



From the Director

Welcome to Records Territory.

Since the last edition, the Northern Territory Archives Service (NTAS) has transferred from the Department of Corporate and Information Services to the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts to align with other heritage and collections focused agencies of the Territory Government. This has coincided with a great deal of change for NTAS as the Government Recordkeeping role was separated from the archives service and we are proceeding with the legislative changes to facilitate this.

In this issue we bring you features about the fascinating research that is being undertaken at NTAS. We also focus on the new archives collections which have come into our Darwin and Alice Springs repositories, and this is complemented by an article about archives in the Territory - how they originated and who holds what.

As I write this, the Northern Territory History Grants for this year have been announced and we provide an update about this and some past history grant projects.

Greg Coleman

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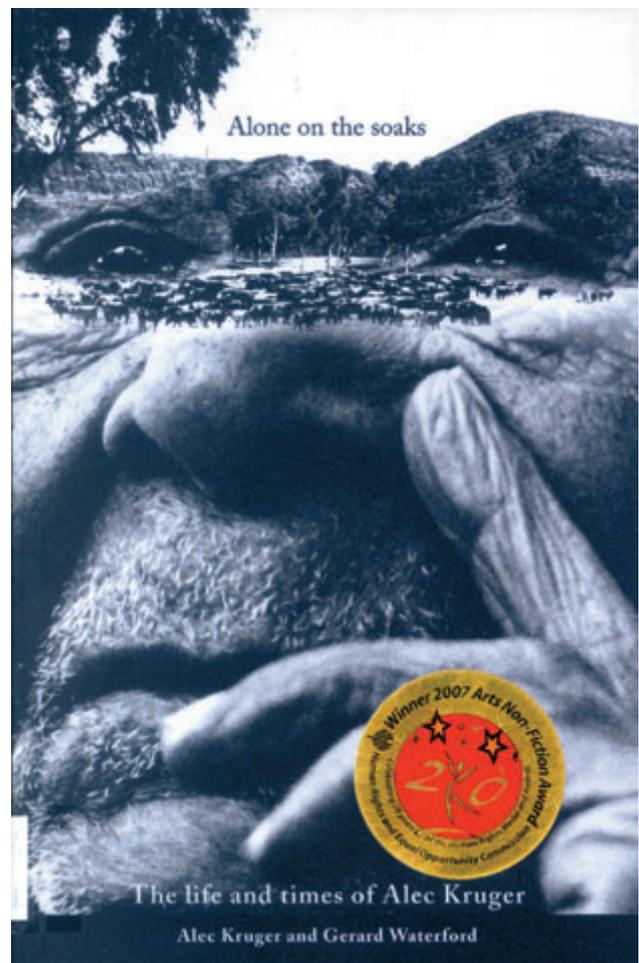
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Northern Territory History Grants

The applications for Northern Territory History Grants for 2008 closed and a listing of successful recipients and their projects can be found on page 6.

We congratulate the following grant recipients from previous allocations for the completion of their work, for which they received full or partial funding from the Northern Territory History Grants program.

- Alec Kruger and Gerard Waterford, *Alone on the Soaks, the Life and Times of Alec Kruger* published by IAD Press 2007.
- Diana Giese, *A better place to live: overview of building community and culture in the Top End from the 1950's until Self Government 1978*. Monograph 2008.



Northern Territory Archives Service

NTAS restructure and moves

In October last year NTAS transferred from the Department of Corporate and Information Services (DCIS) to the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts (NRETA). This move aligned NTAS with other heritage and collections focused agencies within Government.

This move also coincided with a separation of the archives and recordkeeping functions of NTAS. The roles of archives collection, preservation and community access and the oral history and history grants programs remain with the NTAS. The government recordkeeping role incorporating records policy and systems transferred to the Information and Communications Technology Division of DCIS.

This transfer resulted in no physical changes for archives services which continue to be delivered from the offices in Darwin and Alice Springs. However, the records policy and systems area did undergo a physical move and this involved the relocation of seven staff from the Darwin archives office to the DCIS office.

New processes are being implemented following the separation of the functions, and plans are underway to amend the *Information Act* (particularly Part 9 - Records and Archives Management) to facilitate these functions being performed by two separate services. There will continue to be close links between the two services and this will be taken into account in the amendments to the legislation.

Cathy Flint retires



Cathy Flint and Katherine Goodwin met up at the North Australia Forum recently held at the new Darwin Convention Centre.

In January we farewelled Cathy Flint when she retired from the NT Public Service. Cathy had been the Manager Access and Promotion for several years and became well known as a promoter of our access and research services to the community.

We miss Cathy's knowledge, her warm approach and presence around the office, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Staff notes

Last October we farewelled our colleagues in Records Policy and Systems when the units separated from NTAS. **Jeanette Collins, Wilma Carlow, Sarah Maple, Fiona Halliday, Celina Hodge, Margaret Quan, Linda Zagorskis and Barry Garside** moved from the NT Archives Service premises at Cavenagh Court. The Darwin office is certainly much quieter without them.

