brugmans (1899-1985); Jan Snijders (1928-—). The French Marist priest Donatien Coicaud joined his brother Jean in the Solomon Islands in 1912. In 1914 Donatien founded the mission of Buma, Central Malaita, where he stayed until his death. He was active all over North and Central Malaita. In the 1930’s boys from all the villages he visited came to the boarding school in Buma. Father Coicaud taught them to read and write in their own languages and he had them write down the stories they had heard at home, each in his own language. They also at times translated parts of the catechism, Christian doctrine or Bible stories, probably from texts in the Gari language from Guadalcanal. Fr. Coicaud kept the best manuscripts carefully as source material for his study of the Malaita languages. Some were typed out later on. He had also collected other language documents from the other churches active in the area.

**AU PMB MS 1342**
Title: Reminiscences of voyages in the Pacific Ocean
Date(s): 1860s (Creation) Alfred William Martin
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. He then sailed on the Thomas Brown, Capt T.H. Brown, a freighter working between Melbourne and Adelaide. Subsequently Martin sailed a schooner, Jeannie Darling, 80 tons, owner Darling formerly a boat builder in Hobart, carrying timber and other goods between Melbourne and Schnapper Point (Mornington). In Melbourne Martin joined the crew of a Brigantine, El Zéfiro (300 tons, Callao), Capt Manuel Diaz Garcias of Peru, smuggling opium to the China trade via Gilolo Island, Surgiao and Manila; smoking bêche-de-mer at Ponape; trading in the Marshalls, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Niue, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji; trading for sandalwood in the New Hebrides; sailing onwards through the Banks Islands, Santa Cruz, San Christobal, Malaita, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and back to Manila via the Moluccas and Celebes. El Zéfiro then sailed for Bougainville, reinforced with Bougainville warriors carried out a blackbirding raid in Aoba (Ambae) in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu), then sailed on to South America, touching at the Marquesas and Gallapagos Islands, selling the New Hebridean slaves at Mollendo in Peru.

**AU PMB MS 1359**
Title: Selected archives
Date(s): 1852-1942 (Creation) Church of Melanesia (Anglican Church in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Norfolk Island, New Zealand and Australia)
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: See PMB MS 1301. Documents in the pre-1975 archives of the Church of Melanesia were deposited on 2-4 Feb 1981 and are now held in the National Archives of the Solomon Islands. The documents copied include Bishop George Selwyn’s navigational plot book (1852-1857), the diary of Mr
Charles Hunter Brown who accompanied Bishop John Richardson Selwyn on the “Southern Cross” (Apr-Sep 1877), a five volume diary by Rev. David Ruddock (1880-1884) and Mr. Philip Walsh’s (an Auckland priest, artist and architect) notebook (1880-1890). Twentieth century documents include a diary by Canon Richard Godfrey (1918-1932) which includes folk-lore stories of Opa [sic.], New Hebrides and correspondence between General Secretary MM and Miss H.R. Blake re: establishment of Fauabu Clinic (1930-1942). The collection also includes historical papers relating to the history of the Church of Melanesia in Norfolk Island (1926-1938).

AU PMB MS 1360
Title: Archives
Date(s): 1975-2009 (Creation) Solomon Islands YWCA
Extent and medium: 4 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: The Solomon Islands YWCA was established in 1975 and became operational in 1978. It is one of the oldest indigenous controlled non-government organisations in the Solomon Islands. The Solomon Islands YWCA is affiliated with the World YWCA. The purpose of the Solomon Islands YWCA is to develop the leadership and collective power of young women and girls around the Solomon Islands to achieve justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and sustainable environment for all people. The Solomon Islands YWCA has provided a wide range of services and programs for Solomon Islands women including the YWCA hostel, the YWCA kindy and programs for young people. The Solomon Islands YWCA archive includes correspondence, the Constitution, Board and Executive meeting agendas, papers and minutes, funding and grant applications and reports, financial statements, reports and addresses by the President, annual reports and press releases.

