MS 808

Auckland Historical Society

Records

Auckland War Memorial Museum Library
This collection is made up mostly of typescript drafts of articles submitted to the Society for publication in its journal. It is comprised of 17 folders containing a total of 148 items.

**Box 1**

**Folder 1:**

- **Item 1** – ‘Early experiments with pensioner soldiers’\(^2\) by C.W. Vennell. Outlines historical background of Royal New Zealand Fencibles scheme of mid-nineteenth century. (5 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 2** – ‘Captain Emilius Le Roy, sailmaker’\(^3\). [author unknown]. Briefly outlines Le Roy’s sail-making and canvas goods business in Auckland, his marriage to Catherine Tabel in 1855, and his involvement with the Volunteer Movement in Auckland, particularly the City Rifles. Also included is a shipping intelligence extract from ‘The New Zealander’, dated 14 April 1852, relating to the schooner ‘Iliomama’. (3 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 3** – ‘The Ancient Trade of Sail-making’ by E.A. Le Roy. (2 leaves; n.d.) Also includes a brief outline of Emilius Le Roy’s sail-making and canvas goods business in Auckland from its beginning in 1852. [Ref: see item 2 above]. (2 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 4** – ‘Memories of a young English boy in the early 1900s’\(^4\) by Walter Surman. Recounts working in Customs on the Auckland city wharves during the 1913 maritime strike and living at Little Huia on the Manukau Heads. (2 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 5** – ‘The story of Garden Place – Hamilton’s attractive city centre’\(^5\) as remembered by Rupert Worley, then Borough Engineer, 16 June 1975. (4 leaves)
- **Item 6** – ‘Captain Braund – a sea-faring pioneer’\(^6\) by Mavis Braund (granddaughter), of Takapuna, [Auckland]. (2 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 7** – ‘Captain Duder sits his exams’\(^7\). Transcribed interview with sea captain Albert Duder (1856-). (3 leaves; n.d.)

**Folder 2:**

- **Item 1** – ‘The depression years in Auckland and the Dock Street Mission’\(^8\). Material from a booklet published by the Anglican Diocese of Auckland and written by G.B. Abel in 1981 describing the operation of the mission from 1912 to 1938. (5 leaves; 2 copies)
- **Item 2** – ‘Captain David Smale’\(^9\) by Shona Caughey (great granddaughter), of Auckland. Short biographical treatment of David Smale (1796 – 1851) who was a well-known sea-captain in early Auckland along with his ship ‘Chelydra’. (2 leaves; n.d.)
• Item 3 – ‘Pearl Dawson remembers … Auckland’s Amusements and Amenities 100 Years Ago.’ Notes compiled by the author (unnamed) from an interview with Dawson who recalls her family’s time at Hobson Street, Auckland. (4 leaves; n.d.; 2 copies)


• Item 5 – ‘Two missionaries, maverick and model’ by Murray B. Gittos. Describes two early New Zealand missionaries: Rev. William White (the maverick) and his nephew, the Rev. W. Gittos, who was a model of all that a missionary should be. The author, Murray Gittos, is the great grandson of Anne Gittos who was William White’s sister and the mother of William Gittos. (7 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 6 – ‘Sacks and shoes’ by Martha J. Lewis. Memories of the depression era of the 1930s while living in Penrose, Auckland. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 7 – ‘River transport to the Matamata estate: Navigation on the upper Waihou’ by Joan C. Stanley, Matamata Historical Society. Examines the role Josiah Clifton Firth (1826 – 1897) played in establishing river transport and communication on the Waihou (or Thames) River during the 1860s and ‘70s. (8 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 8 – ‘Centennial celebrations of the Stanley landing, 1980.’ A brief account by Joan C. Stanley, of the Matamata Historical Society. Also included is a memoir entitled ‘Memories of early Matamata’ by Molly Wynn, of Hamilton [Note: see also item 14 for original typescript draft]. (2 leaves)

• Item 9 – ‘At the Thames in 1801’ by Rev. David M. Taylor, 1981. An account, based in part on the journals kept by early Christian missionaries, of what was believed to have been the very first Christian service held in New Zealand. (4 leaves)


• Item 11 – ‘Our dusty years; converting gum-land to grass-land’ A story of the Far North by Leonard Williams [c1980]. (4 leaves; 2 copies)

• Item 12 – ‘The part-time law student of the 1920s’ by the Hon. J. Nigel Wilson, QC, of Howick, Auckland. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 13 – ‘The beautiful city of Hamilton: Long Range Planning of 53 Years ago Helped Make it so’ by Rupert Worley. (5 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 14 – ‘Memories of early Matamata’ by Molly Wynn (née Fitzgerald), of Hamilton. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 15 – ‘The Moore family of Hillcrest, Hamilton’ Based on material from Win Moore’s chronicle, written in Auckland in 1980. (3 leaves; n.d.)

