



Pacific Manuscripts Bureau titles documenting Vanuatu/New Hebrides (Other Records)

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Short titles and some notes only. See PMB on-line database catalogue at <http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/> for information sheets and detailed reel lists of documents microfilmed.

This finding aid does not include logbooks and related documents of whaleships which touched on the Vanuatu Islands. Such whaling documents have been microfilmed in the PMB Manuscript Series as part of the New England Microfilm Project.

See also Finding Aid on Vanuatu/New Hebrides (Church Records).

PMB Manuscript Series of Microfilms

AU PMB MS 1

Title: Diary

Date(s): 1 January - 31 December 1905 (Creation) Maurice M. Witts

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Maurice M. Witts, (1877-1966) an Australian who fought in the Boer War, went to the New Hebrides as a settler in 1904 after a brief sojourn in Fiji. With two cousins, Theo and Arthur Thomas, he planted coconuts in the Hog Harbour area of Espiritu Santo. He returned to Australia about 1913 and lived in the Moss Vale district until his death. The diary gives an account of the life of a copra planter in a remote part of the New Hebrides, and contains numerous observations on the natives of the Hog Harbour area.

AU PMB MS 8

Title: Diary relating to the New Hebrides

Date(s): 1 January - 15 August 1911 (Creation) Maurice M. Witts

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: See PMB MS 1. Besides giving a day-by-day account of the life of a copra planter, the diary records Witts' efforts, as a temporary commandant of police, to capture a New Hebridean outlaw named Thingaru who had been terrorising parts of Espiritu Santo.

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:

- Diary of a recruiting voyage in the schooner Lochiel from Brisbane to the New Hebrides from September 20, 1882, to December 29, 1882.
- 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.
- Two reports on voyages in search of pearl shell in New Guinea and the Solomons in 1899-1900.
- 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.
- Log of the Hamilton Pearling Company's station at Komuli from September 27 1902 to March 10 1903.
- 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 30

Title: Newspaper cuttings relating to the labour trade between Queensland and the New Hebrides

Date(s): 1890-1895 (Creation) John G. Paton

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: In 1892, Paton was Chairman of the Presbyterian New Hebrides Mission. He was a vigorous opponent of the Queensland labour trade. This archive contains newspaper cuttings relating to the labour trade between Queensland and the New Hebrides detailing, in particular, the iniquitous nature of the trade. The collection includes an open letter by Paton, Protest against the Revival of the Queensland Slave Trade, dated February 1892, to the Premier of Queensland, Sir Samuel Griffith, and Griffith's reply.

AU PMB MS 45

Title: Papers

Date(s): 1908-1967 (Creation) New Hebrides - Land ownership

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Correspondence and legal documents concerning the ownership by Europeans of an area of land at Nduindui, Aoba. The first owner was Eugene Wilbur, a Canadian, who settled on Aoba in 1870. Later owners were Frederick John Purdy & Co., F.B. Spooner Brothers (F.B. and George Spooner).

AU PMB MS 48

Title: Minute book

Date(s): 16 November 1962 - 9 January 1969 (Creation) Aoba Local Council - New Hebrides

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Minutes of the Aoba Local Council, in English, from its inception to January 9, 1969.

AU PMB MS 49

Title: Record of births at Nduindui hospital, Aoba, New Hebrides

Date(s): 1946-1956 and 1962-1969 (Creation) Churches of Christ Mission, New Hebrides

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The hospital at Nduindui is run by the Churches of Christ Mission. The record gives the name, sex, date of birth and parents' names of each child, with clinical details of the mother's labour.

AU PMB MS 50

Title: Papers

Date(s): 1927-1960 (Creation) William Torrie Robertson

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: William Torrie Robertson was a planter at Big Bay and Hog Harbour, Espiritu Santo, (New Hebrides), Vanuatu. Contents include:

1. Excerpt from Sydney Nichols Shurcliff's *Jungle Islands: The 'Illyria' in the South Seas: Record of the Crane Pacific Expedition of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, New York, 1930*, recording

the expedition's visit to Robertson (1928-1929) and giving details of Robertson's career and labour recruitment practices.

2. Declaration made by Robertson regarding the February, 1927, inspection of Kerr Bros Ltd plantation at Turtle Bay, New Hebrides, of which Robertson was then manager.
3. List of unexpired time of labour signed on with C.G.F.H. at T.B, giving each labourer's name, village, island and date his/her contract expired.
4. Letters to Robertson from various correspondents.

AU PMB MS 54

Title: Medical records

Date(s): 1947-1969 (Creation) Paton Memorial Hospital, Vila, New Hebrides

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description:

1. Record of Births and Deaths at hospital, 1947-1969.
2. Medical Statistics, 1965-1969.

AU PMB MS 55

Title: Records, accounts, notes, correspondence

Date(s): 1908-1969 (Creation) Kalsakau

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Kalsakau became chief of Fila Island in 1908 and held that position for many years. He was a member of one of the most notable New Hebridean families of Efate. His three sons, Graham, John and Makau are (1969) also outstanding members of the New Hebridean community. Contents include:

1. Lists of important dates and events in Kalsakau's career and family life.
2. Record of births and deaths (1908-1961)
3. Accounts relating to business, household and the marriage feast of his son Makau (March 1, 1945)
4. Record (September 1956) of visit by Gen. and Mme de Gaulle
5. Centenary Celebrations, Erakor, 1st May, 1945 - an account of the settlement of Erakor by the early missionaries.
6. School fees collected in 1943 - list of families and amount paid.
7. Lease of land owned by Kalsakau.
8. Celebration of the 105th Anniversary of the New Hebrides Presbyterian Mission, May 1, 1950.
9. Correspondence regarding residency of Fila Island Reserve.
10. Discipline book (1911-1943) in which fines and other punishments against members of Kalsakau's village are recorded.

AU PMB MS 87

Title: Newspaper clippings

Date(s): c.1891-c.1905 (Creation) New Hebrides - Description

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The clippings were collected by the Rev. T. Watt Leggatt, a Presbyterian missionary on Malekula, New Hebrides, for about a quarter of a century from 1887. The clippings relate to affairs in the New Hebrides generally.

AU PMB MS 134

Title: Reports on the New Hebrides

Date(s): 1902-1904 (Creation) Governor Edouard Picanon

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Reports on voyages to the New Hebrides in 1902 and 1904 of Governor Edouard Picanon, of New Caledonia; and miscellaneous papers on the exploration and economic development of the New Hebrides of that period.