AU PMB MS 1361
Title: Theses for the Diploma in Theology, Bachelor of Theology, and other staff papers, Kohimarama, Solomon Islands
Date(s): 1970-1994 (Creation) Bishop Patteson Theological College
Extent and medium: 7 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Theses submitted for the Diploma in Theology, 1970-2010, the Bachelor of Theology, 2008-2010, Master of Theology (Suva 2008), PhD in theology (Auckland 2010) and some additional staff papers. Theses cover a wide range of topics beyond theology, including history, culture, economics, politics etc.; mostly concerning Solomon Islands but also elsewhere in the Pacific.

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 appointed as an Administrative Officer cadet in the British Colonial Service and was posted direct to the Solomon Islands in 1952. Following two months in Central District, he was posted to Malaita as District Officer Aoke to serve under V.J. Andersen. In November 1953 he was posted to Malu’u as District Officer. In August 1954 he was sent to the Devonshire Course in Cambridge. Confirmed in his appointment in March 1955 he was posted to Kira Kira in June as District Commissioner Eastern. In May 1959 he was appointed as Census Commissioner for the sample census organised by Dr Norma McArthur. In June 1960 he was appointed District Commissioner Malaita while Michael M. Townsend was on leave. A posting for six months as Assistant Secretary Social Affairs followed the six months in Malaita. Then he was posted to Western District as District Commissioner for a year. Following leave he was posted to Honiara as District Officer Guadalcanal in October then District Commissioner Central as from January 1963. On 1 January 1972 James Tedder was appointed to the new post of Director of Information and Broadcasting from which he retired in November 1974. While serving in Honiara he was Chair of the Tourism Authority, and at times Chair of the Copra Board. He belonged to the Broadcast Advisory, the University of South Pacific, Museum, and Library Committees.

AU PMB MS 1366
Title: Solomon Islands botanical index cards
Date(s): 1971-1974, 1982 (Creation) Margaret Tedder
Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Margaret was born in Maryborough, Queensland in 1925 and educated in local schools except for one year at Sommerville Brisbane. She has worked as a bank clerk, as a private tutor on a cattle property and did a year at Queensland University and a year of nursing. Margaret and James Tedder lived in the Solomon Islands from 1952 until 1974. During the last years of her residence there, after the children went to Australian schools, Margaret did a lot of bush touring carrying out research on plants used by the Islanders for medicines, cures and other purposes. Most of Margaret Tedder’s plant identifications were checked in the now defunct Forest Herbarium where she lodged duplicates of the plants. These may now (2011) held in the University of South Pacific Herbarium, Suva. On retirement to Australia in 1975 Margaret did a bachelor’s degree in University of Adelaide majoring in anthropology and Pacific history.

AU PMB MS 1368
Date(s): 1974 (Creation) Ian C. Heath
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Dr. Ian Heath submitted this thesis as a requirement for the Master of Arts qualifying course in the Department of History, School of General Studies, at the Australian National University, October 1974. He later completed a PhD at La Trobe University in 1979 titled Land policy in the Solomon Islands.

AU PMB MS 1369
Date(s): 1921-1983 (Creation) R.A. (Dick) Keevil
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Richard (Dick) Keevil was a British Colonial Serviceman from 1942-1971. In 1958 Keevil relocated, with his family, to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. He worked for the British Solomon Islands Protectorate Agricultural Department and initially lived in Auki, Malaita where he was to develop the cocoa industry. In the late 1960s, Keevil was transferred to Honiara to develop education services within the Agricultural Department. Keevil compiled and published articles in The Solomon Islands Farmer (see PMB DoC 530), local newspapers and presented radio broadcasts for the national radio network. He later collected and published Custom stories of the Solomon Islands (see PMB DOC 510) and instrumental in establishing the Solomon Islands National Agricultural show in 1969. Dick Keevil left the Government in 1971, bought land and established a farm and riding school at Henderson, 10 miles east of Honiara. In 1981 Dick Keevil wrote his memoirs in two volumes before returning to live in Australia. Memorabilia of R.A. Keevil includes unpublished memorabilia of Dick Keevil’s time with the British Colonial Service in Africa (1921-1957) and the Solomon Islands (1958-1983). The memoirs cover Keevil’s life pre-war, the War, Africa, the Solomon Islands and Australia.