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• Item 16 – ‘Waikato wives of the 1860s’ by C.W. Vennell. Describes conditions faced by the families of the 3rd Regiment, Waikato Militia, who settled at Cambridge during the New Zealand Wars. (16 leaves; n.d.)

Folder 3:

• Item 1 – ‘Extracts from the log book of the H.M.S. Esk – June 1863 to Sept. 1867’ Extracts taken from the log book kept by Lieutenant Bouverie Francis Clark (1842-1922), Royal Navy. Includes an account of the battle at Gate Pa. (3 leaves)


• Item 3 – ‘The Depression Years in Northland – 1928 – 1934’ by Trevor Flamank, of Parua Bay, Northland. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 4 – ‘The Rev. Ned Leef, of Manaia, Coromandel.’ by Norton Watson, of the Waikato Historical Society; Sarah Griffin, of Manaia; and information from Edward (‘Ned’) Leef himself, given to the editor of this typescript. Biographical account of Anglican minister Rev. Edward Leef (Eruera Riwihi in Maori) who for nearly 50 years ministered throughout the Hauraki Plains in an area from about Te Aroha to the top of the Coromandel peninsula during the 1930s through to the 1950s. (3 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 5 – ‘Caesar Roose 1886 – 1967’ by Jeanette Thomas (daughter). Biographical account of Caesar Roose who was reputed to be one of the first Europeans born on the west bank of the Waikato river at Mercer. (3 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 6 – ‘J.C. Sharland’s Pharmacy at Apothecaries’ Hall’ by Reg. E. Combes, FPS, [c1980]. Essay written from research compiled by Reg. Combes on Auckland pharmacist, James Cragg Sharland (c1819-1887). (9 leaves)

• Item 7 – ‘Kenneth Seymour Cox, farmer of the Upper Waikato’ by Molly Pond and Jocelyn Raymond, of Matamata. (8 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 8 – ‘Mrs. Martin’s experiences in Hukanui in 1872’ by M.K. Taylor (Mrs) for the Gordonton School Jubilee, 1941. Contributed by the Waikato Historical Society. (3 leaves)

• Item 9 – ‘The Hundred of Howick: A Story of the Crown Colony Days’ by Nelson Blake, Howick Historical Society. Typescript examining the Fencible settlers of Howick, Auckland, during the 1840s and ‘50s. [Note: A ‘Hundred’ is a mediaeval division of land of such size as to be able to support a knight and 100 retainers]. (4 leaves + 2 note attachments; n.d.)

• Item 10 – ‘Rafting kauri logs down the northern Wairoa river’ by Reg. Poyner. Reminiscences by Poyner of his rafting days in Northland to about 1927. (4 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 11 – ‘The unusual history of the “Fencible” stone cottage at Panmure, Auckland.’ by Laurette Worsnop, of Panmure. (3 leaves; n.d.)

23 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 18, April 1971, pp. 32-38.
26 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 34, April 1979, pp. 8-9.
27 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 34, April 1979, pp. 10-12.
28 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 34, April 1979, pp. 31-34.
29 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 34, April 1979, pp. 28-30.
31 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 35, September 1979, pp. 9-12.
33 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 35, September 1979, pp. 34-35.
Folder 4:

- Item 1 — ‘Friends of Ours’\(^{34}\), by F.L. Young (wife of grandson), of Stratford, Taranaki. Biographical account of the married life of two early Auckland settlers, William Young, Customs collector, and Eliza Hargreaves. (10 leaves + 2 photos; n.d.)

- Item 2 — ‘Captain Daldy, Sailor, Trader, Timberman, Businessman, Pioneer of Local Government’\(^{35}\). Short biography compiled from Captain Daldy’s memoir and other material supplied by his grandson, W.F. Daldy. (9 leaves + photo; n.d.)


