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JOHN ROWLAND SKEMP COLLECTION

Naturalists, Northern Tasmania

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INTRODUCTION

John Rowland Skemp was born on 2 July 1900, son of Rowland and Florence (nee Kearney) Skemp of Myrtle Bank, in north-eastern Tasmania. John’s father migrated from England to Tasmania in 1883 to join his brother, Samuel, who had arrived the previous year and had purchased 20 acres at Myrtle Bank in 1883. Florence Kearney was head teacher at the nearby Patersonia School from 1886 until she resigned in 1893, prior to her marriage to Rowland Skemp on 28 February 1894.

J R Skemp was educated at the Myrtle Bank School, where his mother was head teacher, and at Launceston High School. He won a scholarship to the University of Tasmania, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in 1924. During this time he joined the Education Department, spending two years as a teacher at schools in various parts of Tasmania. After visiting England in 1924, he returned to Tasmania and worked on the family farm at Myrtle Bank until he was appointed by the Education Department as museum education assistant at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, commencing on 1 July 1939. Apart from a year’s leave of absence due to his father’s poor health, he continued in this role until 1946.

Mr Skemp was author of the Australian Dictionary of Biography articles on William Kearney and Esh Lovell and, with T E Burns, on R C Gunn. A prolific writer on natural history and Tasmanian history, he also gave numerous broadcasts for the ABC on these subjects. He published Poems of a pioneer: selected poems by Rowland Skemp; with a foreword by his son John Rowland Skemp c.1954.

In 1959 Mr Skemp, a foundation member, was made a life member of the Launceston Field Naturalists’ Club in recognition of his contribution to Tasmanian natural history. He was appointed Honorary Research Associate in Botanical History by the University of Tasmania in 1960. The following year he was appointed a justice of the peace.

J R Skemp died on 12 May 1966, aged 65, at Launceston. He bequeathed approximately 50 hectares at Myrtle Bank to the Launceston Field Naturalists’ Club. Called the John Skemp Field Study Centre, it is owned and operated by the Launceston Field Naturalists’ Club, which also holds an annual John Skemp Memorial Lecture.

The collection was previously stored in the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Botany Department. Additional material was donated in September and October 2002.

Major publications by J R Skemp:

Memories of Myrtle Bank: the bush farming experiences of Rowland and Samuel Skemp in north eastern Tasmania 1883-1948, Melbourne, 1952
Letters to Anne, Melbourne, 1956
Tasmania yesterday and today, Melbourne, 1958, second edition, 1959
Van Diemen’s Land correspondents, with TE Burns, Launceston, 1961
A history of the North-West Coast, printed in Tasmanian Education 1962-1965
A history of Deloraine from the earliest settlement to the present day, Deloraine, 1964
My birds, Launceston, 1971
1. J R Skemp Correspondence

1/1 Correspondence to J R Skemp: 27/7/1921 to J Skemp, State High, Huonville, from former pupil Ruth Burbury, Andover, re school work, thanks for drawing etc, includes photo of school group; 12/10/1921 from R Burbury, Andover, re school etc; 11/11/1921 from R Burbury, Andover, re school etc; 12/8/1932 from Aubrey Davern, (friend) New Town, re poetry, Mr Skemp declared a member of Royal Society etc; [1934] from Aubrey Davern, Newcastle, re his life in Newcastle etc; 12/2/1935 from Aubrey Davern, Newcastle, re Mr Skemp’s mother’s death etc; 19/6/1935 from Aubrey Davern, Newcastle, re philosophical matters; 17/4/1936 from Aubrey Davern, Lambton, NSW, re philosophical matters; 29/5/1936 from Aubrey Davern, Lambton, NSW, re philosophical matters; 8/12/1937 from Launceston Bank for Savings, re loan by J R Skemp to E O G Scott; 5/8/1938? from Aubrey Davern, Merewether, re his personal affairs; nd from Aubrey Davern, Merewether, re his personal affairs; nd from Aubrey Davern, Lambton, NSW, re Mussolini etc; nd from Aubrey Davern, Merewether, re philosophical matters.