We were very pleased to welcome **Katherine Goodwin** who has joined the team as the Manager

Access and Promotion following the retirement of **Cathy Flint**. Katherine brings years of experience from the National Archives to the job.

We were also sad to farewell Access and Promotions Officer, **Marlene Meyers**. Marlene was promoted to a position with the Northern Territory Library, and we wish her all the best in her new role. Replacing Marlene we welcome **Emily Prichard** to the NTAS team.

Archives of the Territory - who holds what

Katherine Goodwin joined the staff at NTAS in May 2008 after 12 years working with the National Archives of Australia Darwin Office.

If you are researching the Territory's history there are two places you must visit to uncover the story; the Northern Territory Archives Service and the National Archives of Australia, Darwin Office.

For 12 years while working at the National Archives of Australia, Darwin Office, my mantra to new researchers was 'if you are undertaking any sort of research into Northern Territory history you must visit both the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory Archives'. After coming to work at Northern Territory Archives Service and having the opportunity to delve further into its wonderful collections I can see how true that is.

The Northern Territory has a history unlike any other state or territory in Australia. Its control has been bounced from one administration to another since it was first annexed to South Australia from New South Wales in 1863; and the location of records of the Territory's history from each of these eras reflects these administrative changes.



GILRUTH FAMILY, NTRS 410, Photograph album of Gilruth Family, ca1912-1919, Page 2, [Government House]

Following is a brief timeline of these changes:

- 1863: the land mass which is now the Northern Territory was formally annexed to South Australia from New South Wales.
- 1902: motion passes in Commonwealth House of Representatives that Northern Territory be transferred to Commonwealth.
- 1908: South Australia passes the *Northern Territory Surrender Act 1908* preparatory to handover to the Commonwealth.
- 1910: Commonwealth passes the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910*.
- 1911: sees the transfer of Northern Territory administration to Commonwealth under provisions of the *Northern Territory Acceptance Act 1910*.

- 1912: the Administration of the NT comes under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Department of External Affairs, at that time running from the city of Melbourne.
- 1927: on February 1 under the *North Australia Act 1926* the Territory is administered in two parts, the Territory of North Australia and the Territory of Central Australia, separated by the 20th parallel of south latitude. A government resident is appointed to each territory, one based in Darwin and the other in Alice Springs.
- 1931: on June 11 the *North Australia Act 1926* is repealed and the NT is once again one entity, with an Administrator in Darwin overseeing the whole of the Territory.
- 1942: following the evacuation of the NT's civilian population and the first Air Raid by Japanese forces on the Town of Darwin, Military Forces take control from the NT Administration, and the Administration is moved to Alice Springs.
- 1947: the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910* was amended to provide for a NT Legislative Council.
- 1978: on July 1 the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* came into force and the NT is granted self government with control of Education and Health remaining with the Commonwealth until 1979, and Indigenous Affairs remaining with the Commonwealth indefinitely.

Each of these changes in the Administration of the Northern Territory has meant that records documenting the NT's rich history are now located in a variety of collecting institutions, the Northern Territory Archives Service (NTAS) and the National Archives of Australia (NAA), featuring prominently.

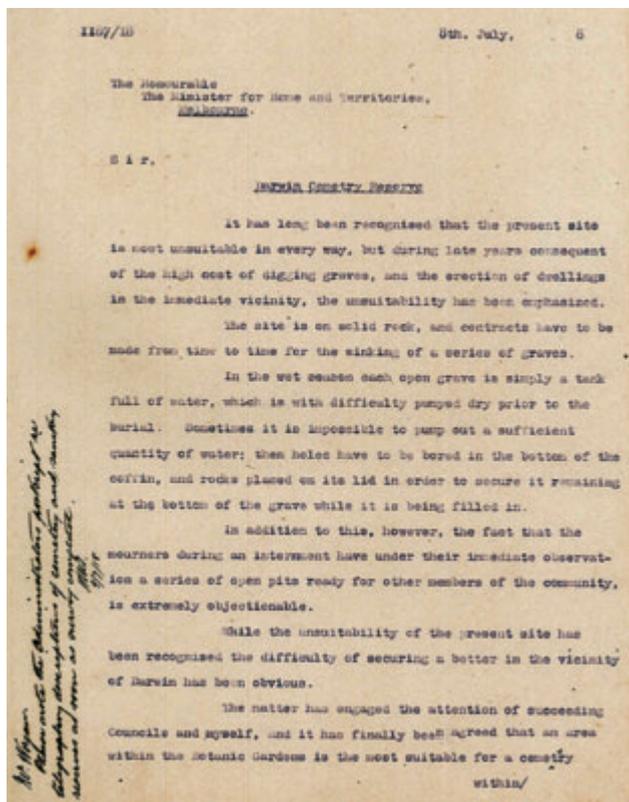
Records relevant to the Northern Territory prior to the Commonwealth period are generally held by the State Archives of South Australia, which covers the period 1863-1910, although NTAS does hold the inwards correspondence of the Government Resident of the Northern Territory from 1870 to 1912 (NTRS 790), and the State Library of NSW (Mitchell Library) has records from the early explorations, and earliest European settlements in the lands that became the Northern Territory.