- Item 4 — ‘The Three Kings Native Institution: A sketch of the history of Wesley College in Grafton, at Three Kings, Mt Eden and at Paerata, in the Franklin County 1844-74’\(^{37}\) by H.A.H. Insull, of the Franklin Historical Society. Also included is the original five-page paste-up draft which includes a paragraph about the author, H.A.H. Insull. (8 leaves; n.d.)

Folder 5:

- Item 1 — ‘The Thorp family come to New Zealand 1839-40’\(^{38}\) by Jessie Thorp, of Northbridge. Includes notes and diary extracts from Joshua Thorp and his sons, written mainly at their farms on the Thames and Wairoa rivers (near present-day Clevedon). (6 leaves; n.d.)

- Item 2 — ‘Captain Porter buys land in Auckland’\(^{39}\) [author unknown]. Part 3 of the story of Captain Field Porter, who left England in 1838 and came to New Zealand in mid-1841. (4 leaves; n.d.)


- Item 4 — ‘Maria Wilson, Mrs. Kemp. 1816 – 1889.’\(^{41}\) by M.G.D. Armstrong (a descendant of the Kemp and Wilson families). (4 leaves; n.d.)


- Item 7 — ‘The Great Fertilizer War of 1927’\(^{44}\) by J.B. Ringer, Librarian NZ Room, Waikato Library. Examines the supply of fertiliser in the 1920s and problems between

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\(^{34}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 26, April 1975, pp. 21-26.


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farmers, merchants and manufacturers in establishing a fair and reasonable price. (13 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 8** – ‘Reminiscences of Matamata Estate in 1904\(^{44}\) written by A.J. Young in 1957 and edited and introduced by Joan C. Stanley, 1979. (5 leaves; 2 copies). Also included is a separate typescript entitled ‘The Reminiscences of Mr A.J. Young’. (8 leaves, n.d.)
- **Item 9** – ‘Great Logging Days in the North\(^{46}\) by Joe Julian, champion axe man and one-time kauri bush worker, recorded and produced by Alwyn Owen. (3 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 10** – ‘The murders at Turanga Creek: An account of the tragic happenings at Whitford in 1863.’\(^{47}\) by Rev. R. Hattaway, of East Tamaki. [see also box 2, folder 3, item 2 for map]. (5 leaves; n.d.)

**Folder 6:**

- **Item 1** – ‘Pioneers of the Waikato dairy industry\(^{48}\) by Norton Watson. Biographical account focussing on the career of Wesley Spragg (1848-1930), the first Managing-Director of the New Zealand Dairy Association. (4 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 2** – ‘Bell House at Pakuranga\(^{49}\) by Dorothy Beavis. A contribution from the Howick Historical Society about Bell House, a former Fencible residence built in 1851 for Captain Charles Henry Montressor Smith and his wife. (6 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 3** – ‘The brig “Gertrude”: its part in the Waipu settlement\(^{50}\) by Gladys McMillan. (6 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 4** – ‘Robert Stone, an old Thamesite\(^{51}\) by Eleanor Osburne Carter (granddaughter). Biographical account of shipbuilder, Robert Stone (1825-1909), and his family. (7 leaves; n.d.)

**Folder 7:**

- **Item 1** – ‘St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, Remuera, Auckland.\(^{52}\) A brief history by Rev. N.F. Gilkison, formerly of St Lukes (1960-73). [see also MS 1149]. (4 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 2** – Arthur Gubbins, diary extract, 30 January 1871 to 10 March 1872. Last instalment of a four-part series transcribed [transcriber unknown] from the diary of pioneering Waikato farmer, Arthur Gubbins. (6 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 3** – ‘No Easy Life for Early Ministers of the Church: A Memoir of the Rev. J.B. Richardson and his Wife Mary Ann Hay.’\(^{53}\) compiled by the editor [not named] from letters of John Bell Richardson and Mary Ann Hay, supplied by Mr E.G. Winstone (grandson) and the Wesley Historical Society booklet by C.T.J. Luxton (1961) entitled ‘John Bell Richardson’. (3 leaves; n.d.)

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\(^{48}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 25, October 1974, pp. 6-8.


\(^{50}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 25, October 1974, pp. 29-31.


\(^{52}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 28, April 1976, pp. 11-12.