AU PMB MS 196

Title: Logbook of the Barque Woodlark

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

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

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

AU PMB MS 415

Title: Logbook and diary

Date(s): 1868-1871 (Creation) Captain James Fowler

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Captain Fowler went to the Pacific in 1868 as captain of the London Missionary Society vessel JOHN WILLIAMS III. He was dismissed in 1871 because of his treatment of the islanders. The logbook begins on 12 November 1868 when Captain Fowler left London. It continues to 25 February 1869 when the JOHN WILLIAMS III passed Jervis Bay, NSW. It resumes on 30 March 1869 when the JOHN WILLIAMS III left Sydney for a cruise to the Pacific Islands, which extended to Tahiti, back to the New Hebrides and then to Raiatea before returning to Sydney on 31 December 1869. The cruise took in Raiatea, Tahaa, Huahine, Tahiti, Mangaia, Rarotonga, Aitutaki, Niue, Pago Pago, Apia, Aneityum, Mare, Lifu, Uvea, Tubuai and Savai'i. The logbook resumes again on 4 April 1870 when the JOHN WILLIAMS III was at Huahine. Subsequent calls were made at Raiatea, Tahiti, Mangaia, Rarotonga, Aitutaki, Manihiki, Rakahanga, Pukapuka, Mitiaro, Mauke, Atiu, Tutuila, Niue, the Tokelau, Ellice and Gilbert Islands, the southern New Hebrides and the Loyalty Islands. The JOHN WILLIAMS III returned to Sydney on 20 December 1870. Captain Fowler returned to England in 1871 in the ship BUCKLEY CASTLE.

AU PMB MS 496

Title: Diaries

Date(s): 1870-1871 & 1871-1872 (Creation) W.G. Farquhar

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Farquhar, a farmer of Maryborough, Queensland, visited New Caledonia, the Loyalty Islands and New Hebrides in the schooner City of Melbourne in November 1870-January 1871 to recruit labourers for himself and other farmers in Maryborough. He made a second voyage to New Caledonia, the New Hebrides and Banks Islands in the schooner Petrel in September 1871-January 1872 as a government agent under the Polynesian Labourers' Act of 1868. This archive contains a description of the two voyages mentioned above.

AU PMB MS 568

Title: Logbook of voyage in the Dayspring

Date(s): 5 May - 30 September 1871 (Creation) Frederick Shepherd

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The author was an officer in the Presbyterian Mission Vessel Dayspring. This archive contains the log of a voyage in the Dayspring (Captain W.A. Fraser) from Portland, Victoria, to the New Hebrides and Loyalty Islands. Calls were made at Aneityum, Aniva, Futuna, Tanna, Efate, Malekula, Mare, Lifu and Uea. The title page indicates that the voyage ended on 4 January 1872, but the pages covering the period after 30 September 1871 have apparently been lost.

AU PMB MS 569

Title: Extracts from 'The Tenor of My Life' (Autobiography)

Date(s): n.d. (Creation) Imamura Hitoshi

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: During World War II, Imamura Hitoshi was Japanese Army group commander with headquarters in Rabaul. His area of command included New Guinea and Bougainville. After the war, he was held responsible by the Australian military authorities for acts of brutality against Indian and Chinese personnel within his area of command. He was also tried and acquitted by a Dutch court in respect of actions that occurred within his area of command in the Netherlands East Indies. This is an English translation of parts of

Imamura's autobiography. The extracts include Imamura's account of his career in Indonesia and elsewhere before he took up his post in Rabaul.

AU PMB MS 593

Title: Correspondence

Date(s): 1898-1943 (Creation) Heinrich Schnee

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Heinrich Schnee was an official of the German colonial government. He was acting governor of German New Guinea in April-July 1899 and acting governor of Western Samoa in 1902. The descriptions used in the archives for the correspondence are as follows: *Ministere Marine et Colonies - Monografia* (5F 201) - *Narrationes* (5F 202) which include *La Terre Australe de Saint-Esprit*, a history of the Marist mission in the New Hebrides, published in 1912, and cuttings from *Le Neo-Caledonien*, 29/2/1888 relating to the New Hebrides, from *Le Journal des Nouvelles-Hebrides*, 26/10/1901 and *La Quinzaine Coloniale*, 25/5/1903; *Epistolae Historia* (5F 208) *Mortui*, listing the deaths of missionaries for 1852 and 1898-1931, with date of birth and place of death; SE 330 *Relations*, including an extract of Council Minutes for 5/10/1887, letters, a report by Fr Provincial on the New Hebrides mission 26/9/1913 (typescript 44pp.) and *Visite aux Nouvelles-Hebrides* 30 August - 4 November 1919 a report on mission stations and missionaries by J.B. Chevreuil; SE 418 *Mgr Doucere*, *epistolae* 1887-1919 (Continued on PMB MS 591). The correspondence is not in chronological order.

AU PMB MS 626

Title: Journal of voyage in HMS Basilisk

Date(s): January 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 969

Title: Miscellaneous botanical papers on the French Pacific Islands, including the Anglo-French New Hebrides (Vanuatu)

Date(s): 1841-1959 (Creation) Botany

Extent and medium: 6 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: A collection of published papers by many different authors on the botany of French Polynesia, New Caledonia and the New Hebrides (Vanuatu). The papers appear on the microfilms in alphabetical order by author, and are preceded by a full index. The authors are:

Reel 1: Balansa, Benjamin to Brongniart, Adolphe Theodore

Reel 2: Brongniart, Adolphe Theodore and Gris, Arthur, to Fournier, E.

Reel 3: Fournier, E., to Jardin, Edelstan

Reel 4: Jardin, Edelstan to Nadeaud, Jean

Reel 5: Nadeaud, Jean to Spring, A.F.

Reel 6: Theriot, J., to Vouaux, L.

AU PMB MS 1013

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

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

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Max Jenkins and three friends (Ken Furley, Raymond Brierly and Neville Sunderland) left New Zealand on Ken Furley's yacht Bounty for what was intended to be a nine month cruise in the South Pacific. The voyage began in May 1953 and ended two years later, via Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and

Australia, where they had left the *Bounty* a mere floating and scarred hull (manuscript p.211). To support themselves they engaged Trochus and green snail divers off Aneityum and worked on the Noumea wharf, in a Queensland timber town and on Lord Howe Island. Mr Jenkin's manuscript was written up in New Zealand just after his return in 1955. It is based partly on his memories of the voyage, and partly on his letters home and refers often to newspaper accounts of the voyage. The typescript, on foolscap pages, consists of 21 chapters (211 pages) with the following headings: 1. The ship and preparation; 2. A hard squall; 3. Tonga; 4. On the reef; 5. Vatoa; 6. Totoya; 7. Suva; 8. New mast; 9. Earthquake; 10. Another new mast; 11. Aneityum; 12. Tana; 13. Hurricane; 14. Shell diving; 15. Mare Island; 16. New Caledonia; 17. Brisbane; 18. Sailing for Sydney; 19. Sydney and Lord Howe Island; 20. Lord Howe Island; 21. Adrift on the Tasman.

AU PMB MS 1022

Title: Some memories of life on Tanna and Norfolk Island

Date(s): c.1911 (Creation) Ruth Mansel Dean

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Mansel Dean (1914-) was born in the Paton Memorial Hospital, Port Vila, Vanuatu, the daughter of David and Winifred Griffiths. She spent her childhood on her parents' plantation at Lenakel, Tanna, where they also owned the store. Her family later moved to Norfolk Island where they owned a banana plantation. The contents include:

- Mansel Dean's notes on her childhood years on Tanna, including references to local customs and her family life
- a photograph of her parents taken on Tanna
- copies of the birth certificates of herself and her sister Mary Winifred (the first white baby to be born on Tanna)
- a letter written by her mother about Christmas on Tanna.
- Repeated attacks of malaria resulted in the sale of the Tanna copra plantation to Burns Philp. Shortly after their arrival on Norfolk Island a disease decimated the banana palms.