1/2 Correspondence to J R Skemp: 9/3/1947 from (cousin) Walter, nr Stockport, England; 17/6/1947 from Leslie Rees, Neutral Bay, re foreword for Rees’ book; 19/11/1947 from Education Department, Hobart, re Mrs Skemp’s teaching service; 12/11/1948 telegram from Davern, Sydney, ‘potato famine here bring some if you can’; 5/8/1949 from Aubrey Davern, Bexley, re his illness, Greener’s University appointment; 9/1/1951 from May Bartley, Hoblers Bridge Road, re purchasing raspberries; 18/1/1951 from St Leonards Council Clerk re proposed grand stand Myrtle Park with plan, and draft letter to Mr Madden MHA from J R Skemp; 30/6/1951 from E Hart-Smith, Hillwood, re birds; 4/12/1951 from Harold Trethewie, Stanley, requesting reference to Circular Head in broadcasts; 2/3/1953 from G Record, Launceston, re Mr Skemp’s book; 3/3/1953 from Les, Waitara, thanking him for book; 9/9/1953 from MUP, Melbourne re his father’s poems; 10/12/1953 from (cousin) Florence Green, Canberra, re family history etc; 15/12/1953 from Les Skemp re family; 23/2/1954 from (cousin) Florence Green, Canberra, re travelling to Tasmania; 2/4/1954 from Frank Green, Assist. Sect., West Hobart re Field Naturalists’ excursion; 4/4/1954 from Jim Turner, Moonah, re Skemp’s visit to Hobart etc; 21/4/1954 from Crosbie Morrison, Melbourne, re articles submitted to *Wild Life*; 11/5/1954 from Crosbie Morrison, Melbourne re Skemp’s manuscript; 5/6/1954 from H B Boss-Walker, Fern Tree, re birds, photos of honeyeaters included; 9/6/1954 from Frank Green, Sydney, re family etc; 11/7/1954 from F Green, Canberra, re manuscript of *Letters to Anne* etc; October 1954 from F Green, Canberra, re *Letters to Anne*, Robert Nash, his wife’s health; 16/11/1954 from E T Emmett, Montagu Bay re *Memories of Myrtle Bank*, Emmett’s love of
Correspondence to J R Skemp: 5/1/1959 from Macmillan & Co., re review copies of book etc; 8/1/1959 from Hilda Bridges, Sorell, re her brother Roy etc; 4/2/1959 from Macmillan & Co., Melbourne re presentation copies, binding of book; 6/2/1959 from Tasmanian Historical Research Association, Hobart, asking Mr Skemp to write a letter to Chief Secretary concerning withdrawal of THRA’s grant; 13/2/1959 from Director of Education, Hobart, thanking Mr Skemp for a copy of *Tasmania*; 14/2/1959 from Macmillan & Co., Melbourne, the first edition should sell out soon; 18/2/1959 from Chief Secretary in response to Mr Skemp’s letter re grant, with Mr Skemp’s draft letter; 18/2/1959 from ABC Tasmanian Manager, Hobart, thanking Mr Skemp for a copy of *Tasmania*; 23/2/1959 from Harry Boss-Walker, Fern Tree, re visiting Mr Skemp; 27/5/1959 from F[rank] G[reen], Hobart, thanking Mr Skemp re review of the book, etc; 3/7/1959 from Macmillan & Co., Melbourne, declining to publish ‘Birds of Tasmania’; 5/7/1959 from F W Skemp, Headington, Oxford, re *Tasmania*, family; 27/7/1959 from State Library, Hobart, re R C Gunn; 10/9/1959 from E C Lawrence, Cressy, re Robert Lawrence’s journal; 22/12/1959 from Macmillan & Co., Melbourne, with statement and royalty cheque