AU PMB MS 1371
Title: Papers on town planning in Bougainville and Honiara, and Provincial administration in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, including PNG Constitutional Planning Committee papers
Date(s): 1962-1993 (Creation) Nigel D. Oram
Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Nigel Oram was an ethnologist and academic. In 1946, after military service in World War II, he read history at Oxford University. This was followed by a career in the British Colonial Service in East Africa and Uganda. In 1961, Oram helped set up the New Guinea Research Unit, Port Moresby, which was an offshoot of the Australian National University. His role was to undertake social research. To facilitate his information gathering, Oram learnt the Motu and Hula languages. In 1969, he was appointed a fellow at the University of Papua New Guinea, where he remained from 1969 to 1975. Oram returned to Australia where he taught history for nine years at La Trobe University and where, upon his retirement, he became an honorary senior research fellow. An extensive collection of Oram’s PNG research papers is held at the National Library of Australia (MS 9436).
AU PMB MS 1376
Title: “Taem bilong iume: Some notes on people and events in the post WWII British Solomon Islands Protectorate by a proud former resident”
Date(s): 2007 (Creation) Paul H. Brown
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Paul Brown first went to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate in July 1958. For 19 years he was based in Honiara. He helped to establish Solomon Island Airlines, SOLAIR, growing the business from two bush aircraft to a fleet and introduced flights to PNG and Vanuatu. He was involved in many areas of tourism and travel in the Solomon Islands. Paul Brown was initially asked by Ian Wotherspoon and Trevor Clark to contribute a chapter on early planters and traders and another on the development of the internal air service to a larger book called Taem bilong iume (De bilong mi) on the British Solomon Islands Protectorate prior to independence in July 1978. (See correspondence from Trevor Clark re: De bilong mi in PMB MS 1365/46). Taem bilong iume was never published. Paul Brown later edited his chapters and added more information to create this book. The book was privately written and published by Paul H. Brown and is not for sale.

AU PMB MS 1381
Title: Papers on the Solomon Islands and other Pacific Islands
Date(s): 1852-1927 (Creation) Charles Morris Woodford
Extent and medium: digital
Description: See PMB MS 1290.

AU PMB MS 1390 check
Title: Selected archives
Date(s): 1848-1974 (Creation) Church of Melanesia (Anglican Church in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Norfolk Island, New Zealand and Australia)
Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: See PMB MS 1301.

See also the New England Microfilming Project – microfilms of logs of whale ships, including those that visited the Solomon Islands, in the PMB Manuscript Series of Microfilms, indexed in Robert Langdon (ed) Where the Whalers Went, 1984.

PMB Printed Document Series of Microfilms

AU PMB DOC 62-98
Title: Les Missions Catholiques Lyon: Oeuvre de la Propagation de la Foi
Date(s): 1874-1950 (Creation) Les Missions Catholiques
Extent and medium: 36 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Published weekly, then fortnightly, then monthly, with annual index usually in the last issue for the year. Numerous articles and news items relating to French Catholic missions in the Pacific Islands.

AU PMB DOC 174-179
Title: Annales des Missions de la Societe de Marie, Afterwards Annales des Mission de L'Oceanie Lyons: Societe de Marie
Date(s): 1853-1940 (Creation) Annales des Missions de la Societe de Marie, Afterwards Annales des Mission de L'Oceanie
Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Published mainly for circulation among members of the Society of Mary. Consists chiefly of letters from Marist missionaries in the field. Changed title to Annales des Missions de L'Oceanie in 1896.

AU PMB DOC 180
Title: Correspondence des Premiers Missionnaires. Annales des Missions de L'Oceanie Lyons: Societe de Marie, 1895
Date(s): 1837-1855 (Creation) Annales des Missions de la Societe de Marie
Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm
Description: Supplementary volume to the Annales des Missions ... (see PMB DOC 174 and 194-198) containing letters written by the first Marist missionaries in the Pacific 1837-1855.