AU PMB MS 1075

Title: Papers

Date(s): c.1883-1968 {Bulk: 1900-1913} (Creation) Witts Family

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Maurice Myles Witts was born in Bombala, NSW in 1877 and died in Moss Vale, NSW in 1966. During 1899-1900 he worked for the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. in Fiji. In 1900 he enlisted in the Mounted Rifles and fought in the Boer War, after which he was discharged as a Sergeant in 1902. In 1904 he moved to Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides where he established a coconut plantation at Hog Harbour. In 1904 he married Mabel Herring (born Sydney, 1877) on Santo. The Witts returned to Australia about 1913. See PMB MS 1 and 8 for diaries of Maurice Witts, 1905 and 1911. Contents include:

1. Diary of Mabel Witts, 7 February to 4 November 1909. Describes daily life at Hog Harbour, including the birth of daughter Helen in October 1909.
2. Family correspondence, business and other documents, 1900-17, 1931, 1941, 1968. Includes personal and official letters, printed material and other papers documenting inter alia: Maurice Witts' work in Fiji, 1900; Boer War service, 1902; planting activities on Santo, 1905; membership of the Legion of Frontiersmen, 1906-7; marriage in 1907; appointment as a police constable, 1911; and purchase of property at Wyong, NSW, 1911. Also includes letters from Witts to daughter Betty, 1931 and wife Mabel, 1941 and a letter from a firm of Port Vila Solicitors to Mrs Betty Tyler of Moss Vale re the ownership of Lathu Island off Hog Harbour, 1968.
3. Four family photographs: Mabel, c.1883 and c.1904; Maurice, 1956; and a group portrait of Maurice and two others, c.1905.
4. Printed map of Espiritu Santo with pencil annotations, n.d.

AU PMB MS 1091

Title: Business and family papers re activities in the New Hebrides

Date(s): 1899-1935 (Creation) Adolphus Zeitler

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Adolphus Zeitler's family came from Germany to Australia from California in the 1850s. Zeitler married Lizzie MacLeod. The papers are mainly concern the firm Zeitler & Hagen. The correspondence is mainly from Adolphus and Lizzie Zeitler's plantation, Ringdove Bay, on Epi, New Hebrides. Correspondence includes many letters from Nicholas (Tiby) Hagen, and also letters from Les Mitchell, Steve d'Avera and R. J. Fletcher. Contents include:

- correspondence-in, 1899-1933
- correspondence-out, 1921-1931
- mss and partial transcript of a diary kept by Lizzie and Adolphus Zeitler, 1919-1920
- journal of the launch, Overseas, 1913-1915
- formula book
- notebook
- personal, legal and medical documents
- miscellaneous accounts

AU PMB MS 1125

Title: Two texts in a language of Tongoa Island in the Shepherd Islands group, Vanuatu.

Date(s): 1944 (Creation) Dick Fak-ao Tinapua Mata

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: These documents are poor quality photocopies of the original manuscripts which had been collected by Kirk Huffman, the former Director of the Vanuatu Cultural Centre. The originals are now said to be missing. Natulakeana ni nawasiana ni tuai [The beginning of work long ago], 1944.

AU PMB MS 1126

Title: Bibliography of the New Hebrides Islands, 1610-1942

Date(s): 1610-1942 [compiled 1942?] (Creation) J.A. Ferguson

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Sir John Ferguson (1881-1969), compiler of Bibliography of Australia and a Trustee of the Library of New South Wales, had an interest in Pacific Islands bibliography, particularly relating to missionary work in the Pacific Islands. This is a photocopy of Ferguson's original manuscript cards, Bibliography of the New Hebrides Islands, 1610-1942, held in the National Library of Australia (MS3200/Box 16)

Part 1, 1610-1880

Part 2, 1881-1899

Part 3, 1900-1920

Part 4, 1921-to date [1942]

Part 5, Additions to bibliography of New Hebrides

AU PMB MS 1127

Title: Ledger

Date(s): 1903-1913 (Creation) J. W. Mansfield & Co (traders, Port Vila, New Hebrides).

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Mr and Mrs Mansfield had a copra plantation in Ambrym in 1902 (O'Reilly, H,bridais, p.264). The ledger is signed by: James W. Mansfield, W.M. Lockhart-Bell, the owner of a Port Vila boatbuilding firm, and Walter Tanner who was Port Vila Branch Manager for Burns, Philp & Co Ltd.

AU PMB MS 1128

Title: Miscellaneous papers

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

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Miscellaneous documents held in the National Library of Vanuatu. Contains:

- Photographs of the Presbyterian mission at West Ambrym before and after the volcanic eruption of 1913
- Final Report on Tropical Cyclone Uma (5-9 Feb 1987)
- Tavue: a collection of short stories from East Aoba

- Autobiography of Chief Silas Nari Leo Bule of Labultamata, North Pentecost, in Bislama transcribed and annotated by Masanori Yoshioka, Shinshu University, Sep 1984.

AU PMB MS 1129

Title: Lists of archives of the New Hebrides British Service and related records

Date(s): 1974 (Creation) Western Pacific Archives

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Western Pacific Archives, although located in Fiji, was a department of the Solomon Islands Government, jointly administered by the Deputy Governor and the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs. It was established in 1971 to take over control of the archives of British regional administration (the Western Pacific High Commission) and of local territorial administration (Resident Commissioners' and District Commissioners' Offices in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, Gilbert and Ellice Crown Colony and the New Hebrides Condominium). These are the National Archives of Vanuatu's copies (copy No.3) of the WPA's lists of the New Hebrides British Service (NHBS) archives, consisting of Lists Nos. NHBS 1/I Vols 2 & 3, and 1/II, 2-7, 9-16, 18 & 19 (of a total of 19 NHBS lists), together with List Nos. WPHC 2 & 31 of High Commission material relating to the New Hebrides, an unnumbered list of correspondence of the British Agent in North Santo and a list, the Vila Archives, of manuscripts and other documents relating to Vanuatu collected by the WPA. The NHBS and WPHC archives were transferred from Suva to the UK in 1978 and are still held by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (1998). The Vila Archives are held in the National Archives of Vanuatu.

AU PMB MS 1130

Title: Business diaries

Date(s): 1933-1942, 1950-1954 (Creation) Etablissements Ballande (trading operations in Port Vila and Santo, New Hebrides)

Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Comptoirs francais des Nouvelle Hebrides, a trading company operating in Vanuatu, was a subsidiary of the New Caledonian company, Etablissements Ballande, formed by the entrepreneur, Andr, Ballande. The diaries, which are in French, record day to day operations of Comptoirs francais des Nouvelle Hebrides in Port Vila and Santo. Contains business diaries for Port Vila and Santo from 1933-1954.

AU PMB MS 1131

Title: Business correspondence, 1915-1919, accounts and wages books, 1935-1943

Date(s): 1915-1919 1935-1943 (Creation) Ussher, J., (planter, Nguna, New Hebrides)

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: J. & N. G. Ussher were English planters who arrived in the New Hebrides in 1909. According to Patrick O'Reilly's H,bridais, they held a good plantation of 2,300 coconut palms at Nguna. Contains:

- Correspondence-out re stores and provisions, Mar 1915-Sep 1919.
- Accounts and balance sheets (possibly of NJ Ussher or W Anderson), 1935-1941.
- Wage book and copra production statistics (possibly NJ Ussher or W Anderson), 1939-1943.