The National Archives holds records of Commonwealth Government departments and agencies, created mostly from the time of Federation. The records it holds relating to the Northern Territory include:

- Records of the NT Administration that relate mostly to functions that have remained Commonwealth or for which the Commonwealth has a residual responsibility. The records include the vast series of correspondence records of the Northern Territory Administration, F1, dating from approximately 1922 (located in the NAA, Darwin office).
- Records of the central offices of the departments that administered the Territory. A surprising number of issues were referred by the NT Administration to Melbourne and later Canberra for advice or decision and these are in record series such as A1, A3, and later A431 (located in the NAA, Canberra office).

The Northern Territory Archives Service holds records of the Northern Territory Government created since self-government was granted in 1978, and records relating to the functions inherited from the Commonwealth created before this time. It also has a rich collection of community archives made up of donations by individuals whose own collections illustrate the history of the Northern Territory. The community collections include more than 2500 oral history interviews.

The NTAS and NAA hold many record series which complement each other, and depending on the subject you are researching you must visit both archives as you are bound to find something in each, relating to your topic of research.

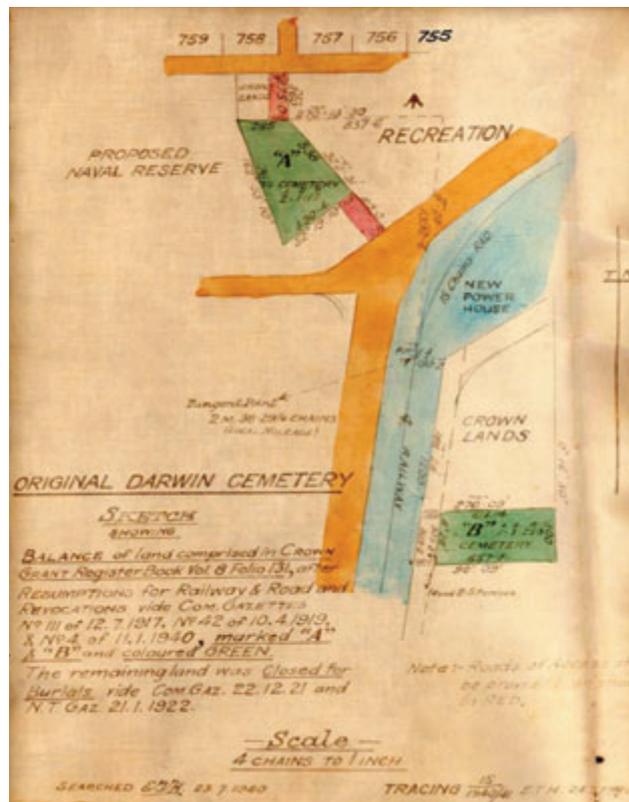


DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, LANDS ADMINISTRATION BRANCH, F5, Correspondence files 1908-1947, Item C142 [Correspondence regarding the cemetery which appears in NTAS Series F5, and NAA Series A431]

Recently while searching for Coroner's inquest records, I discovered that the function of reporting and investigating deaths in the Northern Territory has fallen across many government agencies, both Commonwealth and NT. As a result the records are spread widely. You might find records relating to deaths and inquests in NT Administration correspondence files of the Commonwealth, amongst records of the Crown Law Office, the Native Affairs Branch and Welfare Branch; as well as the NT Government controlled departments including the various branches of the NT Police, and the Coroner's office.

Another instance where the collections complement each other is with lands records. NTAS has a series of applications for grazing licences (F28), and the NAA (in the Canberra office in most cases) holds the actual licences in series A89. In addition to these examples, I found the local set of correspondence relating to the first cemetery in Darwin in NTAS Lands Department record series F5, and the correspondence received by the Department of External Affairs in record series A431 at the NAA, Canberra office.

There are a number of instances when the NT Government Archival Record Service was created, series were split so that the portion which concerned functions of the Commonwealth remained with the NAA, and the portion which became the jurisdiction of the Northern Territory Government were transferred to the new NTAS.



DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, LANDS ADMINISTRATION BRANCH, F5, Correspondence files 1908-1947, Item C187 [Plan of Darwin Cemetery, portions on present day Goyder Road and Tiger Brennan Drive]

This also occurred in record series such as F68, F69, and F77.

The series F68 includes correspondence files of the Alice Springs Police Station 1928-1945. During this time in Territory administration the police service, especially in more remote parts of the Territory, was responsible for a range of duties outside the normal work of law and order, including census collection. They were also heavily involved in activities concerning Aboriginal people within their jurisdictions. This record series covers a range of topics from common police activities including inquiries into death, return of firearms, and general correspondence of stations reporting to the Superintendent of Police in Alice Springs, to marriages between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, reports of the Protector of Aboriginals in the districts surrounding Alice Springs, and census work for the Bureau of Statistics.