AU PMB DOC 194-198
Title: Annales des Missions de la Societe de Marie, Afterwards Annales des Mission de L'Oceanie Lyons: Societe de Marie, 1853-1921
Date(s): 1853-1921 (Creation) Annales des Missions de la Societe de Marie, Afterwards Annales des Mission de L'Oceanie
Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: See PMB DOC 174-179.

AU PMB DOC 215
Title: O Sala Ususur, Honiara, Solomon Islands: Melanesian Mission Press
Date(s): 1907, 1922-41, 1954-57 (Creation) O Sala Ususur
Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm
Description: Pre-World War II issues are in the Mota language of the Solomon Islands: post war issues are half in English.

AU PMB DOC 216
Title: Melanesian Mission The island voyage
Date(s): 1874-1877 (Creation) Melanesian Mission
Extent and medium: 1 reel with PMB Doc 217, 35mm microfilm
Description: Printed accounts of the annual voyages of the Melanesian Mission vessel Southern Cross to Norfolk Island, the Banks Group and Solomon Islands.


AU PMB DOC 401
Title: German Colonial Administration - German New Guinea Jahresbericht Uber Die Entwickelung 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. The reports, photocopies of the originals, are bound into 5 volumes. 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.

AU PMB DOC 414
Title: The Kakamora Reporter (Honiara, Solomon Islands)
Date(s): 1970 – 1975 (Creation) The Kakamora Reporter
Extent and medium: 1, 35mm microfilm
Description: The most vital role played by the newspapers [in the Solomon Islands] has been as a forum for public debate. The tradition was set originally by The Kakamora Reporter published between 1970 and 1975.
Set up as an alternative to the government-controlled media, the paper set about generating discussion on some of the main policy questions in the years leading up to independence.

**AU PMB DOC 415**
Title: The Solomon News Drum (Honiara)
Extent and medium: 6 reels, 35mm microfilm
Description: The Solomon News Drum was a weekly newspaper published by the Solomon Islands Government. A trial edition was published on 25 Oct 1974 followed by a further 366 issues published from 7 Feb 1975 till 7 May 1982. The name of the newspaper changed to the News Drum in July 1979. Its predecessor was the BSI News Sheet and it was succeeded by Solomon Island News.

**AU PMB DOC 416**
Title: Melanesian Nius/ the Kiokio Nius
Date(s): Jan-Mar 1977 (Creation) Melanesian Nius/ the Kiokio Nius
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: The Melanesian Nius and the Kiokio Nius were sister newspapers published irregularly in Honiara by the pioneer Solomon Islander journalist and newspaper proprietor, George Aitkin, prior to publication of his major weekly, the Solomons Toktok.

**AU PMB DOC 422**
Title: British Solomon Islands Protectorate News Sheet (Government Information Service, British Solomon Islands Protectorate, Honiara)
Date(s): 1955-1974 (Creation) British Solomon Islands Protectorate News Sheet
Extent and medium: 5 reels, 35mm microfilm
Description: The oldest and longest-running news publications are those put out by the Government Information Service. This goes back to the late colonial period when the administration brought out a regular news sheet for national circulation. This was progressively upgraded until 1975 when it was decided to turn it into a weekly newspaper called The Solomons News Drum (PMB Doc 415).

**AU PMB DOC 423**
Title: Na Turupatu Na Lotu Katolika (Solomon Islands)
Date(s): 1911-1958, 1970-1971 (Creation) Na Turupatu Na Lotu Katolika
Extent and medium: 3 reels, 35mm microfilm
Description: Na Turupatu Na Lotu Katolika was published by the Catholic Mission, Solomon Islands mainly in the Gari language of Guadalcanal.