5/7/1963 from Curriculum Branch, Education Department, Hobart, re return of galleys and photographs; 12/7/1963 from Wide World Magazine, London, rejecting story of Tasmanian Monster; 12/7/1963 from QVM&AG, re donation of masked owl; 26/7/1963 from Peter Mercer, Ridgley, re photographs; 28/7/1963 from M K Whishaw, Launceston, asking permission to quote from Letters to Anne; 30/7/1963 from Curriculum Branch, Education Department, Hobart, re material for issues of Tasmanian Education; 31/7/1963 from MUP, Melbourne, re publishing 'The cocky farmer'; 1/8/1963 from Charles Ramsay, Devonport, re index to Fenton’s Bush life in Tasmania; 6/8/1963 from Curriculum Branch, Education Department, Hobart, re photographs for chapter 4; 9/8/1963 from M K Whishaw, Launceston, re quoting from Letters to Anne; 14/8/1963 from Paul Fenton, Burnie, re introduction to Bush life; 4/9/1963 from Mary Whishaw, Launceston, re Richmond; 9/9/1963 from Charles Ramsay, Devonport, with invitation to tea; 19/9/1963 from Les, Waitara, re family; 8/10/1963 from Renie? Hookway, Launceston, re deeds of property at Boat Harbour; 28/10/1963 from Nita T., Kelvin Avenue, re when she will be away; 29/10/1963 from Pat Burns, Ulverstone, re Fentons; 1/11/1963 from Peter Mercer, Ridgley, re photographs, letter by Philosopher Smith; 2/11/1963 from M Eadington, Lowdina, re Heritage Hike in Richmond area; 14/11/1963 from Curriculum Branch, Education Department, Hobart, re photographs; 5/12/1963 from ABC, Hobart, asking for Mr Skemp to give a talk on J (sic) C Gunn; 15/12/1963 from Verdun Cameron, Deloraine, re Mr Skemp writing a history of Deloraine; 24/12/1963 from Charles Ramsay, Devonport, re mistakes in articles; Xmas 1963 from Bettye, WA., re family; 30/12/1963 from Lionel Mortyn, Redpa, re natural history

Correspondence to J R Skemp: 8/1/1964 from Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union, re referee’s report on manuscript; 26/1/1964 from Lionel Mortyn, Redpa, re his memories of State agricultural college; 13/2/1964 from Curriculum Branch, Education Department, Hobart, re galley proofs; 13/2/1964 from Marine Board of Burnie, re information Mr Skemp has requested; 25/3/1964 from ABC, Hobart, re recording Mr Skemp’s talk; 26/3/1964 from Lionel Mortyn, Redpa, various matters; 31/3/1964 from Verdun Cameron, Deloraine, re Mr Skemp’s manuscript; 1/4/1964 from Verdun, Deloraine, re receipt of manuscript; 3/4/1964 from Curriculum Branch, Education Department, Hobart, re chapter 6; 19/4/1964 from Verdun, Deloraine, with information; 1/5/1964 from Lionel Mortyn, Redpa, with information on Redpa; 20/5/1964 from Verdun Cameron, Deloraine, with information for history; 25/5/1964 from Verdun, Deloraine, with information for history; 23/7/1964 from Verdun, Deloraine, re Deloraine water supply; 10/6/1964 from Verdun, Deloraine, with information for history; 1/8/1964 from Lionel M, Redpa, re Mr Skemp’s projected visit etc; 2/9/1964 from R M Gunn, Perth, re history of R C Gunn; 19/10/1964 from Renie? Hookway, Boat Harbour, asking for information on Circular Head etc; 12/11/1964 from City Librarian, Launceston, re exhibition of manuscripts by Tasmanian writers; 25/11/1964 from Frank, Oxford, re family; 26/11/1964 from Manager, North-Western Co-operative Freezing & Canning Co. Ltd, with information on the company; 5/12/1964 from T E Burns,
Launceston, re Boat Harbour; 1964 from Adult Education Board, Launceston, re tutoring on early days in Tasmania and ornithology in 1965; 3/1/1965 from F[rank] G[reen], Hobart, re receiving a copy of the history of Deloraine; 24/1/1965 from Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union, Melbourne, re membership subscription; 31/1/1965 from Lorna Glasscock, Rosebud, Vic., with memories of Scottsdale; 4/4/1965 from Rowley, Waitara, re family; 16/4/1965 from Harold Wigan, Rockhampton, re Mr Skemp’s books; 6/5/1965 from Jim, Moonah, re his visit to Launceston; 21/5/1965 from H R Thomas, North Down, thanking him for letter; 13/6/1965 from E T Emmett, Montagu Bay, with information on Emmett family; 8/7/1965 from Frank [Green], Hobart, re Roy Bridges and Nash; 10/6/1965 from Kath, Launceston, re Peter Sculthorpe etc; 25/6/1965 from Lionel Mortyn, Redpa, re death of Mrs Judith Greene, etc; 26/6/1965 from F C Green, re Robert Nash; 7/12/1965 from Ivy Moseley, Bellerive, re Mr Skemp as an author etc; 17/12/1965 from State Archives, Hobart, re name ‘Tewksbury; 31/12/1965 from MUP, with royalty cheque for Letters to Anne; 15/3/1966 from A M Betts, Launceston, re family and friends; 17/3/1966 from Frank Green, Hobart, re Dictionary of Biography, Friendly Mission etc; 17/3/1966 from Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Hobart, re his operation; 29/3/1966 from C Craig, Launceston, re Mr Skemp’s gift to the National Trust; 28/4/1966 from Macmillan &Co., Melbourne, re Tasmania; 1/5/1966 from Lionel Mortyn, Redpa, re birds; 18/5/1966 from Macmillan & Co., re Tasmania; 27/5/1966 from Burnie Field Naturalist Club, asking for Mr Skemp to talk to the Club; 17/8/1966 from J B Skemp, Durham, enclosing his father’s funeral service