AU PMB MS 1132

Title: Genealogies of the Shepherd Islands, Vanuatu, (by Island, village and family)

Date(s): 1930s (Creation) Unknown

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Genealogies (by island, village & family) of the Shepherd Islands, Vanuatu. Author unknown, 1930s.

AU PMB MS 1133

Title: Files on the John Frum Movement, Tanna

Date(s): 1947-1956 (Creation) New Hebrides British Service, Southern District Administration

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: New Hebrides British Service, Southern District Administration, files on the John Frum cultist movement in Tanna after World War II. Unfortunately part I of the file is not held in the National Archives of

Vanuatu. Contains: File No. 1/4 Part II John Frum movement, 1947-52; File No. 1/4 Part III John Frum movement, 1952-1956.

AU PMB MS 1134

Title: Travel journals

Date(s): Sep 1953-Jan 1956 (Creation) Michoutouchkine, Nicolai (Artist and collector, Port Vila, Vanuatu)

Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: From a family of Russian emigrants based in Paris, Nicolai Michoutouchkine set out travelling in the Near and Middle East, India and South East Asia in 1953. After a period of conscription and work in New Caledonia, Michoutouchkine wound up settling in Port Vila in 1961 with Aloï Pilioko, a Futuna Islander artist. They collected more than 6,000 indigenous art objects from right across the South Pacific which they have been exhibited, with their own works, in Noumea, French Polynesia, PNG, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Japan, Sweden, Russia and Central Europe, Taiwan and Indonesia. The journals record the comments, sketches and verse of the artists, political and religious leaders, and other people Michoutouchkine met on his travels. They also hold travel documents, correspondence, press cuttings, photographs and ephemera. As well as tracking Michoutouchkine's journey, the journals indicate the artistic influences he experienced and document aspects of his artistic development.

AU PMB MS 1135

Title: Monthly reports

Date(s): Dec 1966-Dec 1978 (Creation) New Hebrides French Residency

Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The reports were found in the grounds of the French Residency in Port Vila after it was vacated when Vanuatu gained independence in 1980. Photocopies have been lodged in the libraries of the University of Papua New Guinea, the University of the South Pacific and Canterbury University. Contents include the monthly confidential reports from the French Resident Commissioner in Port Vila to the Minister for Overseas Territories in Paris (in French), together with various other documents including translations of conference papers, press releases and political manifestoes.

AU PMB MS 1145

Title: Judgements of the Joint Court of the New Hebrides

Date(s): 1911-1977 (Creation) Supreme Court of Vanuatu

Extent and medium: 7 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Joint Court of the New Hebrides was established with the formation of the Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides in 1906, whereby France and Great Britain agreed by convention to govern this south west Pacific island archipelago as an area of joint influence (without partition). The civil and criminal jurisdiction of the Joint Court was defined by the Anglo-French Protocol of 1914 (ratified in 1922; see PMB DOC 438) enhancing the original protocol of 1906. In accordance with Article 12 of the protocol, the Joint Court had civil and criminal jurisdiction over indigenous New Hebrideans (ni-Vanuatu, referred to as "Natives" in the protocol), matters involving New Hebrideans and British and/or French citizens, or those of other nationality who opted to come under British or French jurisdiction ("optants"), and in matters between French citizens and British subjects. The joint court had one British and one French judge with a neutral president who was appointed by the King of Spain, but with the suspension of the Spanish monarchy in the 1930s, this practice ceased from that time. In accordance with article 20 of the protocol, the two administering powers also established their own national courts. Each had jurisdiction in civil cases not admissible to the Joint Court and in criminal cases where the defendant or the plaintiff were of the same nationality as the court (see PMB Doc 446). The Joint Court was abolished with ministerial level self-government in 1978 and replaced with the Supreme Court of the New Hebrides and in turn the Supreme Court of Vanuatu when the country attained full independence as the Republic of Vanuatu on 30 July 1980.

AU PMB MS 1151

Title: Historical summary of constitutional advance in the New Hebrides, 1954-1977

Date(s): 1978 (Creation) Keith Woodward

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Mr Keith Woodward, OBE, arrived in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu) as an Oxford graduate in 1953 to begin his career with the British Residency. He was subsequently promoted through the New Hebrides British Service and by the 1970s he had been appointed Secretary for Political Affairs coincided with rapid constitutional change in Vanuatu as the territory moved towards independence. The manuscript written by Mr Woodward documents, with compelling detail, these constitutional changes. Up until the 1950s the New Hebrides had no representative form of government. This began to change in 1957 with the formation of an Advisory Council and Mr Woodward provides an insightful overview into its composition and functions. However, most of Mr Woodward's manuscript concentrates on the constitutional changes that occurred in response to growing ni-Vanuatu (indigenous) demands for independence in the early to mid 1970s. These include the formation of a Representative Assembly comprised of a majority of elected members in 1975 to succeed the Advisory Council, the Vanuaaku Pati's (VP) (main independence political party) boycott of the 1977 elections and the subsequent proclamation of a Peoples Provisional Government (PPG), and the political movements as they established their respective constitutional positions regarding the transition to national independence. Mr Woodward's analysis of this crucial period in Vanuatu political and constitutional history provides an important framework in which to contextualise the last two turbulent years of condominium rule, independence in 1980 and the political climate of the early 1980s. Contains historical Summary of Constitutional Advance in the New Hebrides, 1954 - 1977; 77 typescript pages.

AU PMB MS 1153

Title: Manuscripts collection

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

Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Fiji Museum Reference Library holds manuscripts and archives transferred to the Museum from time to time. A section of these is microfilmed here at PMB MS 1153. Researchers should also note that further archives and manuscripts collected by the Museum have been transferred to the National Archivers of Fiji, including papers relating to the Fiji Arts Council, the Fiji Society, the National Trust and a large collection of papers relating to ornithological research undertaken by Fergus Clunie until the late 1980s. This microfilm contains "D Series" manuscripts held in Fiji Museum Library, including J B Thurston, "Journal of Voyage from Ovalau, Fiji, to the New Hebrides", 1871, and other Thurston papers.

AU PMB MS 1166

Title: Archives

Date(s): 1989-1999 (Creation) South Pacific and Oceania Council of Trade Unions

Extent and medium: 10 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Pacific Conference No.4 of the ICFTU/APRO held in Port Moresby in 1987 resolved that the ICFTU consider establishing a structure within the ICFTU that would provide a forum for the South Pacific and have an Oceanic identity. The conference also resolved that the ICFTU/APRO education program in the region should be expanded so that there was greater ability to plan and implement activities at the local level. As a result of those decisions the ICFTU/APRO education project was established in June 1988 with the appointment of a full-time educator. The project operated from a Brisbane office, located in the Queensland ACTU building. ICFTU/APRO Regional Conference No.14 held in Bangkok in 1988 endorsed the formation of specific structure for the South Pacific, including the appointment of a full-time executive officer to work alongside the project educator. It was resolved that an inaugural conference would be convened to formalise the establishment of the new body which replaced the Pacific Trade Union Forum and became known as the South Pacific and Oceanic Council of Trade Unions (SPOCTU). SPOCTU operated as the peak council of the trade union movement in the Pacific Islands, representing affiliated organisations in Fiji, PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Australia. Conferences were held every two years and an intensive program of training workshops was undertaken, often in conjunction with the Pacific office of the Commonwealth Trade Union Council. Contents include:

- Minutes of SPOCTU Conferences and Steering Committees meetings (ACTU copies), 1989-1999.
- ICFTU/APRO, Pacific Trade Union Forum and SPOCTU steering Committees, Conferences and Projects files, 1987-1998.
- Commonwealth Trade Union Council, Pacific Trade Union Education Liaison Committee: meetings, 1992-1996.