F69 includes correspondence of the Alice Springs Police Station from 1945-1949.

F77 comprises correspondence files of the Commissioner of Police based in Darwin from 1935 to 1958. As with F68 and F69, this series includes correspondence of all activities undertaken by the police service in the Northern Territory. These functions were split between the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government with self-government and the series were split to reflect this.

Today, both NTAS and NAA Darwin hold portions of these records series dependant upon the function being addressed in the archival record.

When you are researching anything relevant to the Northern Territory it is important to know who controlled the activity that you are researching and it is essential to contact both Archives and search their rich and diverse collections.



GILRUTH FAMILY, NTRS 410, Photograph album of Gilruth Family, ca1912-1919, Page 12, Shephard and Margaret going for their daily ride



LT COLONEL ROBERT HUNTER WEDDELL, NTRS 35, Personal papers and photographs of RH Weddell, NT Government Administrator 1927-1969, postcard 6, Strikers on verandah Government office Darwin

The community archives held at NTAS can often provide a personal perspective to events and activities of Administration in the Northern Territory. These records are vast and varied, donated by individuals, some of who were employed by the Administrative agencies, or were administered by them. These collections add colour and an alternative perspective to that provided in the official correspondence



LT COLONEL ROBERT HUNTER WEDDELL, NTRS 35, Personal papers and photographs of RH Weddell, NT Government Administrator 1927-1969, postcard 4, **Colonel opening golf links Darwin**

of the Government records. An example of this is the series of personal archives of the former Government Residents and Administrators, such as the collection of photographs of Dr John Anderson Gilruth, Administrator, 1912-1919, in the series NTRS 410, and of LT Colonel Robert Hunter Weddell, Administrator 1927-1969, in series NTRS 35. These collections bring an alternative perspective to the role of the Administrator.

My mantra of "Visit both Archives" rings true. You will find amazing archival collections telling the story of the Northern Territory in both the Northern Territory Archives Service and the National Archives of Australia. The more you look, the more you find!

The Search Room of NTAS is open from 9.00am to 12.00 noon and 1.00pm to 4.00pm weekdays, appointments are preferred. Visit our website www.nt.gov.au/ntas for more information about our collections and services.

The National Archives, Darwin office is open from 9.00am to 4.30pm Wednesday to Friday. Enquiries can be directed to the National Reference Service (Tel: 1300 886 881; Fax: 1300 886 882; Email: ref@naa.gov.au). Visit the website www.naa.gov.au for more information about their collections and services.

NT History Grants recipients 2008

Ted Ling of Canberra: \$800 to research the impact of Commonwealth Government policies on the Northern Territory pastoral industry, 1911-1978

8EAR Community Radio, Nhulunbuy: \$4,800 to research stories for broadcast about the history of Gove Peninsula

Dean Jaensch of Adelaide: \$1,000 to research the history of Northern Territory elections, 1974-2008

David Bridgman of Darwin: \$5,500 to research the work of architects who have contributed to the development of Darwin in the second half of the twentieth century

Robert Levitus of Darwin: \$4,000 to interview and research Dave Lindner and the environmental history of the South Alligator River wetlands

Elizabeth Ganter of Darwin: \$2,500 to research the role and representation of Aboriginal senior officials in the Northern Territory Government

Bev Phelts of Darwin: \$1,800 to research tales from the field in Northern Territory Water Resources, 1955-2008

Helen Jolly of Melbourne: \$3,600 to research a biography of Charles Winnecke and his botanical endeavours in the Northern Territory

Nicholas Richardson of Adelaide: \$2,000 to research the history of Ti Tree School, 1969-2008

Susannah Ritchie of Melbourne: \$1,000 to research the historical importance of Australian Rules Football in establishing community within the Darwin area

Margaret Carew of Ti Tree: \$2,500 to document historical stories of a group of women in Ti Tree about people and places in their community

National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame of Alice Springs: \$3,500 to record stories about the women's section of the Old Alice Springs Gaol for interpretive exhibition

Rong Fan of Adelaide: \$2,000 to research Chinese material culture in the Northern Territory in the nineteenth century

Vikki Riley of Alice Springs: \$3,000 to research Aboriginal Art and the Holy Image in Catholic churches in the Northern Territory

Shannon Owen and Sean Brandt of Melbourne: \$7,000 to research and record interviews for an historical television documentary about Territory characters

Elizabeth Mackinley, Alieta Grimes & Mary Ann Riley of Brisbane and Borroloola: \$5,000 to record experiences and memories of women in the southwest Gulf Region of the Northern Territory

New accessions – Alice Springs

Geoff and Moira Millgate



GEOFF AND MOIRA MILLGATE, NTRS 2990, Item 38, [Geoff Millgate in police uniform, Finke], c 31/12/1958 – c 31/12/1958

The Millgate collection provides an insight into the lives and interests of a couple who were very devoted to each other and spent the majority of their lives in the Territory.