• Item 4 – ‘New Zealand Place-Names’54 by H.A.H. Insull, Franklin Historical Society. A broad overview of New Zealand’s typographical naming conventions and related etymology. (11 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 5 – ‘The Sintons of Brighams Creek – Farmers and Store-keepers’55 by Janet Symington Hodder (granddaughter of Alex and Ellen Sinton), of Wanganui. A brief history of the Sinton family, beginning with William Sinton and Janet Symington, and their subsequent emigration from the UK to New Zealand aboard the ‘Red Jacket’ in January 1860. Note: Typescript incomplete (missing page or pages). (9 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 6 – ‘Thomas Coates’ House on Orakei Peninsula’56 compiled by the editor [not named] in August, 1975, from material supplied by Mr T. Hodge, of Orakei; Mrs Beatrice Coates, of Kaiwaka; and Mr A.P.B. Watson, of Paihia. Outline of ‘Sudeley House’, the home built by Thomas and Elizabeth Coates (née Phillipps), first European residents of Orakei, Auckland. (5 leaves)

• Item 7 – ‘Family anecdotes of Henry Williams, the pioneer missionary’57. Featuring extracts from Dr W.J. Williams, of Gisborne, describing the lives of his missionary grandfather and uncle. Examines the dismissal of Henry Williams by the Church Missionary Society for the purchase of land for his children. Notes that the Society later revoked this false accusation. Describes the establishment of Te Aute College by Samuel Williams, his peace-making role during the Hau Hau wars and his damming of the Waipawa River. (6 leaves)

• Item 8 – ‘Don Buck’s Camp: A gum-diggers’ resort north of Auckland about 1890’58 by A.G. Flude, of Massey. Short biographical treatment of Francisco Rodriques Figuero (aka Don Buck), born in Madeira about 1870. (4 leaves; n.d.; 2 copies)

Folder 8:

• Item 1 – ‘Elizabeth Colenso on Norfolk Island’59. [author unknown]. An account of Elizabeth Colenso’s time at the Melanesian Mission from 1876 to 1898, based on material supplied by Mr E.T. Fairburn, of Titirangi. (5 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 2 – ‘Early Auckland Settlers with a Difference: the Sisters of Mercy’60 by Sister M. Veronica Delany, St Mary’s Convent, Ponsonby, Auckland. Excerpts from the letters and diaries of the eight pioneer nuns who arrived in Auckland in 1850 with Bishop Pompallier. (8 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 3 – ‘Early days in Ngaruawahia’61 by George Edge. Memoir describing Edge’s childhood in Ngaruawahia during the early years of the 20th century. (6 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 4 – ‘Old Parnell School’62 by Alec Hutton. (4 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 5 – ‘Farming at East Tamaki around 1890’63 by David Ireland. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 6 – ‘William Innes Taylor and the West Tamaki Road Board’64 by Elsdon Craig. An outline of the work of the Board from 1862 to 1881, taken from the minutes as written.

54 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 27, October 1975, pp. 7-10.
56 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 27, October 1975, pp. 33-34.
and signed by Taylor [see MS 633]. Also included are brief personal details on Taylor. (5 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 7** – ‘Life in 1900: A school teacher remembers back to 1892’\(^{65}\) by Mrs Maud Hannah Bullen (née Burfoot). (3 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 8** – ‘Memories of an apprentice at Fraser’s in 1920’\(^{66}\) by W. Maskell. Author recounts brief memories of his time at Fraser’s Foundry, Auckland. (3 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 9** – ‘Fraser’s Foundry’\(^{67}\) by Grace Fraser and Edna Strong. Biographical account of George Fraser, founder of Fraser’s Foundry at Mechanic’s Bay, Auckland, in 1862. (7 leaves; n.d.)

**Folder 9:**

- **Item 1** – ‘A District Nurse on Waiheke Island: Sistdr [sic] Tribe tells of her work.’\(^{68}\) (2 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 2** – ‘A pastoral visit to the Great Barrier Island’\(^{69}\) transcribed [transcriber unknown] from the journal of the Rev. A. Baker, MA (Church Gazetter), March, 1881. (4 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 3** – ‘The life and times of F.J. Brooks’\(^{70}\) compiled by Margaret Lang. Biographical account of Frank Jefcoate Brooks (1846-1927), former manager of the Cambridge branch of the Bank of New Zealand (1875 – 1905) and Town Clerk. (3 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 4** – ‘Dr. Grace de Courcy: An Auckland girl gets herself a medical degree in 1887.’\(^{71}\) [author unknown]. Brief biographical account on the career of Grace de Courcy (née Russell) who graduated in the UK in 1897. Describes her education, work with the Anzac soldiers at Gallipoli and in public health in Egypt. (2 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 5** – ‘Life among the missionaries in New Zealand’\(^{72}\) by F.E.H. A biographical account of Mary Rymill and her life among the Church Missionary Society missionaries in the North Island during the 1840s and 50s. (13 leaves; n.d.; 2 copies)