- SPOCTU Country files: Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Cook Islands, 1992-1998.
- SPOCTU Circulars to affiliates, 1990-1998.

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 recognisable in the New Zealand courts and intended to facilitate land transfer and economic development. This interest led 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. Almost half of this record group is concerned with PNG. 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 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. Reels 4-8, 10 and 11 contain material related to Vanuatu.

AU PMB MS 1195

Title: Reports on the Trade Union Movement in the Pacific Islands

Date(s): 1981-1997 (Creation) Australian Council of Trade Unions

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description:

- Jim Falk (University of Wollongong), A New Force in the Nuclear Conflict: the Birth of the Pacific Trade Union Forum, Jun 1981. Ts., p/c, 32pp.
- Michael Hamel-Green (People for Nuclear Disarmament), The Second Pacific Trade Union Forum Conference, Noumea, New Caledonia, 26-28 September 1982. A report on the background, proceedings and outcome of the conference, 1982. Ts., p/c, 22pp.

- Michael Easson (Assistant Secretary of the Labor Council of NSW), *Left and Labor in the Pacific*. Contribution to Hoover Institute, Stanford University, Seminar on 'The Red Orchestra in the Pacific', n.d. Ts., p/c, 65pp.
- R Hogan (Victorian State Secretary, Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union), Report to ACTU Executive on Pacific Trade Union Conference held at Auckland, New Zealand, May 18-May 20, 1986, 3 Mar 1987. Ts., p/c, 35pp plus attachments.
- Raghwan (Education Officer, ICFTU/APRO Pacific Office), ICFTU/APRO Education Project, Brisbane, Australia. 1. Report, Proceedings and Recommendations of the ICFTU/APRO Pacific Education Project Review and Planning Workshop, 26-18th April, 1989; 2. Conclusion of Steering Committee Meeting of the South Pacific and Oceanic Council of Trade Unions (SPOCTU), 28th April", 1989. Ts., p/c, c.60pp.
- Minutes of the ICFTU/APRO Pacific Structure Steering Committee meeting, Brisbane, Australia, 28 Apr 1989. Ts., 6pp.
- Michael Kinnane (Executive Officer, South Pacific and Oceanic Council of Trade Unions), *Trade Unions in the Island Countries of the South Pacific Region: an overview*, Jan 1990. Ts., p/c, 7pp., plus attachments.
- Michael Kinnane (Executive Officer, South Pacific and Oceanic Council of Trade Unions), *Trade Unions in the South Pacific: some observations*, 4 Sep 1990. Ts., 12pp.
- Pratap Chand, Ken Douglas & Bill Mansfield (South Pacific Union Development Program Steering Committee), *Review of the South Pacific Union Program*, May 1997. Ts., 30pp.

AU PMB MS 1214

Title: High Commission, Fiji, pamphlets

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

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Arthur Charles Hamilton-Gordon, first Baron Stanmore (1829-1912) was born in London and served from 1854 to 1857 as a member of the House of Commons. Gordon served as Governor of Trinidad (1866-1870), Mauritius (1871-1874), Fiji (1875-1880), New Zealand (1880-1882) and Ceylon (1883-1890). From 1877 to 1882 he also served as High Commissioner and Consul-General for the Western Pacific. This microfilm contains a collection of 33 pamphlets, bound in one volume, formed by Sir Arthur Gordon when Governor of Fiji and Western Pacific High Commissioner, consisting of parliamentary papers and printed correspondence relating to Western Pacific islands other than Fiji, including New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and the New Hebrides.

AU PMB MS 1243

Title: Isles of disenchantment: the Fletcher/Jacomb Correspondence: Letters exchanged between R.J. Fletcher and Edward Jacomb

Date(s): 1913-1921 (Creation) W.E. Stober (Ed.)

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The late W.E. Stober, formerly with the British Residency in Port Vila and District Agent on Santo and Tanna, prepared a book-length collection of the correspondence between R.J. Fletcher and Edward Jacomb, culled from the condensed version of Edward Jacomb's diary entitled, 'Successful Failure', held at the Library of the University of London. (which also holds Jacomb's complete diary under restricted access.) Will Stober points out that the Fletcher-Jacomb correspondence provides a counterpoint to the Fletcher's letters to J.G. Bohun Lynch published in *Isles of Illusion: letters from the South Seas* (Constable 1923). In 2004 the *Journal of Pacific History* published a version of Stober's introduction to the letters, edited by Deryck Scarr, together with a selection of the letters ('Isles of Illusion: letters from Asterisk to Mowbray', *JPH*, 39:3; 353-373).

AU PMB MS 1252

Title: Letter books

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

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description:

1. Leggatt, T. Watt, First printings in language of Aulua, Malekula [New Hebrides], 1890-1892.
2. Leggatt, T. Watt, Mission work in Malekula, New Hebrides, 1891.
3. Leggatt, T. Watt, Newspaper clippings relating to the New Hebrides, [ca.1891-ca.1905] [microfilm] Mfm PMB 87
4. Leggatt, T. Watt, Malekula, New Hebrides [1892]. 5. Leggatt, T. Watt, Nembu sa atua : Pagkumu ca Aulua, Malekula, New Hebrides, 1893.
6. Leggatt, T. Watt and Watt, Agnes C. P. (Agnes Craig Paterson), 1846-1894. Agnes C.P. Watt : twenty-five years' mission life on Tanna, New Hebrides / biographical sketch and introduction by T. Watt Leggatt, 1896.
7. Leggatt, T. Watt, Morning rays on Malekula [1897?].
8. Leggatt, T. Watt, Numene ta Apostol Hera, 1897.
9. Leggatt, T. Watt, First book and hymnal : Pangkumu and Aulua, Malekula, New Hebrides, 1897.
10. Leggatt, T. Watt, Diaries 1901-1908 [microform] mfm PMB 86
11. Leggatt, T. Watt, Ensuraa naho i tok rien nerambulet bambui tui: Aulua, Malekula, New Hebrides, 1902.
12. Leggatt, T. Watt, Nasuruan ivoi Marik i tos, 1906
13. Leggatt, T. Watt, John G. Paton, D.D., missionary to the New Hebrides : a memorial life for our children / by T. Watt Leggatt and W.M.M. Alexander. [1907?].
14. Leggatt, T. Watt, How rain came up through the earth on Aniwa [1924].
15. Leggatt, T. Watt, Mission to the Aborigines in South Australia : statement and appeal from the Board of Missions, by T. Watt Leggatt, H.C. Matthew, 1937.

