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THE DRYSDALE COLLECTION

Tasmanian Aborigines

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INTRODUCTION

The Drysdale Collection consists of material assembled by B C Mollison and Coral Everitt and published as a series of Tasmanian Aboriginal genealogies from 1974 to 1978 which was lodged with R J Drysdale in 1985. Additional information and material was compiled thereafter by R J Drysdale.

Rod Drysdale BA (Aboriginal studies and archaeology), Dip. Forensic Science, was secretary/public relations officer of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Genealogical and Historical Association for five years, researcher responsible for maintenance of the Mollison aboriginal genealogies (1) and chairman of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Education Advisory Council c.1988.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in 1995.

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Reference:

1. *Our heritage in history: the sixth Australasian congress on genealogy and heraldry.* Official programme, Launceston, 1991

1. B C Mollison, Publications

- 1/1 B C Mollison, *A synopsis of data on Tasmanian Aboriginal people*, 2nd edition, to May 1974, with notes
- 1/2.1 B C Mollison, *Tasmanian Aboriginal genealogies. Part 1. The genealogies of the Eastern Straitsmen*, to September 1974
- 1/2.2 B C Mollison, *Tasmanian Aboriginal genealogies. Part 1. The genealogies of the Eastern Straitsmen*, to September 1974
- 1/3.1 B C Mollison, *Tasmanian Aboriginal genealogies. vol.3, part 11*
- 1/3.2 B C Mollison, *The Briggs family genealogy* to January 1975 (with corrections) also vol.3, part 2, to September 1976
- 1/3.3 B C Mollison, *The Briggs family genealogy* to January 1975 (with corrections) also vol.3, part 2, to September 1976
- 1/3.4 B C Mollison, *The Briggs family genealogy* to January 1975 (with corrections) also vol.3, part 2, to September 1976 (manuscript)
- 1/4.1 B C Mollison, *The Tasmanian Aborigines. vol.3, part 1*, to October 1976; *Tasmanian Aboriginal genealogies, with an appendix on Kangaroo Island* (with corrections); working copy
- 1/4.2 B C Mollison, *The Tasmanian Aborigines. vol.3, part 1*, to October 1976; *Tasmanian Aboriginal genealogies, with an appendix on Kangaroo Island* (with corrections); manuscript
- 1/5 B C Mollison and Coral Everitt, *The Tasmanian Aborigines and their descendants (chronology, genealogies and social data) Part 1*, December 1978
- 1/6 B C Mollison and Coral Everitt, *The Tasmanian Aborigines and their descendants (chronology, genealogies and social data) Part 2*, December 1978
- 1/7.1 [*The Tasmanian Aborigines and their descendants (chronology, genealogies and social data)*] Part 11 (manuscript)
- 1/7.2 [*The Tasmanian Aborigines and their descendants (chronology, genealogies and social data)*] Part 11 (manuscript)
- 1/8 B C Mollison and Coral Everitt, *A chronology of events affecting Tasmanian Aboriginal people since contact by whites (1772-1976)*, working copy
- 1/9 Folder of B C Mollison's material for an unnamed publication based on 1971 census

2. B C Mollison, Correspondence

- 2/1 Letters to and from Bill Mollison, notes etc, 1973-74
- 2/2.1 Correspondence, 1973-85
- 2/2.2 Correspondence, 1973-85
- 2/3 Folder of correspondence, notes etc, 1974-85

3. B C Mollison, Miscellaneous Material

- 3/1 B C Mollison, 'A submission to the State Labor Party on the need for an enquiry into Aboriginal affairs in Tasmania', 1972
- 3/2 *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies: application and conditions of fieldwork*, Canberra, nd (includes Bill Mollison's application for research grant)
- 3/3 Folder of notes on sealers
- 3/4.1 File of miscellaneous information related to Tasmanian Aborigines
- 3/4.2 File of miscellaneous information related to Tasmanian Aborigines