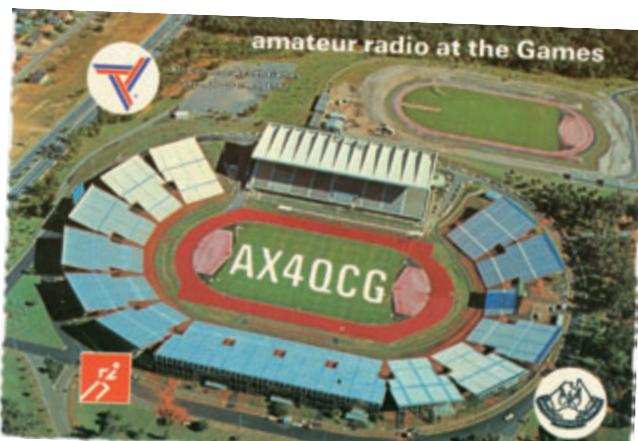
Geoff and Moira (nee Fitzgerald) Millgate met at the Court House in Darwin in the early 1950s and married not long after. At this time Geoff was a Northern Territory police officer and Moira was working at the Court House. During the Second World War, Geoff served with the Merchant Marine and Moira (also known as Blondie) served in the Royal Australian Navy working as a telegraph operator. Moira appears in full uniform on her Navy identification card, located in series NTRS 2989. As a telegraph operator, Moira learnt how to understand and use Morse code. Her aptitude and interest in radio communications grew into a serious hobby and in the 1980s she became an amateur radio operator with her own radio set up in their house in Giles Street, Alice Springs.

The Millgate collection is a diverse group of records that reflects the various interests and working lives of this couple. During Geoff's police career he served at Finke, Tennant Creek, Darwin and Alice Springs. Moira also worked at Court Houses in Alice Springs, Darwin and Tennant Creek. Their correspondence, photographs and slides provide a 'snapshot' in time of these places.

One of Geoff's first postings as a married police officer was to Finke in Central Australia. During this posting he took a series of slides that depict his married and working life (NTRS 2991). The police station and police house at Finke had a vibrant garden with flowers and vegetables. There was also a herd of goats that belonged to the police station. While Geoff was stationed at Finke, Inspector Bill McKinnon sent him and another officer out to investigate the claims that Lasseter's grave had been found. A portion of this correspondence appears in NTRS 2997.

Among Geoff's other interests were ventriloquism and performing as a clown. NTRS 2989 includes black and white photographs of Geoff dressed as "Bobo the Clown" at the Henley-on-Todd races, and with his ventriloquist's doll, 'Jerry'.

Geoff shared an interest in amateur radio with Moira, however it was Moira who was the qualified operator and who corresponded with other radio operators through the use of "QSL" cards, letters and on the radio. "QSL" cards are sent from one radio operator to another to let them know what their call sign is and when they would be on the radio waiting to chat to people. NTRS 2995 has a number of these "QSL" cards from around the world and also correspondence



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GEOFF AND MOIRA MILLGATE, NTRS 2995, Item 4, "QSL" cards, newsletters and correspondence relating to amateur radio, 30/09/1981 – 24/11/1984

from friends that Moira and Geoff made through their interest in amateur radio.

A number of estrays came in as part of the Millgate collection. An stray is a term used to describe a record that was created in the course of government business and normally would remain in government hands, but has ended up with the public. NTRS 2997 and NTRS 2998 are two such series. Geoff and Moira are also associated with NTRS 2996 created by a fellow police officer, Leslie Connolly. It appears that when Leslie left the police force he passed on his training notebook to Geoff. This notebook includes notes about the types of typical patterns in fingerprints and so on. It is handwritten and shows a personal perspective to policing.

The Millgate Collection and associated series, comprises of the following:

NTRS 2989, Black and white photographs depicting people and places in Central Australia

NTRS 2990, Colour photographs depicting people and places in Central Australia

NTRS 2991, Colour slides depicting people and places in Darwin and Central Australia

NTRS 2992, Correspondence and records relating to the working lives and interests of Geoff and Moira Millgate

NTRS 2993, Business records for the Heavitree Gap Store



GEOFF AND MOIRA MILLGATE, NTRS 2989, Item 4, **Geoff and Jerry** [Geoff Millgate with his ventriloquist doll, Jerry]

NTRS 2994, Tourism maps of the Northern Territory

NTRS 2995, "QSL" cards, newsletters and correspondence relating to amateur radio

NTRS 3040, Northern Territory pastoral land map for Crown Point division

Connolly, Leslie, NTRS 2996, Index book with notes of police work

NTRS 2997, Finke Police Station, Correspondence relating to police work and copies of police journals

NTRS 2998, Tennant Creek Police Station, Book of architectural plans for alterations and additions to Tennant Creek Police Station