Also contains press-copy letter-book, May-Nov 1896, Ms., ff. 1-69, indexed. Written from Aulua Mission, Malekula, New Hebrides; and press-copy letter-book, Sep 1897-Oct 1905, Ms., ff.1, 9-165, indexed. Also written from the Aulua Mission, Malekula, New Hebrides. See also PMB MS 86 and 87.

AU PMB MS 1254

Title: Tribunal français des Nouvelles-Hébrides, Tribunal Mixte

Date(s): 1900-1979 (Creation) Supreme Court of Vanuatu

Extent and medium: 17 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Joint Court of the New Hebrides was established with the formation of the Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides in 1906, whereby France and Great Britain agreed by Convention to govern this south west Pacific island archipelago as an area of joint influence (without partition). The records on this microfilm are among those arranged by Bruno Corré, Territorial Archivist of New Caledonia, and described in his, Archives de la Cour Suprême de la République de Vanuatu (Tribunaux français des Nouvelles-Hébrides) Répertoire sommaire, 1994. The following series, most of which were and arranged by M. Corré, have been microfilmed:

- Organisation judiciaire, 1900-1955, (num.1-5);
- Tribunal criminel de Port Vila, jugements, 1913-1963 (Vols.1-2);
- Tribunal Mixte, Arrêtés et décisions du Président, 1910-1976 (num.33-59);
- Arrêtés et décisions du Tribunal Mixte, 1911-1978 (num.60-93);
- Tribunal Mixte, Conférences. Procès verbaux. 1910-1930, (num.94-100);
- Tribunal Mixte, Correspondance Juge français, 1950-1956, (File Nos.1-19);
- Tribunal Mixte, Correspondance - Collection chronologique - Correspondance anglaise et française, 1927-1979 (num.222-268).

AU PMB MS 1262

Title: Labour judgements

Date(s): 1975-1977 (Creation) Supreme Court of Vanuatu

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Copies of Joint Court judgements in labour disputes.

AU PMB MS 1275

Title: Papers on constitutional development in the Pacific Islands.

Date(s): 1901-1985 (Creation) C.J. (Joe) Lynch

Extent and medium: 8 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: 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. This archive includes notes, drafts and published papers by Joe Lynch, and other authors, relating to the political and constitutional development of Pacific Island countries. Many of the papers are dated from the 1960s-1980s, during a time when many of these countries achieved independence. Joe Lynch wrote extensively and published many journal articles, papers and books on the political and constitutional development of Pacific Island countries. These papers include the comparison of constitutions from different Pacific Islands, Westminster law, Parliamentary Ministerial Systems and political development in the Pacific. The documents are arranged by country; firstly with papers written by C.J. Lynch, arranged chronologically; followed by papers by other authors, arranged chronologically. Published papers have not been microfilmed.

AU PMB MS 1277

Title: World YWCA, South Pacific Area, Ofis Blong Ol Meri, circulars, leaflets, reports, newsletters and posters
Date(s): 1982-1991 (Creation) Ruth Lechte and Diane Goodwillie

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The World YWCA started a South Pacific Project in 1974 with Ruth Lechte as staff person. In 1982, Ofis Blong Ol Meri was established with Diane Goodwillie as Co-ordinator. In May 1983, Edith Enoga from Papua New Guinea was appointed as Communications Development Officer. Ofis Blong Ol Meri was a project to serve the needs of women in the Pacific Islands (especially PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, New Caledonia, Kiribati and Tuvalu). It worked mainly with non-government women's groups. (From leaflet, n.d., 1983?) Contents include: circulars, leaflets and reports, 1982-1987; Newsletters, 1983-1991; Photographs; Calendars, 1984-1988; Related Publications, 1994-2002.

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. Contents include diaries and notebooks. Of note is his 1953 diary, written in the Agenda published by the New Caledonian firm Établissements Ballande in 1953, the centenary of French occupation of New Caledonia. The prolific advertisements and photographs printed in the Agenda reflect commercial life in New Caledonia and the New Hebrides. Also his notebook is comprised of a series of essays, including: "Japan Reaches Out"; "A Brief Account of a Day Fishing for Trochus Shells"; "An Account of a Shark Fishing Disaster at Santa Cruz August 1935"; "H.A. Bernatzik"; "Bishop Molyneux"; "Menaduka / Menduka / Meduka"; "Mermunda – a Spirit"; Dukas at Santo Bay compared to the old gods at the Reef Islands and Duff Group and other notes on five kinds of "dukas"; "Story of Nolarlingi and Darwi".

AU PMB MS 1280

Title: The New Hebrides Condominium

Date(s): n.d. (Creation) Richard Thomas Edwin Latham

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Richard Thomas Edwin Latham, the son of Sir John Greig Latham (who was leader of the Federal Opposition in Australia in the early 1930s and later Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia) was a brilliant student at Scotch College, Melbourne, 1922-1926. He continued his successful scholastic career at the University of Melbourne where he graduated Bachelor of Arts with first class honours in the combined Schools of History and Philosophy in April 1930, and also studied four Law subjects in 1930 as part of a LLB. He won a Rhodes Scholarship for Victoria in November 1931, studied Law at Oxford University, where he wrote on constitutional law, was called to the English Bar and joined the Foreign Office for a time before entering the RAF where he was commissioned as an observer. Latham was listed missing on 15 April 1943 when an Australian torpedo bomber which he was navigating failed to return from a scheduled attack on an enemy convoy off the Norwegian coast. Contents include *The New Hebrides Condominium*, Ts., p/c, pp.1-73, is a well-informed and polished account of the Condominium, possibly part of a thesis presented at the School of History at Melbourne University in 1929 or 1930.

AU PMB MS 1342

Title: Reminiscences of voyages in the Pacific Ocean

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

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Alfred William Martin (1844-1928) was born in Clarence Plains, Tasmania, first son of William Martin (1805/6-1878), a convict transported to Tasmania, and Hannah Braim (1825/6-1860). Alfred William Martin was educated at Kettering Grammar School in Northamptonshire while his parents were revisiting England. Returning to Tasmania, Martin became a seaman, despite his good education, firstly on the ship *Gem* sailing out of Hobart and then, while still in his teens, on a whaler, *Southern Cross*, Capt. Mansfield, sailing out of Hobart to whaling grounds off New Zealand, NSW, and the New Hebrides. 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, Surigao 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. This archive contains an untitled incomplete manuscript written by Alfred William Martin of Tasmania, written possibly in the 1890s relating his Pacific voyages and adventures in the 1860s, Ms. (gaps), re-paginated, pp.1-202; together with transcript of the manuscript made by Dr Peter Macnicol, Ts., pp.1-251.