4. Files on Families

- 4/1.1 A-C
Anderson, Armstrong (two files), Bacon, Beeton, Bennett, Bessell, Bone, Briggs (nine files), Britton/Bones, Brown, Bumford, Burgess (five files), Caldwell, Caville, Challis, Collier, Cowen (eight files), Crane
- 4/1.2 D-R
Dance, Delphin, (two files), Direen, Dobson, Eastley, Elmer (three files), Everett, Gehan, Godson, Gower, Green, Hearps (two files), Hite, Hodge, Holloway, Horton/Finnerty, Hyatt, Jago, Jarret, Kemp, King, Kingsley, Lisson, Lovell, McDonald, McIvor, Mabb, Mansell (two files), Maynard (two files), Miller, Newitt/Newett, Nichols (six files), Palmer, Price (three files), Radford, Ramskill, Rigby, Rose, Rowe (two files), Rudd
- 4/1.3 S-W
Scott, Sculthorpe, Shaw/Walker, Smith (six files), Squires, Stacey, Stanton, Stevenson (includes Doreen Dare, *The family of James and Eliza Dare*, 1989), Stone, Tatnell (two files), Thyer, Tilyard, Wainwright, Williams, Wilston, Winslow, Wood (two files), unnamed file with some 19th century Registrar General's extracts for birth, deaths and marriages in Huon area

5. R J Drysdale, Correspondence

- 5/1 Letters to R Drysdale, 1985-95 and nd

6. R J Drysdale, Files

- 6/1 Tasmanian Aboriginal Education Advisory Council. Executive Meeting. Minutes, 14/1/1984-8/11/1984; Tasmanian Aboriginal Education Advisory Council. Full Council Meeting. Minutes 19-20/10/1983-23/7/1985, agenda for 19-20/9/1985 meeting; current procedures to check Aboriginality; names and addresses of Tasmanian Aboriginal organizations; proposed D.A.A. budget for 1984/85
- 6/2 Aboriginal Child Youth Support Group, papers etc;
- 6/3 Aboriginal Language Association, paper by R J Drysdale, notes, correspondence etc; notes etc re introduction of Aboriginal studies into Tasmanian schools
- 6/4 Tasmanian Aboriginal Genealogical and Historical Association, forms, copies of letter explaining the association; TAGHA *News letter- information sheet*, issue no.1; TAGHA. Minutes of meeting 17/7/1986; TAGHA *News letter- information sheet* no.2 (draft copies); TAGHA *News letter*, third edition; member lists
- 6/5 [R Drysdale] 'A guide to Aboriginal genealogical research in Tasmania', draft
- 6/6 Land Rights Tasmania, brochure etc
- 6/7 National Aboriginal Conference 1984 material, etc
- 6/8 Tasmanian Aboriginal Community petition re Michael Mansell, 1987
- 6/9 Old cemetery Zeehan, photocopies of list of names; Kettering Cemetery list
- 6/10 P J Mackett, 'Aboriginal notes source material extracts', 1990, typescript; box of floppy disks sent to R Drysdale by P J Mackett, Queensland, 1990
- 6/11 Photographic prints from the *Examiner*, 1883, 1894 re Bass Strait islands
- 6/12 Black convicts, photocopies of convict records
- 6/13 Typed chronology re Bass Strait Aboriginal settlements; 'Cape Barren Island: notes prepared for basis of discussion with teacher trainees...1968'
- 6/14 Handwritten extracts from the diary of George Gatenby, 1832-46

- 6/15 Notes on sealers etc
- 6/16.1 Medcraft family history, photocopy
- 6/16.2 Medcraft family history, photocopy
- 6/17.1 Folder of information on various families
- 6/17.2 Folder of information on various families
- 6/18.1 Folder of newspaper cuttings, 1983
- 6/18.2 Folder of newspaper cuttings, 1984
- 6/18.3 Folder of newspaper cuttings, 1987
- 6/19 Photocopies of 19th century Registrar General's births, deaths and marriage records, various dates

7. R J Drysdale, Notebooks

- 7/1 Address book, nd
- 7/2 File register, notebook, 1987
- 7/3 A diary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Genealogical and Historical Association, vol.1, 1986, notebook
- 7/4 Notebook, nd
- 7/5 Film record, notebook, nd