**Folder 10:**

- **Item 1** – ‘A brave surveyor helps to rescue victims’\(^{73}\). Short extracts from H. Roche’s account of the Tarawera eruption, which was published in the NZ Science Review of 20 October 1948, describing the courageous efforts made by him and others in rescuing the victims. (5 leaves)

- **Item 2** – ‘Greenhithe and its early pioneers’\(^{74}\) by R.E. King, of Greenhithe. An account focussing on Thomas Forgham and Henry James Blyth, both early settlers in the district. (6 leaves; n.d.; 2 copies)

- **Item 3** – ‘William Smellie Grahame: an almost unknown founder of Auckland’\(^{75}\) by Donald A. Rae. (6 leaves; n.d.)

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\(^{68}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 23, September 1973, pp. 17.

\(^{69}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 31, September 1977, pp. 5-7.

\(^{70}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 31, September 1977, pp. 31-33.

\(^{71}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 31, September 1977, pp. 10-11.

\(^{72}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 29, September 1976, pp. 34-40.


\(^{74}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 28, April 1976, pp. 27-30.
Folder 11:

- **Item 1** – ‘The Ponsonby Post Office’\(^{76}\) by S.S. McGill. A description of its architecture. (2 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 2** – ‘Dr. Carl Frank Fischer M.D.: an early Auckland physician, botanist and viticulturalist’\(^{77}\) by L.K. Gluckman, MD, FRACP, FRC, Psych. [reproduced with permission from article originally published in NZ Medical Journal, 25 July 1979]. (6 leaves)
- **Item 5** – ‘Hamilton in the 1900s.’\(^{80}\) by Winifred Petch. ‘The 1900s were marked by “constant and rapid growth”. Mrs. Petch’s article highlights this development and also indicates the permanence of Hamilton Society; many of the people she mentions as being resident or having commercial premises in the town in the 1900s were still there 30 years later.’ (7 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 6** – ‘Huntly Primary School 1879 – 1979: Another Centenary celebrated.’\(^{81}\) An account written by Mary Clark, President, Huntly Historical Society, 1979. (2 leaves)
- **Item 7** – ‘Auckland Gas Company Limited: the exciting story of New Zealand’s No. 1 company from affluence to poverty to affluence’\(^{82}\) as told by Rupert Worley, MC, M.Inst.C.E. (London). (13 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 8** – ‘A country storekeeper tells her story’\(^{83}\). Edith Hopper describes Whangaparoa Post Office and Store during the years 1927 to 1947. (4 leaves; n.d.)
- **Item 9** – ‘Captain Ranulph Dacre, sea-captain, trader, adventurer, and pioneer of the timber export trade.’\(^{84}\) by Margaret Stevenson and W. Macdonald. (5 leaves; n.d.; original holograph plus typed draft)

Folder 12:


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\(^{76}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 37, September 1980, pp. 5-6.


\(^{79}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 37, September 1980, p. 29.

\(^{80}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 37, September 1980, pp. 27-29.


\(^{85}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 38, April 1981, pp. 1-5.
Notes that the immigrants were attracted by the Auckland Waste Land Act (1858) which offered land. Lists the passengers. Note: typescript is missing accompanying illustrations. (5 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 2** – ‘How did the emigrants fare in New Zealand?’[^86] A brief history of the George W. Owen family, based on family records preserved by Beryl Jones (formerly Knight), whose mother, Annabel Owen, was the daughter of one of the passengers who was aboard the ‘Prince Edward’ on its arrival in New Zealand in 1859. (5 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 3** – ‘Early Waikato River trade’[^87] by C.W. Vennell [submitted by Mrs W. Macdonald]. (6 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 4** – ‘The Coates family of the Kaipara’[^88] by J.M. Barr, of St Heliers, [Auckland]. Barr describes the family life and political career of Gordon Coates, New Zealand prime minister from 1926 to 1928. (3 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 5** – ‘Dad’s Army’[^89] by Lex Riddell. Reminiscences of the author’s time in the New Zealand Home Guard during World War II. (10 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 6** – ‘Alexander Williamson Kinmont’ an autobiographical account. (9 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 7** – ‘McLennans of Fernaig.’[^90] An account written by Elsdon Craig on the McLennan family of Papakura. (18 leaves; n.d.)