PMB Document Series of Microfilms

AU PMB DOC 213

Title: Miscellaneous printed documents relating to Fiji and other Pacific Islands

Date(s): 1888-1938 (Creation) Miscellaneous Printed Documents Relating to Fiji and Other Pacific Islands

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description:

1. 'Le Sacre de Mgr Julien Vidal' par un Temoin Oculaire (Lyons, 1888):
2. 'Trois Mois a Fidji' by Father D. Duclos, SM (Loreto, Fiji (1904)):
3. 'Quarante Quatre Ans a Fidji' (Loreto, Fiji (1926)):
4. 'Correspondence between His Excellency George William des Voeux, CMG, &c. &c., Lieutenant-Governor of Fiji and the Trustees of (Methodist) Mission Lands in Fiji (printed 'for private circulation only' n.d.):
5. 'Elephantiasis and Filariasis in Fiji' by Basil M. Wilson, MB (Levuka, 1909):
6. 'Fiji for the Fijians: A Protest and a Plea', by G.L. Barrow (Korelavu, Fiji, October 1921):

7. 'Fiji for the Fijians: A Further Appeal,' by G.L. Barrow (? , November 1922):
8. 'Regles du Savoir-Vivre chez les Fijiens de Kadavu', by Father R.-L. Jarre, SM (Extract from the 'Revue d'Histoire des Missions', September 1938):
9. 'Fiji Tourist Gazette', vol.4, no.31 (Suva, July 1928):
10. 'The Truth About Samoa', by O.F. Nelson (Auckland, 1928):
11. 'Kava and Kava Drinking', by Father Joseph R. Deihl, SM (Article in 'Primitive Man', the quarterly bulletin of the Catholic Anthropological Conference, vol.5, no.4, October 1932):
12. 'Apercu sur la Religion des Indigenes de l'ile Malo, Nouvelle Hebrides', (Extract from 'l'Echo de la France Catholique', St Louis, 9 December 1893 and 3 February 1894):
13. 'Memorandum du Modus Vivendi conclu avec les Autorites du Gouvernement Anglais' (Suva, 1904) (Concerns the Gilbert Islands):
14. 'Lettre du Vicaire Apostolique des Nouvelles-Hebrides aux Missionnaires, Pretres, Freres et Soeurs, a l'Occasion du 25th Anniversaire de la Consitution de la Mission' (Vila, 1926). [This material is held in the Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Office, Suva, Fiji]

AU PMB DOC 220-257

Title: Annales Hydrographiques France Ministere de la Marine

Date(s): 1848-1968 (Creation) Annales Hydrographiques

Extent and medium: 37 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Aims to bring hydrographic information, including sailing instructions, to the attention of navigators. Similar to the Nautical Magazine and the Dutch Moniteur des Indes orientales et occidentales. Articles concerning the Pacific Islands, particularly French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna, are indexed in R. Langdon (ed) PMB DOC book of Pacific indexes (Canberra: PMB, 1988). Series 1, vol. 41, PMB DOC 237 contains an index to series 1, vols 1-41 (1848-1871).

AU PMB DOC 297-299, 328, 368

Title: New Hebrides Advisory Council Minutes of proceedings. Port Vila: the Council.

Date(s): 1958-1973 (Creation) New Hebrides Advisory Council

Extent and medium: 5 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Mimeographed record of the Advisory Council's Sessions, verbatim after the first few sessions. A French version also exists but was not filmed.

AU PMB DOC 386

Title: New Hebrides News Port Vila: British Residency Information Office. No. 1 - No. 124, 1973? - 30 June 1979

Date(s): 22 January 1974 - 30 June 1979 (Creation) New Hebrides News

Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Irregular newsletter, ceased publication with no. 124 of 30 June 1979. Replaced British Newsletter which began publication in 1953.

AU PMB DOC 387

Title: Seli Hoo No. 1 -, November 1977 -November 1977 - October 1978

Date(s): 1977-1978 (Creation) Seli Hoo

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Initially monthly, afterwards irregular. A leaflet published by the Seli Hoo Editorial Collective, Sydney, 5 November 1977 and included with the first issue of Seli Hoo, describes it as a monthly news bulletin on Vanuaaku and New Caledonia, produced by supporters of the struggle of the people of Vanuaaku (New Hebrides) and the Kanak people of New Caledonia for independence. The leaflet is included on the microfilm.

AU PMB DOC 417

Title: Etude Sur Les Societes aux Nouvelles Hebrides

Date(s): 1930 (Creation) Corbin de Mangoux (Banque de Indochine)

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Rapport ... la Societe Francaise des Nouvelles-Hebrides du Commissaire aux Apports, N. Hagen, 15 Jul 1930; Societe Francaise des Nouvelles-Hebrides, Rapport du Commissaire a l'Avantage Particulier, E Tremeau, Directeur General honoraire au Ministere des Finances, 15 Jul 1930; 1 Photograph: captioned, Vanekoro, Ao-t 1929. Mr Corbin, Martin & sa femme, Aug 1929; Corbin de Mangoux (Charge de Mission, Syndicat d'Etudes des Int,r^ts Francais aux Nouvelles-Hebrides), Etude sur les societes aux Nouvelle-Hebrides, Paris, Mar 1930; 1Šre partie: Generalites sur la situation des Nouvelles-Hebrides, pp.1-77, including map; 2Šme partie. Etude d'ensemble sur les six Societes Anonymes d'exploitation aux Nouvelles-Hebrides. pp.1-168.

AU PMB DOC 425

Title: Bulletin of the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture/ Bulletin of the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce (Port Vila)

Date(s): 1976-1986 (Creation) Bulletin of the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture/ Bulletin of the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce (Port Vila)

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Published monthly in Port Vila by the Chamber of Commerce.

AU PMB DOC 426

Title: Women's Clubs News (New Hebrides) Mar 1971-Jun 1980

Date(s): Mar 1971-Jun 1980 (Creation) Women's Clubs News (New Hebrides)

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Women's Clubs News was published in Port Vila prior to independence in Vanuatu.

Women's Club News Reel 1, Mar 1971: May 1971: Aug 1971: Nov 1971: Feb 1972: May 1972: Aug 1972: Dec 1972: Mar 1973: Jun 1973: Sep 1973: Jan 1974: Apr 1974: Oct 1974: Apr 1975: Sep 1975: Nov 1975: Mar 1976: Jun 1976: Nov 1976: Feb 1977: Nov 1977: Feb 1978: Jun 1980.

AU PMB DOC 427

Title: Vanua Scope

Date(s): Mar 1933 - Jan 1994 (Creation) Vanua Scope

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Vanua Scope, an independent French language weekly, was edited by Patrick Antoine Delcoite, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

AU PMB DOC 428

Title: Naika (Port Vila)

Date(s): 1981-1993 (Creation) Naika (Port Vila)

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Naika was the Journal of the Vanuatu Natural Science Society. David Dickerson was the Chairman of the Society (in 1982) and the editor of their journal was Richard Pickering. The journal includes a bibliography of natural science in Vanuatu. Nos. 1-42, 1981-1993.

AU PMB DOC 437

Title: Australian Delegation Brief, South Pacific Forum. Forum Economic Ministers' Meeting, Cairns, 11 July 1997

Date(s): 11 July 1997 (Creation) Unknown

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. It was discovered by the media amidst a pile of other misplaced miscellaneous papers at the meeting. The pessimistic assessment of economic and political trends in the Pacific Island States and the often disparaging portraits of the leaders of these countries caused scandal, embarrassment and controversy in Australia and throughout the Pacific region when these details became public. 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. These were considered offensive and insensitive by many political and official commentators, along with some of the leaders themselves. See p.87 for material related to Vanuatu.