8. General Publications Relating to Tasmanian Aborigines

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- 8/2 *Accounts of travels on Kangaroo Island during the 1860's and 1870's*, Kangaroo Island, nd
- 8/3 J W Agnew, 'The last of the Tasmanians', Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, 1888, photocopy
- 8/4 *AIS Newsletter* October 1975, April-May 1976
- 8/5 'An unexpected visit to Flinders' Island in Bass's Straits', *Chambers Edinburgh Journal* vol.3, no.53.78, 1845, photocopy
- 8/6 James Barnard, 'Notes on the last living Aboriginal in Tasmania', 1889, photocopy; 'Aborigines of Tasmania', *Transactions of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science*, 1890
- 8/7 Diane Barwick, 'This most resolute lady: a biographical puzzle' (re Louisa Strugnell Briggs), chapter 8 in *Metaphors of interpretation: essays in honour of WEH Stanner*, nd
- 8/8 R J A Berry, 'A living descendant of an extinct (Tasmanian) race', *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria*, 1907, photocopy
- 8/9 J B Birdsell, 'The racial origins of the extinct Tasmanians', *Records of the Queen Victoria Museum*, 15/8/1949, photocopy
- 8/10 *Black Action*, Nov. 1976, Feb-March 1977, no.7, 1977, no.12
- 8/11 P Broca, *Documents relatifs aux croisements des races tres-differentes*, 1860, photocopy of extract
- 8/12 AW Burbury, 'Report on the conditions of the half castes at Cape Barren Island reservation', 1929, photocopy
- 8/13 J E Calder, *Some account...native tribes of Tasmania*, facs. ed. 1972, photocopy; with handwritten notes on Calder's book
- 8/14 'Cape Barren Island', *Australian Board of Missions Review* vol.17, 1931

- 8/15 Cape Barren Island Reserve Bill, 1912; Cape Barren Island Reserve Act, 1912, photocopy
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- 8/17 *Centenary of the settlement of the Huon*, Franklin, 1936, photocopy
- 8/18 W E L H Crowther, 'Introduction to Professor Abbie's survey of the Aboriginal collection in the Tasmanian Museum', *Royal Society of Tasmania Papers and Proceedings*, vol.98
- 8/19 W E L H Crowther, 'A survey of the manuscripts, logs and ships journals in the State Library of Tasmania', *Royal Society of Tasmania Papers and Proceedings* vol.105, photocopy
- 8/20 D C Defenderfer, *An Aboriginal studies program at Flinders Island District High School*, 1985
- 8/21 A I Diamond, thesis, 'Aspects of the history of the South Australia Company: first decade', 1955, photocopy of appendix 2: Employees of South Australia company and crews of ships used by the company, 1836
- 8/22 J A Fletcher, *The Stone Age man of Tasmania*, photocopy
- 8/23 *The forgotten people: the community*, Hobart, 1983
- 8/24 Helen Gee, 'Oyster Cove: synopsis', nd, photocopy; 'Wybalena the Tasmanian Aboriginal settlement on Flinders Island', 1975, photocopy
- 8/25 E D Gill, 'New evidence from Victoria relative to the antiquity of the Australian Aborigine', *Australian Journal of Science*, December 1951
- 8/26 Dennis Hodgkinson, *Half moon of history*, 1974
- 8/27 G E Kearney, 'Report on matters relating to Aboriginal Australians', *Australian Psychologist* 2/7/1975, photocopy
- 8/28 James Kelly, 'First discovery of Port Davey...', photocopy of some pages
- 8/29 R F Langford, 'Our heritage – your playground', Australian Archaeological Association annual meeting, 1982
- 8/30 H Ling Roth, 'Is Mrs F.C. Smith a "last living Aboriginal of Tasmania"?', *Journal of the Anthropological Institute*, 1898
- 8/31 Barbara Little, 'The sealing and whaling industry in Australia before 1850', nd
- 8/32 *Living with the land: Aborigines in Tasmania*. Books 1-7, Hobart, 1989-1991
- 8/33 *The log of the circumnavigation of Van Diemen's Land by Captain James Kelly 1814-1815*, Hobart, 1986
- 8/34 M J Longman, 'Songs of the Tasmanian Aborigines as recorded by Mrs Fanny Cochrane Smith', *Royal Society of Tasmania Papers and Proceedings* vol.91
- 8/35 F H Lovejoy, 'Housing for Aborigines and Islanders throughout Australia', 1972, typescript
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- 8/37 L W G Malcolm, 'Short notes on the inhabitants of Cape Barren Island, Bass Strait, Tasmania', *Man*, October 1920, photocopy; and notes
- 8/38 *Mannalargenna and his descendants to the second filial generation*, TAGHA, 1986; also manuscript
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- 8/42 A Moyle, 'Tasmanian music, an impasse?', *Records of the Queen Victoria Museum*, 15/7/1968

