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THE SULLIVAN/SHEARN COLLECTION

Mines and Mining, Northern Tasmania
Mines and Mining, Victoria

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INTRODUCTION

Carrilla Daniel Sullivan, a mining engineer, was born in Melbourne in 1841, the son of Richard and Eliza Sullivan.¹ He was living at Bonang, Gippsland, when he married Henrietta Louisa Yeates at Holy Trinity Church, Launceston, in 1889.² Henrietta, born in Launceston in 1864, was the daughter of Henry and Henrietta Yeates.³ The Sullivans had five children, Henry Carrilla (born 1890), Edna Lily (1892), Alice May (1894, later Mrs T Solomon⁴), Ruby Elizabeth (1896) and Stella Marie (1899).

Mr Sullivan was the manager of mines in Victoria and included in the records are a number of papers relating to the New Bonang Gold Mining Company at Bonang, North-East Gippsland. He was also involved with mining at Lefroy and Mathinna in Tasmania.

The Sullivan family came to Tasmania in 1897. According to Wise's *Tasmania Post Office Directory* for 1898, C Daniel Sullivan was living at Delamere Road, Trevallyn: in 1907 he was still at Delamere Road and Carrilla D Sullivan was listed as a grocer at 148 Cimitiere Street. The 1909 directory listed Mrs H L Sullivan as a grocer at 148 Cimitiere Street. Carrilla Sullivan died on 7 August 1912 at his residence, 148 Cimitiere Street, Launceston⁵ and Henrietta died at Launceston on 23 June 1946.⁶

Charles Henry Francis Shearn, born at Hobart in 1845,⁷ married Mary Ann Richards at St Leonards in 1871.⁸ Mary Ann, daughter of William and Elizabeth Richards, was born at Launceston in 1844.⁹ Their only child, Percy Charles, born in 1873, died at Launceston in 1893.¹⁰

Charles Shearn was the legal manager for a number of mining companies. Included in the records are a number of papers relating to the Bonanza Proprietary, a gold mine at Beaconsfield, which adjoined the Tasmania Gold Mining Co., and some items concerning the latter company. Mr Shearn was also treasurer of the Society for Tuition of the Blind in the north of the state.¹¹

Charles Shearn died at his residence "Percyville", 127 Invermay Road, Launceston on 5 July 1917¹² and Mary Ann died at "Percyville" on 23 May 1922.¹³

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in 1957.

¹ Australian Vital Records Index

² *Examiner* 25 April 1889

³ Tasmanian Pioneers Index

⁴ *Examiner* 24 June 1946, see Mrs H L Sullivan's death notice

⁵ *Examiner* 8 August 1912

⁶ *Examiner* 24 June 1946

⁷ *Cyclopedia of Tasmania*, vol.2, p. 133

⁸ RGD 37/1871/328

⁹ Tasmanian Pioneers Index

¹⁰ Tasmanian Pioneers Index

¹¹ Walch's *Tasmanian almanac*, 1906, p.322

¹² *Examiner* 6 July 1917

¹³ *Examiner* 25 May 1922

1.Carrilla Daniel Sullivan

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|-----|---|-----------|
| 1/1 | Carrilla Daniel Sullivan, various items relating to his mining activities in Victoria | 1888-1902 |
| 1/2 | 13 letters from Henry Copeland, a member of the NSW parliament, to Mr Sullivan, re mining; one letter to Henry Copeland from G A? Richards, Mount Morgan Mine, 1889 | 1889-1902 |
| 1/3 | Correspondence | 1889-1903 |

2.Henrietta Louisa Sullivan

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| 2/1 | Henrietta Louisa Sullivan, correspondence (includes letter to Miss Yates, 1883, this is possibly Henrietta Louisa Yeates) | 1893-1904 |
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3.Sullivan Family

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| 3/1 | Registration of Births, Victoria, form for birth of Alice May Sullivan (form has dates of birth for Henry, Edna, Ruby and Stella Sullivan added in pencil) | 1894 |
| 3/2 | Postcards to Mrs C D Sullivan, Mr H L Sullivan, Ruby and Stella Sullivan | 1908, 1911, nd |
| 3/3 | Henry Carrilla Sullivan, 'Engineers that I knew in the early days of this century', manuscript written in biro by Henry C Sullivan in old bookkeeping book | 1978 |

4.Charles Henry Francis Shearn

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| 4/1 | Charles Henry Francis Shearn, personal correspondence (includes invitation to Mr & Mrs Shearn to Bishop of Tasmania At Home, nd and Patterson Street Wesleyan Church Choir river trip to Rosevears, nd) | 1882-1894, nd |
| 4/2 | Scrapbook of unsourced newspaper cuttings etc on miscellaneous subjects (on p.20 in Mr Shearn's hand 'Percy C Shearn, height 6 feet, weight 11 stone 13 ½ lbs, July 19 th 1890') | c1886-c1903 |
| 4/3 | Photograph of address presented to Charles Henry Francis Shearn by Star of Dundas Mining Company; C H F Shearn business card | 1893 |

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| 4/4 | Miscellaneous records relating to various mining companies | 1895-1914 |
| 4/5 | Tasmania Gold Mining and Quartz Crushing Co., report February 1898; John Robert Blyth lease to Tasmania Gold Mining and Quartz Crushing Co., 1899; Tasmania Gold Mining and Quartz Crushing Co. report June 1901 and April 1903; three maps bound together, The Tasmania G. M. and Q. C. Co., Beaconsfield, Surface Plan; Plan of Drives; Longitudinal Section, nd; Tasmania Gold Mining Co. Ltd report 1907 and 1910; typed history of company 21 December 1910 | 1898-1910,
nd |
| 4/6 | Charles Henry Francis Shearn, correspondence, records relating to Bonanza Proprietary, No Liability, Beaconsfield (includes scrip certificates) | 1906-1913 |
| 4/7 | Charles Henry Francis Shearn, correspondence concerning erection etc of cottage at Invermay | 1903 |

5. Mary Ann Shearn

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| 5/1 | Mary Ann Shearn, correspondence (includes letter re baptism to Misses C & M A Richards, 1861) | 1889-1918,
nd |
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6. Percy Charles Shearn

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| 6/1 | Percy Charles Shearn, letter from his father, 1885; letter from his mother | 1885 |
| 6/2 | Launceston High School, order of merit, June 1888; December 1889 (includes Percy Shearn's results); 'Percy C. Shearn', business card | 1888-1889 |
| 6/3 | Percy Charles Shearn, letters to his parents (includes copy of Peter MacFie, 'Schoolboy tourist: letters of Percy Shearn, aged 15', <i>Tasman Peninsula Chronicle</i> no.2, March 1987) | 1889-1890 |
| 6/4 | Tasmanian Exhibition items: invitation to Percy C Shearn to opening ceremony; Mr, Mrs & P C Shearn entry cards for opening ceremony; opening ceremony program; invitation to Mayor's fancy dress juvenile ball; Percy Shearn's invitation to closing ceremony | 1891-1892 |
| 6/5 | Percy Charles Shearn, 'In loving remembrance' card; 'In loving memory' card; 'Lines on Percy Shearn' (poem); 'In memorium' by Leslie S MacDougall | 1893, 1896 |

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