**Folder 13:**

- **Item 1** – ‘The History of Waikato Hospital and Hockin House’[^91] from a lecture to the Waikato Historical Society by R.E. Wright-St Clair, MB, ChB, MRCGP. (5 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 2** – ‘John Rogan – surveyor & magistrate 1821 – 1899’[^92] by W.G. Russell, Helensville and District Historical Society. Profiles the Land Purchase Commissioner in the Waikato and Kaipara, Resident Magistrate in the Kaipara and Judge of the Native Land Court and Compensation Court. Describes his work, his good relationships with Maori and his Helensville house, Te Makiri. Also looks at his retirement to Auckland where he married Lucy Turner Reynolds and raised a family. (9 leaves; n.d.)


**Folder 14:**

- **Item 1** – Part 1 of the journal of Arthur Winthrop Gubbins (1844 – 1902)[^94], covering a period from 8 September 1869 to early December 1869. (12 leaves)

- **Item 2** – Part 2 of the journal of Arthur Winthrop Gubbins, covering a period from 15 December 1869 to 22 August 1870. [Ref: see item 1 above]. (19 leaves)

• Item 3 – Part 3 of the journal of Arthur Winthrop Gubbins, covering a period from 10 December 1870 to 10 March 1872. [Ref: see item 1 above]. (9 leaves)

Box 2

Folder 1:

• Item 1 – ‘Recollections of an early pioneer of the Department of Agriculture, New Zealand’ by T.E. Rodda (1881 – 1977) who emigrated to New Zealand in 1884. (21 leaves; n.d.)
• Item 2 – ‘The Mairs come to Whangarei,’ by C.O. Holmes. (5 leaves; n.d.)
• Item 3 – ‘Brown and the Wairere Track.’ Paper given by the author (unnamed) on the Wairere Track which links the Thames Valley with Tauranga harbour and the exploratory journeys of the Rev. Arthur Nesbit Brown, of the Church Missionary Society, during the early 1830s. (8 leaves; n.d.)
• Item 4 – ‘Memories of Lower Matakana’ by William Deans. Author recounts early days of Lower Matakana (now known as Sandspit), north of Auckland. (10 leaves; n.d.)

Folder 2:

• Item 1 – ‘The Fourth Waikato arrives at Hamilton 1864’ by Ernest Morris. (2 leaves; n.d.)
• Item 2 – ‘History of the Waiorongomai Goldfield’ by A.G. Matheson. (4 leaves; n.d.)
• Item 3 – ‘A trip to Great Barrier Island in 1832’ by Oliver Pipe. (3 leaves)
• Item 4 – ‘A pastoral visit to the Great Barrier Island’ transcribed [transcriber unknown] from the journal of the Rev. A. Baker, MA (Church Gazetteer, March, 1881). (4 leaves)
• Item 5 – ‘The Great Barrier Island’, an outline of its history by A.E. Le Roy. (8 leaves; n.d.)
• Item 6 – ‘Alexander Wiseman (1865 – 1915) – an Auckland architect’ by Hilda Wiseman. (2 leaves; n.d.)
• Item 7 – ‘The Mining Town of Huntly. Heroes of the First Era’ by Lindsay Armishaw. Briefly profiles the Holland, Leather, Jenkins and Sloper families and others in this area. (5 leaves; n.d.)
• Item 8 – ‘Elizabeth Colenso on Norfolk Island’ [author unknown]. Note: this article is the published version of item 1 in folder 8, box 1. (4 leaves; n.d.)

99 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 32, April 1978, pp. 32-34.
103 Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 32, April 1978, pp. 31-32.
• Item 9 – ‘Barges on the Manukau Harbour’\textsuperscript{107} by Morton Paul, of Mt Wellington, [Auckland]. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 10 – ‘Melmerly Collegiate School’\textsuperscript{108}, an account by C.O. Holmes on the school opened in 1875 by Mary Ellen Clayton (née Newton) in Parnell, Auckland, and operated as a private girls’ school until 1924. (3 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 11 – ‘Vernon Roberts, a Waikato Official’\textsuperscript{109} by [J.F. Roberts, granddaughter]. A biographical account of Vernon Roberts, telegraphist and postmaster at Alexandra (now Pirongia), Waikato, during the 1870s. (3 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 12 – ‘The earliest trans-Tasman timber shipment’ by Mrs M. Hutton Whitelaw, of Sydney, [Australia]. An account of early timber shipments from New Zealand by Captain Dell, 1794; Rev. T. Fyshe Palmer and ‘Ellis’, 1800; and Captain Kieramguard, 1810. (3 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 13 – ‘A Hundred Years of Commercial Coal. Huntly celebrates and unusual centenary.’\textsuperscript{110} by Mary Clark, Huntly Historical Society, 197[?6]. (1 leaf)