1/8 31 letters sent to J R Skemp, March-May 1966, during his last illness 1966

1/9 Undated correspondence to J R Skemp, from N L Bartlett, Natone (2); Ann Elias; B Faulkner?; Kath Garner, St Leonards; Lola Jackson, Hobart (3); Cyril Lawrence; Lionel Mortyn, Redpa; Les Skemp, Waitara; Rowland Skemp, Waitara, at sea, Napier, Bowen, Innisfail (5); Peter, Adelaide; Ellen, Launceston; Barbara, Oxford; F [Green], Hobart; Jill Carrington Smith, Hobart; Sam, Westbury (2); Ron, Launceston; Heather; Diana (a child); Lola (a child); Hobart High School Christmas card from Elliott; Christmas cards from Kath; Jim & Nita; Peter, Kathleen, Jennifer, Jonathan & Gabrielle; postcards from Norma; Jenny

1/10 Correspondence from J R Skemp, 10/4/1954 to MUP; 20/2/1956 to Mr James (MUP); 23/11/1957 to Mr Shea; 30/9/1958 to Mr Harber; 18/4/1959 to Mr Harber; 24/8/1964 to Mr Walker; nd to Mr Harber; nd to Gordon

1/11 Seven postcards, various places and dates, to J R Skemp; five Paris postcards and one English with J R Skemp’s ? handwriting on reverse

2. J R Skemp Manuscripts

2/1 Handwritten poems by J R Skemp (in an exercise book, some illustrated with sketches) 1919, 1924
‘Then and now: life on a Tasmanian farm fifty years ago and today’, typescript play, with handwritten introduction, by J R Skemp; ‘The miners: a scene on the goldfields’, typescript play

‘Observations on colour changes in the male blue wren’, (typescript and manuscript)

‘The Tasmanian West Coast monster’ (typescript and manuscript, information letter from Tasmanian Museum, 1962, Bulletin 17/3/1962 cartoon, 2 photographs of Advocate expedition to the ‘Monster’; manuscript letter to editor of Wide World Magazine)

‘Ronald Gunn and the Franklin Gardens’

‘Addendum to Birds’ (one page)

Source material for foreword to reprint of Bush life in Tasmania, (typed by T E Burns)

‘Mrs Fenton’s diary’ (typescript)

‘Tasmania today’ (manuscript, typescript, illustrations for Tasmania, yesterday and today)

Notes, typescripts etc concerning Ronald Campbell Gunn (includes T E Burns correspondence, 1959-61)

Pages [1]-296 of typed manuscript, possibly ‘The Tasmanian naturalist’

3.J R Skemp Radio Broadcast Scripts

Radio broadcast scripts (some manuscript, some typescript) by J R Skemp: Billop owls; Bird friends; Bird watching, 1,2,3; Birds and ants; Birds of the beaches; Birds of the Bight; Blackberries; Bones-ancient and modern; Bunyips; Cape Barren geese; Flounder; Guardians of the paddocks; Ghost towns of NE coast, West Coast, South; Gorge Bridge; Gunns Plains; Hibernation; Hobler of Hobler’s Bridge; Koala in Tasmania; Launceston’s water supply; Lavender harvest; Legless lizards; Lewin rail; Long distance migrants; Migrants return; Modern whaling; Mollyhawks and Pacific gulls; Penguins; Moonlight concert in the Gorge; Moorleah meteorite; Mt Barrow; Native cherry; Night calls of the bush; Old link with New Zealand; Other leguminous plants; Other myrtaceous plants; Our strange animals; Parrots and black jays; Petrified wood; Railway riots; Reaping match at Cressy; Ronald Campbell Gunn (1964); Sensible sea urchin; Smells and noses;
Springtime fashions; Springtime skirmishes; Tasmanian devils; Tiger cat; Tigers; Trees in tree ferns; Useful weevil; Vegetables of the forest; When the wind is southerly (1950)