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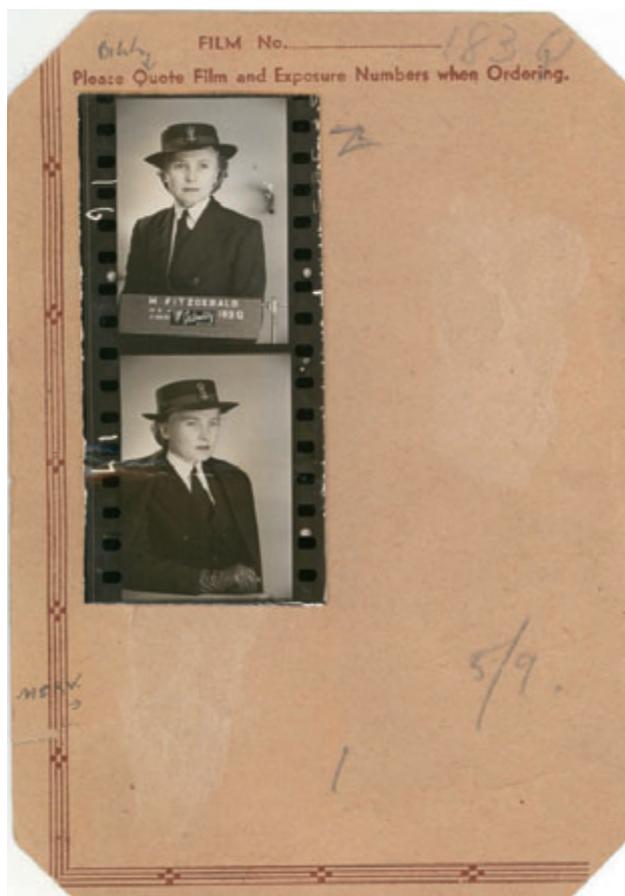
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GEOFF AND MOIRA MILLGATE, NTRS 2989, Item 3, [Navy identification images for Moira Fitzgerald], c 31/12/1944 – c 31/12/1944

Hugo Keil Album (Phyllis Johnson Collection)

Hugo Keil was a photographer who worked at the Appropriation Ledger Section of the Allied Works Council in Alice Springs during the Second World War. Hugo is identified in the group photograph in Item 1 of this collection along with his workmates.

Hugo gave this wonderful album of Central Australian images to Phyllis Prideaux (later Johnson), which has come into NTAS as part of the Phyllis Johnson collection.

Hugo took many photographs of Central Australian scenes, including images of Mount Gillen, the Hugh River, Palm Valley and the Spotted Tiger Mine at Harts Range. From the examples of his work shown here it is obvious that Hugo was a talented photographer.

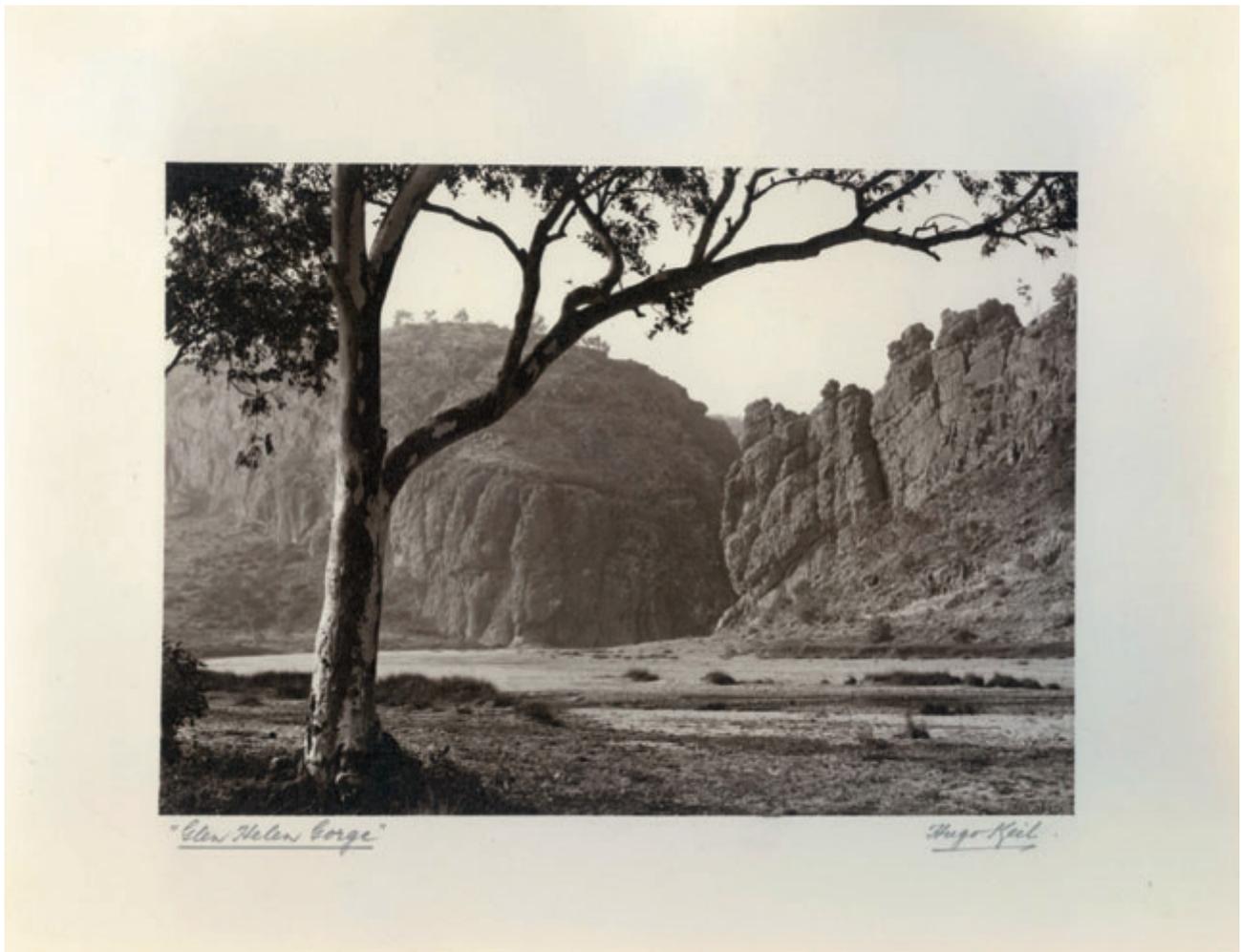
The photographs of Hugo Keil can be found in the Phyllis Johnson collection which is listed in NTAS as:

NTRS 3050, Hugo Keil studio album of photographic images of Central Australia and related photographs



PHYLLIS JOHNSON (NEE PRIDEAUX), NTRS 3050, Item 1, Appropriation Ledger Section Staff, Alice Springs, 1945 [Hugo Keil is in the back row, 3rd from the right]

NTAS knows little about the life and works of Hugo Keil and would be grateful for any further information from our readers.



PHYLLIS JOHNSON (NEE PRIDEAUX), NTRS 3050, Item 20, Glen Helen Gorge

The Dowler Collection

Jack Dowler and family were pastoralists who owned Pine Hill Station (south-west of Ti Tree) and NTAS is fortunate to have earlier parts to this collection. The most recent collections to be worked on are NTRS 3102 and 3103 which comprise colour and black and white photographs relating to people and places in Central Australia.



JACK DOWLER, NTRS 3103, Item 2, [Tinted studio image of a woman; taken by Crown Studio, Adelaide]

The earliest images are of long abandoned pastoral stations in the northern top of South Australian such as Federal, Grand Junction, Bloods Creek, Ambinga and Eringa Stations. There are scenes of cattle droving and shepherding in the latter part of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. A number of early studio portraits are also part of these series. Unfortunately most of the people are unidentified in these photographs; however it is believed that they are either members of the Dowler or Kerin families. Pine Hill Station is also depicted.

In NTRS 3102, items 15 to 26 are of Darwin during the Second World War in which many of the buildings were damaged in the Japanese bombing raids. George Kinloch and Harry Tilmouth (mailmen in Central Australia) in the early twentieth century also appear in this series. Aboriginal people (men, women and children) are depicted working in pastoral activities.

Both Dowler photographic series are complemented by other material donated by the Dowler/Kerin families. These include Pine Hill Station diaries and personal correspondence and papers.



JACK DOWLER, NTRS 3103, Item 167, Late [illegible] Sharpe and James Harvey, Grand Junction Station, 1906 [South Australia] [with an Aboriginal boy feeding a lamb].

The Dowler collection in total is represented by the following series:

NTRS 2164, Diaries

NTRS 2165, Correspondence and personal papers

NTRS 3102, Colour photographs relating to people and places in Central Australia including Pine Hill Station

NTRS 3103, Black and white photographs relating to people and places in Central Australia including Pine Hill and Federal Stations

NTRS 3104, Marriage certificate for Jack Dowler Senior



JACK DOWLER, NTRS 3103, Item 88, [Two men, one playing a guitar, standing in front of tee-pee like structure; crates stored on a raised platform in a tree]

Australian Society of Archivists' Conference

Alice Springs 22-25 August 2007



Greg Coleman, Pat Jackson, Linda Bell and some friends at the close of the conference

It is hard to believe that it was almost a year ago since this conference was held in Alice Springs. As you might recall, Pat Jackson, our Archivist in Alice Springs donned the guise of the "Archives Queen of the Desert" as the convenor of this conference.

The Northern Territory component of this conference showcased the richness of our archival resources and the skills of our historians. Across the board there was a strong line up of papers and presenters.

The Alice Springs Convention Centre was the venue for the conference and the conference dinner was held under the stars at the Alice Springs Desert Park. Pat also led a couple of tours through our office in Alice Springs, ably assisted by Carolyn Newman. The feedback from these events was positive and the delegates thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Research in progress

This is a selection of research projects conducted recently with the help of the Northern Territory Archives Service Collections.