**AU PMB DOC 424**
Title: Solomons Tok Tok
Date(s): 1977-1992 (gaps) (Creation) Solomons Tok Tok (Honiara, George Aitkin, Editor)
Extent and medium: 7 reels, 35mm microfilm
Description: The first private newspaper in the Solomon Islands after the Kakamora Reporter (PMB Doc 414) was Solomons Toktok, originally published as the Melanesian Nius and the Kiokio Nius (both at PMB Doc 416). It started in 1977 and continued publication until 1992. The Toktok might be described as the Solomons' first tabloid newspaper with its own version of sensationalist reporting (one early headline: 'Sex and Politics in Honiara - a husband's lament'). It came out in competition with the government-owned Solomons News Drum (PMB Doc 415) and was intended to have more popular appeal. (From Ian Frazer, "Solomon Islands Newspapers", in Pambu, Series 5, No. 5, May 1997.) See Reel List for details.

**AU PMB DOC 429**
Title: Solomon Star (Honiara)
Date(s): 1982-1987 (Creation) Solomon Star
Extent and medium: 4 reels, 35mm microfilm
Description: The Solomon Star was originally published as a regular Government Information Service news sheet. In 1975 it was turned into a weekly newspaper called The Solomons News Drum. In mid-1982 it was taken over by five Solomon Islanders and renamed the Solomon Star, and has run as a private newspaper ever since. See PMB DOC 429 reel list for details.

AU PMB DOC 430
Title: Solomon Islands Political Party Manifestos, Policy Statements, and Programmes of Action, collected by Dr Ian Frazer
Date(s): 1980-1993 (Creation)
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm

AU PMB DOC 437
Date(s): 11 July 1997 (Creation)
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: This document is the briefing paper for the Australian ministerial delegation to the South Pacific Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM) held at Cairns in July 1997. The report covers economic dilemmas in the Pacific, fiscal responsibility, resource management, public sector reform, health services and governance issues for each particular country and for the region as a whole. The backgrounds, beliefs and personal habits of Pacific leaders and finance ministers are also presented in a series of controversial character assessments. See entry on the Solomon Islands on p.77.

AU PMB DOC 439
Title: Queensland Kanaka Mission and the South Sea Evangelical Mission, Sydney and Brisbane
Date(s): 1887-1995 (Creation) Queensland Kanaka Mission and the South Sea Evangelical Mission
Extent and medium: 4 reels, 35mm microfilm
Description: Members of the Young, Deck and Grant families established the Queensland Kanaka Mission in 1886 and extended it to various centres along the Queensland coast. A Solomon Islands Branch of the Queensland Kanaka Mission was formed in 1904. It established a principal mission station at Onepusu on the west coast of Malaita in 1905 and changed its name to the South Sea Evangelical Mission in 1907. The Mission continued to operate in the Solomon Islands, and in New Guinea after World War II, till it was localised in the 1980s. This microfilm contains annual reports and financial statistics for the missions. See reel list for details.

AU PMB DOC 440
Title: South Sea Evangelical Mission (SSEM) despatches from the SSEM (South Sea Evangelical Mission, Melbourne and Sydney).
Date(s): Mar 1932 - Jul 1956 (Creation) South Sea Evangelical Mission
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: A Solomon Islands Branch of the Queensland Kanaka Mission was formed in 1904. It established a principal station at Onepusu on the west coast of Malaita in 1905 and changed its name to the South Sea Evangelical Mission in 1907. The Mission continued to operate in the Solomon Islands, and in New Guinea after World War II, till it was localised in the 1980s. Post-war issues of Despatches cover the political events in Malaita and include a special issue on “Marching Rule” (No.109). Early editions of Despatches were issued by A. Kenny, Melbourne Secretary of the SSEM.
AU PMB DOC 442
Title: Solomon Soldier’s News (South Sea Evangelical Mission, Sydney)
Date(s): 1945 - 1966 (Creation) South Sea Evangelical Mission
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: A Solomon Islands Branch of the Queensland Kanaka Mission was formed in 1904. It established a principal station at Onepusu on the west coast of Malaita in 1905 and changed its name to the South Sea Evangelical Mission in 1907. The Mission continued to operate in the Solomon Islands, and in New Guinea after World War II, till it was localised in the 1980s. Post-war issues of Solomon Soldiers’ News cover the political events in Malaita.