3/2  ‘The Dusky-Tasmania’s peculiar robin’ (typescript and manuscript by J R Skemp, photographs by H J King, but no photographs included)  1949

3/3  ‘Bird watching in autumn’, (typescript of ABC broadcast, Correspondence School series, by J R Skemp, 1/3/1957)  1957

3/4  ‘Bird day programme’ (typescript of ABC broadcast, Correspondence School Speaks series, by J R Skemp, 16/10/1959)  1959

3/5  ‘Tasmanian birds’ nests’ (typescript of ABC broadcast, Correspondence School Speaks series, by John Skemp, 14/10/1960)  1960

3/6  ‘Tasmanian writers and their work’ by Robert Morrison. No.1. John Rowland Skemp, Catherine Shepherd, ABC script  nd

4.J R Skemp Miscellaneous Records

4/1  J R Skemp’s birth certificate (born 2 July 1900)  1915

4/2  J R Skemp’s leaving certificate  1918

4/3  Certificate showing subjects passed by J R Skemp to complete BSc degree  1924

4/4  Passengers’ Contract Ticket, third class, for Jervis Bay, from London to Melbourne, issued to J R Skemp  1924

4/5  Identity card for John R Skemp, Myrtle Bank  1942

4/6  ‘Bird notes 1941-42’, notebook kept by J R Skemp, with geology notes at end of book  1941, 1942


4/8  Form re Myrtle Park Consolidated State School classification test, J R Skemp to assist in supervision of test  1953

4/10 J R Skemp’s passport, issued Hobart, 1953 1953
4/11 Engagement forms from ABC re broadcasts 1958, 1959
4/12 Launceston Field Naturalists’ Club, certificate of life membership to John Rowland Skemp; notice of annual meeting, 1961 1959, 1961
4/13 New Zealand itinerary for J R Skemp 1960
4/14 Royal Society of Tasmania, notices for council members 1962, 1963
4/15 Adult Education programme for 1964 (Mr Skemp conducted the Ornithology sessions) 1964
4/17 Historical Records Society of Tasmania, draft constitution, with list of founding members (includes J Skemp) nd
4/18 J R Skemp’s Justice of the Peace certificate 1961
4/19 Postcard to Mr Skemp from Launceston Field Naturalists Club nd
4/20 J R Skemp’s will, 10 February 1966 (typed copy) 1966
4/21 Special visitors pass, LGH, for Miss Ainsworth to see Mr Skemp 1966
4/22 Agreement by J R Skemp to assign all his land at Myrtle Bank to Mrs R E Darnton, 9 May 1966 (typed copy) 1966
4/23 Poem carried by J R Skemp in his wallet (with copy typed by T E Burns) nd
4/26 Original letters and other items used by J R Skemp in writing Letters to Anne
4/27 Folder of pencil sketches by J R Skemp (folder includes drawings by young children; 2 watercolours and 2 pages of pencil drawings by Samuel Skemp)

4/29 ‘Mt Barrow from Reediford Holm, Myrtle Bank’, watercolour by J R Skemp (pencil drawing of girl on reverse)  

5. J R Skemp’s Estate

5/1 Correspondence concerning Launceston Field Naturalists’ Club  

5/2 JR Skemp, list of household furniture  

5/3 Correspondence from Faculty of Medicine, University of Tasmania re ashes; notes re grave; account from Finney, Launceston

5/4 Notebook concerning Mr Skemp’s estate, compiled by N L Campbell, a trustee  


6. T E Burns Correspondence concerning J R Skemp and J R Skemp’s Estate


6/3 Letters to, from and concerning J R Skemp (typed by T E Burns) 1954-1966

7. Florence Skemp Records

7/1 Correspondence to Miss Kearney (later Mrs Skemp): 5/1/1892 from Rowland Skemp, Myrtle Bank; 15/1/1893 from Rowland Skemp, Myrtle Bank

7/2 Correspondence to Mrs Skemp: 29/5/1894 from AMP, enclosing marriage certificate for Florence Susanna Kearney and Benjamin Rowland Skemp, married 28/2/1894 at Richmond