• Item 14 – ‘Birth of Hamilton in 1864’\textsuperscript{111}. [by Sarah Ann Bryant]. Article taken from the Historical Journal. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 15 – ‘St Mary on the Hill, Pokeno’\textsuperscript{112} by G. Dora Hessell, MA. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 16 – ‘Hans Rudolph Haeusler – a talented and unforgettable Schoolmaster: his history’\textsuperscript{113} as told by Peg Hooker, of Cambridge. (1 leaf)

• Item 17 – ‘An Outline History of the Melanesian Mission’. [author unknown]. (1 leaf; n.d.)

• Item 18 – ‘Big Business on the Kaipara’\textsuperscript{114}, an account by W.G. Russell focussing on Daniel Stewart and the general merchandise firm he founded in Helensville known as Stewart Stores and operated on a large scale by his sons John and James until the store’s destruction by fire in 1934. (1 leaf; n.d.)

• Item 19 – ‘Captain Albert Duder’s Life Story’\textsuperscript{115}. An autobiographical account supplied for publication by his son, Humphrey Duder. [see also box 1, folder 1, item 7]. (4 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 20 – ‘Early experiments with pensioner soldiers’\textsuperscript{116} by C.W. Vennell. Outlines historical background of Royal New Zealand Fencibles scheme of mid-nineteenth century. Note: duplicate copy also in box 1, folder 1. (5 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 21 – ‘Andrew Kay storey’\textsuperscript{117} by C.W. Vennell. Family notes by Andrew Kay on the following individuals: Thomas Runciman (1800 – 1866) and Isobel Linton, Joseph and Jane Young, and Edward Rhodes [Journal account also includes the Kay family]. Also included is a brief account on early life in Drury. (2 leaves; n.d.)

\textsuperscript{107} Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 29, September 1976, pp. 33-34.
\textsuperscript{110} Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 29, September 1976, p. 25.
\textsuperscript{111} Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 30, April 1977, pp. 9-10.
\textsuperscript{112} Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 29, September 1976, pp. 28-30.
\textsuperscript{113} Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 29, September 1976, p. 40.
\textsuperscript{114} Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 29, September 1976, pp. 7-8.
\textsuperscript{115} Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 32, April 1978, pp. 15-17.
- **Item 22** – ‘The First Visits of Royalty to New Zealand’\(^{118}\) by Philip L.B. Williams, of Auckland, 1975. Description of the visit to New Zealand by Prince Alfred Duke of Edinburgh in HMS ‘Galatea’ in 1869. (3 leaves)

- **Item 23** – ‘George Codlin’\(^{119}\) by Joyce Roberts (great granddaughter). An account of Yorkshire brothers George Codlin (1824 – 1890) and John Codlin who were involved in the early pioneering days of Auckland, Waiuku and Onehunga. George Codlin played a leading role in the development of Onehunga and was a member of the first Borough Council elected in 1877. He was mayor of Onehunga in 1879 and again from 1881 to 1883. (3 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 24** – ‘Life in 1900 – Dr. Alice Horsley, OBE, Auckland’s first woman doctor’\(^{120}\) Compiled from notes supplied to the editor [unnamed] by G. Bremner Abel and Mrs M. Caddie. (2 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 25** – ‘The Tower, My Birthplace’\(^{121}\), from a collection of stories by Molly Pond and Jocelyn Raymond. Alexander Oswald McCaw recounts memories of his life to the authors in the late 1970s about the Tower Homestead, Matamata, where he was born in 1897. (7 leaves)


- **Item 27** – ‘Donald Manson and F.H. Edgcumbe, pioneer and surveyor’\(^{123}\), reminiscences of Mrs R.M. Edgcumbe, of Panmure, [Auckland]. (2 leaves; n.d.; 2 copies)

- **Item 28** – ‘James Preece, pioneer missionary (1802 – 1870)’\(^{124}\) by Charles Kenderdine (great grandson), of Wellington, with notes from Mrs P. Bell (great granddaughter). Includes two other non-related articles: ‘The Wreck of the Wairarapa’ and ‘Life in 1900. A Riverhead Settler Remembers …’. (3 leaves; n.d.)