AU PMB DOC 438

Title: British Government Protocol respecting the New Hebrides: signed at London on August 6, 1914, by representatives of the British and French Governments [Ratification]

Date(s): 18 March 1922 (Creation) British Government

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: The governments of the United Kingdom and France signed a protocol respecting the New Hebrides (Vanuatu) in 1914 and ratified it on 18 March 1922. The copy here is the ratified version. The protocol superseded the Anglo-French Convention of 1906 which had established the Condominium of the New Hebrides in that year. The protocol strengthened the provisions of the 1906 condominium. It allowed France and the UK to govern jointly in the New Hebrides and establish exclusive sovereignty over their own citizens, subjects and optants (people of another nationality who had to choose between the jurisdiction of France or the UK). Indigenous ni-Vanuatu were placed under the jurisdiction of the condominium. The protocol declared the archipelago a region of joint influence. It confirmed and enhanced the presence of joint services in the territory, including a postal system, courts, finance department and land registry. Other administrative functions such as education, the police and health were the responsibility of the two governments. In some cases there were triplications with the condominium. For example the protocol provided for a joint health service, but there were separate British and French hospitals, clinics and physicians. The distinction between French and British services and growing duplications with some condominium functions became more noticeable as the two government's increased their spending levels in the territory in the 1960s and 1970s. For all practical purposes the Protocol was a kind of constitution for the New Hebrides. It provided the French and British Resident Commissioners with a para-constitutional framework upon which to enact new laws by joint regulation. The protocol remained in place, despite modifications, until Vanuatu achieved independence on 30 July 1980. The Protocol consists of 83 pages and 68 articles, complete with French and English translations.

AU PMB DOC 445

Title: New Hebrides Condominium Joint Regulations of the New Hebrides: a Consolidated Edition of the Joint Regulations in Force on the 18 October 1973.

Date(s): 1907-1973 (Creation) New Hebrides Condominium

Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: In 1906 the Governments of France and Britain signed a convention which established joint rule as a Condominium over the New Hebrides (Vanuatu). This was confirmed by the 1914 Protocol Respecting the New Hebrides, ratified in 1922 (see PMB Doc 438). Three laws operated in the New Hebrides during this period of joint administration (1906 -1980): British, French and Condominium. There were thus separate French and British police forces, hospitals and schools. However, other administrative functions, such as the Joint Court (see PMB 1145), finance, land registration, town planning and laws specifically covering indigenous New Hebrideans (ni-Vanuatu) were the responsibility of the Condominium. Both France and the United Kingdom appointed Resident Commissioners to govern the New Hebrides by joint regulation. Joint regulations were in effect Condominium laws in lieu of parliamentary legislation issued as decrees by both the French and British Resident Commissioners acting in unison. Joint regulations were made in consultation with the British Western Pacific High Commissioner and the French Governor (later High Commissioner) of New Caledonia, but they were not subject to any local legislative or parliamentary restraint, despite the appointment of an Advisory Council in 1957. Greater legislative scrutiny of joint regulations was achieved with the formation of a Representative Assembly in 1975 with a majority of elected members. This was strengthened in 1978 when ministerial level internal self-government was attained. However, the Resident Commissioners did not completely lose their ability to rule by joint regulation until the day of their departure on 30 July 1980 when the New Hebrides achieved full independence as the Republic of Vanuatu. See also PMB MS 1151.

AU PMB DOC 446

Title: New Hebrides British Administration the British Laws of the New Hebrides

Date(s): 1971 (Creation) New Hebrides British Administration

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: From 1906-1980 three laws operated in the Anglo-French Condominium of the New Hebrides (Vanuatu): British, French and Condominium. Joint administrative and legal functions (such as the Joint Court and the land registry) were the responsibility of the Condominium (see PMB Doc 445). However, in other matters both France and the UK could make their own separate laws to apply to their respective nationals and national interests in the New Hebrides. For British legislation, the Order in Council of 1893, article 108, empowered the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (based in Suva, Fiji) to make Queen's Regulations for persons subject to the High Commission's jurisdiction. This was modified by the New Hebrides Order in Council 1907 which was issued to accommodate the requirements of the new Condominium. The New Hebrides Order in Council 1922 made further changes to the way British law was enacted in the New Hebrides following the ratification of the Anglo-French Protocol (see PMB 438) which had strengthened the original convention of 1906. While subjecting them to the protocol, the 1922 Order in Council continued to preserve the powers of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific or the Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides (acting on behalf of the former) to make Queen's Regulations for persons under the jurisdiction of the High Court of the Western Pacific. These three orders (1893, 1907 and 1922) provided the foundations for subsequent Queen's Regulations and British laws for the New Hebrides, including these of 1971. Although only one volume (1971) is available here, these Queen's Regulations and British laws are significant as they include the banking and companies regulations which turned the New Hebrides into a tax haven or Offshore Finance Centre (OFC) in that year. The ability of British colonial authorities to legislate in and for the New Hebrides was terminated following the country's independence as the Republic of Vanuatu on 30 July 1980 and the assumption of full legislative powers by the country's new Parliament.

AU PMB DOC 453

Title: Pacific Unionist, South Pacific and Oceania Council of Trade Unions, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions – Asia Pacific Regional Office, Pacific Office

Date(s): 1989-1998 (Creation) Pacific Unionist, South Pacific and Oceania Council of Trade Unions, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions – Asia Pacific Regional Office, Pacific Office

Extent and medium: 1 reel; 35mm microfilm

Description: Nos. 1-23, 1989-1998.

AU PMB DOC 458

Title: Radio news, local news bulletin

Date(s): 28 Sep 1978 - 26 Nov 1980 (Creation) Radio New Hebrides/Radio Vanuatu

Extent and medium: 2 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Transcripts of daily radio news bulletins broadcast by Radio New Hebrides (Radio Vanuatu, after independence), 28 Sep 1978–26 Nov 1980 (gaps), Ts., roneo, c.800pp.

Reel 1: 28 Sep 1978–29 May 1979; 30 May 1979–1 Oct 1979; 2 Oct 1979–24 Dec 1979; 26 Dec 1979–31 Mar 1980; 1 Apr 1980–1 Jul 1980

Reel 2: 2 Jul 1980–26 Aug 1980; 27 Aug 1980–26 Nov 1980

AU PMB DOC 487

Title: Vanuatu Weekly : Vanuatu Hebdomadaire

Date(s): 1984 - 2001 (Creation) Journals of the Melanesian Mission

Extent and medium: 9 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: The Vanuatu Weekly–Hebdomadaire, which appeared every Saturday, was sponsored by the Vanuatu government. It was printed in English, French, and Bislama and had a circulation of about 2,000. An Index to the Vanuatu Weekly Hebdomadaire covering the period 1984-2001 was compiled by Peter Murgatroyd and others at the Emalus Campus Library of the University of the South Pacific in 2003.

AU PMB DOC 488

Title: Tam-tam (Port Vila)

Date(s): 21 May 1980 - 28 Jun 1984 (Creation) Tam-tam

Extent and medium: 3 reels; 35mm microfilm

Description: Weekly newspaper in Bislama, French and English. Published in Port Vila, Vanuatu. Nos. 1-188, 21 May 1980-28 Jun 1984.