7/3 Correspondence to Mrs Skemp: 15/5/1901 from R Marriott, Scottsdale; 17/5/1905 from [Rowland] Myrtle Bank, with notes from Jack and Les (letter is incomplete); 11/7/1911 from niece,
Cheltenham (letter is incomplete); 2/8/1911 from Ida; 1917
Christmas card from J C Eastman, 12th Battalion, France;
28/1/1920 from Lottie?, Colwyn Bay; 5/3/1920 from Les, Flinders
Island; 14/8/1920 from Blakeston & Brown, East Yorkshire;
7/1/1923 from Rowland, Myrtle Bank; 9/4/1924 from R Ernest Smith, Rosevears; 21/9/1926 from Gladys, Bridport; 27/11/1927 from Polly, England?; 30/9/1928 from Polly; 8/7/1930 from Tinning, Propsting & Masters, Hobart; nd from Polly; Les, Waitara; nd to Grandma from Rowland, Waitara; birthday postcard from Vera

7/4 Isle of Man postcards (17) to Mrs Skemp from Pattie? (2 from Pattie? and Polly) c1908

7/5 Correspondence from Florence Skemp: 29/1/1894 to Sam (brother-in-law); 15/6/1921 to Jack (son); 9/10/1921 to Jack; 30/10/1921 to Jack; 12/8/1924 to Jack 1894, 1921, 1924


7/7 Mrs Skemp’s diary, 19 January-21 December 1925 (mainly weather, natural history records concerning items brought by pupils?; records of teaching materials used listed at back of book) 1925

7/8 1901 calendar inscribed ‘To Flo from Tom, Xmas 1900’ 1900

7/9 Account from Paul W Ferrall, 100 Brisbane Street, Launceston, for school requirements 1907

7/10 Commonwealth of Australia Loans, receipt for Leslie and Florence Skemp, 1918; Florence Skemp, 1921 1918, 1921

7/11 Agreement concerning loan by Mrs Skemp to trustees of Myrtle Park recreation ground 1929

7/12 Newspaper cutting from North Eastern Advertiser re function at Myrtle Bank Hall to mark Mrs Skemp’s resignation from the Education Department c1930

7/13 Florence Skemp’s will, 25 October 1934 (typed copy) 1934

7/14 A series of United Kingdom postcards to Mrs Skemp from Pattie/Patty 1908-1921

7/15 A series of English postcards to Mrs Skemp from various correspondents 1903-1924

7/16 A series of Australian and New Zealand postcards (9) to 1909-1922
Mrs Skemp from various correspondents

8. Rowland Skemp Records

8/1 ‘Subscription on behalf of Rowland Skemp... who is obliged to leave his country on account of bad health’


8/3 Plan of land, Dorset, Patersonia, owned by Rowland Skemp 1890

8/4 Receipt for W A Carins and R Skemp for five pounds for Patersonia? chapel organ fund; R Skemp’s receipt re loan to Patersonia Methodist Church 1902, 1915

8/5 Musings by the wayside, by A Tiller of the Soil (Rowland Skemp) inscribed ‘To Flo from Rowland Jan.14 1920’ 1920?

8/6 Mr Skemp’s account from William Seddon, Launceston, for boot repair; receipt from J Dunn, Launceston, for cement 1919, 1921
8/7 Correspondence to Rowland Skemp from Law, Weston & Archer, Launceston, concerning Annie Boden’s estate, includes probate for Randolph Boden, 1919
8/8 Rowland Skemp’s will (typed copy) 1934
8/9 Three English postcards to Rowland Skemp from Pattie 1908-09

9. Skemp Family Miscellaneous Items
9/1 Remembrance card for Thomas Skemp, died 1874; remembrance card for Mary Skemp, died 1878 1874, 1878
9/2 Birthday card inscribed ‘May 4, Mr Skemp Snr’ 1881
9/3 ‘A short trip to the Isle of Man, July 1881’ by Samuel Skemp (typed and with notation by T E Burns, 1980) 1881
9/5 7 postcards, various places and dates, to Les Skemp

10. Ada Emily Kearney Records
10/1 Correspondence to Ada Kearney: 8/1/1908 from Arthur Kearney, York? Hotel; 4/5/1916 from Mick Burke?, On Active Service, Egypt, with group photograph; 21/5/1934 from Flo (sister); 12/10/1934 from Law & Weston & Archer, Launceston; 14/11/1934 from Amy (cousin) Grafton, New Zealand; nd from Pauline (niece) Campania 1908, 1916, 1934
10/2 St Patrick’s River Produce Show, first prize for dressed fowls awarded to Miss Kearney, 17 March 1934 (blue card) 1934
10/3 Estate of Ada Emily Kearney, accounts from Archer, Hall & Campbell 1943, 1945