- **Item 29** – ‘The Wigmores of Hahei Beach, Mercury Bay’\(^{125}\) by John D. Osborne. (3 leaves plus 1 from original typescript: n.d.)

- **Item 30** – ‘The Story of Carleton Gore, in Grafton: The old house occupied for nearly 100 years by the family of the Rev. H.H. Lawry and now the site of the Auckland University School of Medicine’\(^{126}\) by H.A. Lawry (great grandson of Henry Hassall Lawry). (5 leaves)

**Folder 3:**

- **Item 1** – ‘Thomas Bannatyne Gillies 1828 – 1889’\(^{127}\) by Mary Gillies, Franklin Historical Society, 1981. Biographical outline of T.B. Gillies, co-founder of the Auckland Institute and Museum, and Supreme Court Judge. Note: duplicate copy also in box 1, folder 2. (2 copies: original typescript, 9 leaves; duplicate, 4 leaves)

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\(^{118}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 29, September 1976, pp. 15-18.


\(^{120}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 32, April 1978, pp. 29-30.

\(^{121}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 33, September 1978, pp. 31-33.

\(^{122}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 33, September 1978, p. 9.

\(^{123}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 33, September 1978, p. 17.

\(^{124}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 33, September 1978, pp. 6-8.


\(^{126}\) Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 33, September 1978, pp. 1-5.

• Item 2 – ‘The murders at Turanga Creek: An account of the tragic happenings at Whitford in 1863.’\textsuperscript{128} by Rev. R. Hattaway, of East Tamaki. Note: duplicate copy also in box 1, folder 5. (6 leaves including map; n.d.)

• Item 3 – ‘Great Logging Days in the North’\textsuperscript{129} by Joe Julian, champion axe man and one-time kauri bush worker, recorded and produced by Alwyn Owen. Note: duplicate copy also in box 1, folder 5. (2 copies: original holograph, 5 leaves; duplicate, 3 leaves)

• Item 4 – ‘Hamilton Public Library – A Brief History’\textsuperscript{130} by J.B. Ringer, Hamilton Public Library (pub), 1980. A review by Norton Watson. (1 leaf)

• Item 5 – ‘Training For a Civil Engineer in the 1920s’\textsuperscript{131} by J.R. Sutton. (1 leaf; n.d.)

• Item 6 – ‘Starting your studies [at] the Auckland University College 1921-25’\textsuperscript{132} by Nancy Robertshawe. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 7 – ‘Early Memories of the Chemistry and Physics Departments (Before They Removed to the Choral Hall in 1918)’\textsuperscript{133} by Edna Tizard. An account of the early history of Auckland University. (2 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 8 – ‘The Old Chapel, St Mary’s Convent, Ponsonby, Auckland’\textsuperscript{134} and ‘St. Patrick’s School Closes: A sad farewell to Auckland’s oldest school.’ [author unknown]. (3 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 9 – ‘The Great Fertilizer War of 1927’\textsuperscript{135} by J.B. Ringer, Librarian NZ Room, Waikato Library. Note: duplicate copy also in box 1, folder 5. (5 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 10 – ‘The good ship Active. A brief survey of Marsden’s ‘Active’ and others of the same name.’\textsuperscript{136} by Phyllis Courtney, of Whangarei. (5 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 11 – ‘Bishop Selwyn’s Bells in particular and in general.’\textsuperscript{137} by Jillian A. Burcher. (3 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 12 – ‘Joshua Thorp’s impressions of the town of Auckland in 1857’\textsuperscript{138} by Maurice Lennard. (11 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 13 – ‘The Beginnings of Beckby – the Thorp family buy land on the Wairoa River (now Clevedon)’\textsuperscript{139}, from the diaries of Hampton Thorp, lent for transcribing by Jessie Thorp, of Northbridge. (4 leaves; n.d.)

• Item 14 – Copy of journal written at Huntly, Waikato, on 7 September 1907, by William Field Porter\textsuperscript{140} – an account of a voyage in 1838. (36 leaves)

\textsuperscript{134} Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 39, September 1981, pp. 35-40.
\textsuperscript{137} Ref: Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 35, September 1979, pp. 1-8.
\textsuperscript{139} See also Journal of the Auckland-Waikato Historical Societies, No. 36, April 1980, pp. 38-40.