- 8/43 L C Murray, 'Notes on sealing industry of Van Diemen's Land', Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, 1928, photocopy
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- 8/45 Mary Nicholls, ed, *The Diary of the Reverend Robert Knopwood 1803-1838*, 1977, photocopies of some pages
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- 8/48 *Records of the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston*, photocopies of some indexes
- 8/49 GA Robinson, 'A portion of the report...1838', reprinted from *The Colonist*, 31/10/1838, Bath, 1865
- 8/50 *Sixth Australasian Congress on genealogy and heraldry: official programme*, 1991
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- 8/55 Tasmania. Legislative Council Paper no.48, 1863. 'Half-caste islanders in Bass's Straits. Report of the Ven. Archdeacon Reibey, photocopy
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- 8/58 Tasmanian Archaeological Society. Newsletter, no.1, 1984-no.9, 1986
- 8/59 John Thawley and Sarah Gauci, *Bibliographies of the Australian Aborigine*, 1987
- 8/60 N B Tindale, 'Growth of a people; formation and development of a hybrid Aboriginal and white stock on the islands of Bass Strait, Tasmania 1815-1949', *Records of the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston*, June 1953, photocopy
- 8/61 N B Tindale, *Aboriginal tribes of Australia*. Appendix, 'Tasmanian tribes' by Rhys Jones, 1974
- 8/62 P Topinard, *Sur les metis Australiens*, 1875, photocopy of extract
- 8/63 K R von Stieglitz, *A short history of Deloraine*, 1950, photocopy
- 8/64 Reg Watson, 'Crowther: family with fine record of service', *Sunday Tasmanian* 8/11/1987
- 8/65 Roma Williams, *Wybalenna and the Jeanneret family*, 1975

9. Photographs

- 9/1 Photograph album of photos relating to Tasmanian Aborigines (copies of old photographs, recent photos of identified people)
- 9/2 Photograph album (copies of photos of Tasmanian Aborigines)
- 9/3 Photograph album titled 'Photos of or relating to Tasmanian Aborigines', vol.2 (copies of old photos)
- 9/4 Photograph album (copies of old photographs of Tasmanian Aborigines and their descendants etc., includes loose photographs of Wybalenna)
- 9/5 Photographs: Bock portraits of Aborigines; Aboriginal photos Kangaroo Island; folder with photos of Brian Plomley and Roy Maynard; U H Smith; Mary Ann Tatnell; unidentified people
- 9/6 Photographs: J Maynard's wife and children; C Burge, F Maynard, D Murray, E Creighton, M Maynard, D Tyrrol, N Maynard; unidentified house; unidentified

- people; John Maynard (original and copies); George Everett; photocopies of Roy Maynard's military papers and medals; Wybalenna ruins; photograph of certificate presented to Private Maynard by Flinders Island Municipality
- 9/7 Photographs: Polly Briggs; Pearl Norman; Ben Everett; sheet of small photos of people and negatives; list of 1911 Beattie photos of visit to Islands; Fanny Cochrane Smith and her family including some original photos
- 9/8 Envelope of photographs of unidentified children
- 9/9 Miscellaneous photographs and negatives of people; photocopies of photographs of people

10. Background Information Concerning the Collection

- 10/1 Agreement between Bill Mollison and Coral Everitt and R J Drysdale re Tasmanian Aboriginal Genealogies, 1985
- 10/2 Notes by N J B Plomley; notes re lodgment of material in Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery etc

OTHER SOURCES

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