11. Lovell/Kearney Records
11/1 Lovell family tree (rough manuscript); family notes
11/2 Remembrance card for H Hopkins, died 1870, sent to John Kearney, Laburnum Park sabbeth school 1870
11/3 William Kearney’s purchase records (4) for land at Enfield, 1883; remembrance card for William Kearney, died 1914 1883, 1914
11/4 Letter to David Pitt, Richmond, from Tinning & Propsting, re Mrs Kearney’s land at Campania 1897
11/5 Remembrance card for Violet Mildred Kearney, died 25 November 1903

12. Photographs

12/1 Anne Lovell (later Mrs Thomas Kearney)  nd
12/2 Ada and Florence Kearney  c1875
12/3 Rowland Skemp  c1882
12/4 Leslie Skemp with unidentified child (2 small photographs on a card)  nd
12/5 Myrtle Bank School, group includes Mrs Skemp and Mrs Imlach  c1906
12/6 Myrtle Bank School (small sepia photograph)  nd
12/7 Vernon Alexander, Myrtle Bank, Tasmania (Vandyck Studios, Launceston)  nd
12/8 Sid Bowden (in soldier’s uniform) (Spurling Studio, Launceston)  nd
12/9 Elliot Woolley (Crawford’s Studio, Hobart)  nd
12/10 Photograph of “Sandringham House” inscribed ‘Yours sincerely Les, Jan 25 1916’. ‘On active service no.4881’, with message on reverse  1916
12/11 Aunt Ada, Les, Mum  c1917
12/12 Les (Skemp) and his pet cow  nd
12/13 Unidentified family group, parents and 4 children. ‘To dear Aunty Flo. This is how we looked when ‘snapped” by an amateur in our garden in June 1924’  1924
12/14 ‘To Aunt Flo & Aunt Ada with love from Pauline & Mildred’  nd
12/15 Sefton & Frances; Mum & Frances, Napier, Xmas 1929  1929
12/16 Orchard, garden, paddock at “Reediford Holm”, 3 b&w photographs by T E Burns  1942
12/17 Rowley Skemp  1956
12/18 Mark Jonathon Skemp  1961
12/19 “Glen Carron”, South Gippsland, lady in foreground,  1966
inscribed ‘…from Nan, Bill & family’

12/20 B&w photograph of grave inscribed ‘Robert Lovell Kearney, Peak Hill, WA Died 2nd July 1918

12/21 Member of Skemp family (tintype)

12/22 Forty-two photographs of unidentified people and places

12/23 Myrtle Bank School, group includes Mrs Skemp and J R Skemp c1902

12/24 Roland Dawson-Bowling 1952

12/25 Baptist Chapel, Peel St., Eccles

13. Miscellaneous Items

13/1 ‘Visit to Windermere’ (England), manuscript, 4 pages 1879

13/2 Remembrance card, Constance Chrystobel Grining, died 21 June 1904, Kalgoorlie 1904

13/3 New Year’s wishes from Jennie, Sheffield 1910

13/4 With compliments wedding? card from Mr & Mrs Geo. Carins (nee Miss B G Brown) 1915

13/5 Thanks for sympathy note from George Brown and daughter 1923

13/6 Minutes of meeting held at Patersonia Hall to discuss proposal to approach Premier to have Patersonia Road made State Highway (in notebook) nd

13/7 Plan of graveyard, Patersonia (photocopy) nd

13/8 Commonwealth War Damage Commission, demand for contribution in respect of fixed property for Upper Myrtle Bank Hall 1942

13/9 Myrtle Park Consolidated School Parents’ & Friends Committee, minutes of meeting (Mr Skemp present at meeting) nd

13/10 Myrtle Park Parents’ & Friends Association, constitution 1958

13/11 Myrtle Park Parents & Friends annual meeting (Mr Skemp was acting chairman) 1965

13/12 Myrtle Park Cricket Club, account from Fotheringhams; account from Athol Martin, nd 1965

13/13 ‘2 new Skemp awards’, Examiner 16 December 1969 (re memorial prizes presented at Myrtle Park prize day) 1969
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