AU PMB DOC 456
Title: Journals of the Melanesian Mission (Anglican Church of Melanesia)
Date(s): 1958-2009 (Creation) Church of Melanesia (Anglican Church in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Norfolk Island, New Zealand and Australia)
Extent and medium: 2 reels, 35mm microfilm
Description: Includes journals published in the Solomon Islands and journals published by the Melanesian Mission in the United Kingdom. Titles include: The Melanesian Messenger; Melanesian Mission; Melanesia Today; and the Church of Melanesia Monthly Newsletter. See reel list for details.

AU PMB DOC 460
Title: British Solomon Islands Protectorate Agricultural Gazette
Date(s): 1945 - 1966 (Creation) South Sea Evangelical Mission
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: A Solomon Islands Branch of the Queensland Kanaka Mission was formed in 1904. It established a principal station at Onepusu on the west coast of Malaita in 1905 and changed its name to the South Sea Evangelical Mission in 1907. The Mission continued to operate in the Solomon Islands, and in New Guinea after World War II, till it was localised in the 1980s. Post-war issues of Solomon Soldiers’ News cover the political events in Malaita.

AU PMB DOC 473
Title: Lemankoa 1920-1980: A study of the effects of health care interventions on the people of a pre-industrial village in North Solomons Province, Papua New Guinea, Master of Public Health thesis, University of Sydney, Oct 1983, together with other papers by Dr Scragg
Date(s): 1971-1983 (Creation) Roy Frederick Rhodes Scragg
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: Professor Roy F.R. Scragg was a former Director of the Department of Public Health in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and was the first editor of the Papua New Guinea Medical Journal.

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.

AU PMB DOC 510
Title: Custom stories of the Solomon Islands
Date(s): 1972-1979 (Creation) Keevil, Dick., Craven, Anna., et al. (eds.)
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: Custom stories of the Solomon Islands were published in 5 volumes. In addition to these 5 volumes, a bound volume of stories collected by Father Peter Geerts and edited by Dick Keevil has also been
Dick Keevil lived and worked in the Solomon Islands from 1958-1983. Father Peter served in the Solomon Islands for 25 years, of which 20 were with the Are’ Are’ people. Father Peter learned the Are’ Are’ language and transcribed the stories as he heard them in the vernacular. Keevil made two copies of the bound collection of Custom Stories of the Solomon Islands, and gave them as a gift to his daughters in August 1999. See reel list for details.

**AU PMB DOC 530**
Title: The Solomon Islands Farmer
Date(s): Jul & Dec 1966, Mar 1968-Dec 1970 (Creation) Keevil, (Dick) R.A.
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: An incomplete set of The Solomon Islands Farmer, compiled by Dick Keevil, an editor of the journal, and bound into one volume. The Solomon Islands Farmer, The Newsletter of the Department of Agriculture prepared by the Agricultural Information Service, Honiara, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

**AU PMB DOC 531**
Title: District Commissioners’ Confidential Newsletter
Date(s): 1 Sep 1955-30 Apr 1973 (Creation) Resident Commissioners Office, Honiara
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: The District Commissioners’ Confidential Newsletter was distributed by the Resident Commissioner’s Office, Honiara, Solomon Islands, to District Commissioners as internal confidential memoranda. The title changed to Newsletter in 1962 and District Newsletter in 1968. Early issues were distributed monthly; later issues were intermittent. This set was retained by an officer of the British Colonial Service in the Solomon Islands from 1952 until 1974.

**AU PMB DOC 532**
Title: Transactions
Date(s): 1952-1956 (Creation) British Solomon Islands Society for the Advancement of Science and Industry, Honiara.
Extent and medium: 1 reel, 35mm microfilm
Description: 3 volumes published by the British Solomon Islands Society for the Advancement of Science and Industry, Honiara.