Dr David Bridgman, Senior Lecturer, Charles Darwin University

Dr David Bridgman is examining the history and development of remote area police stations throughout the Northern Territory. His current research centres on Timber Creek where the first of three extant stations in the town was erected in the opening decades of the twentieth century. This building was replaced in the 1930s with an elevated 'tropical' building and a 'modern' station was constructed in the 1970s. The focus of David's research is on the way government architecture of northern Australia developed throughout the twentieth century. The paper was presented in July at 'History in Practice' the 25th annual conference of the Society of Architectural Historians, Australia & New Zealand (SAHANZ) in Geelong.

Sarah Cathcart, Writer

Last year Sarah spent two weeks in the Northern Territory Archives Service reading oral histories relating to Cyclone Tracy. She was a school girl in Melbourne at the time and Tracy was just a photo in the paper. So all these years later to sit and read the extraordinary events from that night - the details of what people saw, felt, heard and did - was an eye opener into human endurance, valour and the terrifying force of nature. The research has resulted in the writing of a play *TRACY* which has since toured Queensland and the NT, culminating in a Darwin season in May 2008.

Elizabeth Close, Director of the National Trust (NT)

Elizabeth is researching the story of the place known as the Burns Philp building on the corner of Smith Street and Knuckey Street Darwin. This red brick building is situated on a very significant lot in the centre of Darwin. The site is interesting and the story of the Burns Philp company even more so. Elizabeth is keen to find out more about the building itself and the architects who were associated with its various incarnations. She is keen to find out about the firm Moore Linklater which was the architect of record for the current building.

Associate Professor Hart Cohen, School of Communication Arts, University of Western Sydney
The Visual Mediation of a Complex Narrative: TGH Strehlow's 'Journey To Horseshoe Bend'. (Australian Research Council Linkage LP0455191)
TGH Strehlow's biographical memoir, *Journey to Horseshoe Bend*, is a vivid ethno-historiographic account of Aboriginal, settler and Lutheran communities of Central Australia in the 1920's. With this project the intent is to compile a digital repository of archival resources related to the text. The result will be an accessible on-line database supplemented

with hyperconnectivity to relevant images, documents, media resources and other related online collections. The project also engages with Indigenous knowledge and draws on the oral histories and input from Arrernte people (Central Australia) as content providers. The University of Western Sydney, in collaboration with the Strehlow Research Centre and the ARC, are also developing a 'kiosk' version of the 'Journey to Horseshoe Bend' database website to enhance educational opportunities in the Northern Territory. The Northern Territory Archives Service has provided photographs from the Hermannsburg area to support the photographic and textual materials that have been gathered from other institutions, and from under beds, across Australia.

Dr Mickey Dewar, Historical researcher and consultant

Mickey Dewar was awarded a National Archives of Australia (NAA) Frederick Watson Fellowship in December 2007, based at the NAA facility in Millner, to write a social history of Darwin in the decade of the 1950s through public housing policy. In addition to the material held at the NAA, her research has also been assisted by access to complementary archival records held at the Northern Territory Archives Service (NTAS) including house and street plans, correspondence files and oral history transcripts. A link to the Frederick Watson Fellowship webpages is provided at: www.naa.gov.au/about-us/research-grants/frederick-watson/current-fellow/index.aspx

Mickey was also recently awarded a National Museum of Australia Director's Fellowship in 2008. She has just returned from Canberra where she presented a lecture at the National Museum on the topic of public history and the Mindil Beach site: *A Market for Memories* based upon archival and oral histories held at NTAS.

Chris Doidge, Chief Commissioner, Scouts NT

Chris Doidge is tracing Scouting through the past 100 years. Scouts NT are trying to gather together all information relating to Scouting since its first documented Scout Troop in 1911.

Dr Heather Douglas, Director of Postgraduate Research Programs, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland

Dr Heather Douglas received a Northern Territory History Grant in 2007 to research the life and work of Justice Martin Kriewaldt. She is currently writing a biography of Kriewaldt, the sole Supreme Court Judge of the Northern Territory Supreme Court, in the years 1950-1960. The Judge was responsible for sentencing Albert Namatijira to imprisonment for sharing rum with his cousin. He also presided over 39 murder cases when most judges of the time would expect to hear no

more than 10. Most of these cases involved customary law. He was constantly challenged by the relationship between customary law and criminal responsibility and the role of customary law in reducing penalty. He worried about the role of juries in cases involving Indigenous people and made suggestions for a Native Court, a forum that was eventually developed. His judgments in a series of cases involving cattle thefts and assaults by stockmen on Aboriginal people brought him international recognition.

Diana Giese, Recipient of a 2007 Northern Territory History Grant.

A better place to live is an overview of building community and culture in the Top End from the 1950s until self-government, and the initiatives in education and health that underpinned this. Diana's imagined readers will learn of what it was like for those living through those pioneer years of post-War recovery, from the perspective of the participants themselves.

Diana used the resources of the NT Archives Service such as the unique collection of correspondence, performance reports and itineraries of the Arts Council of Australia, NT Branch, and oral history interviews with people such as Reg Marsh, Nan and Harry Giese, Harold Garner, Ray Chin and Colin Jack-Hinton. At the NT Library, she researched relevant stories in The Northern Territory News and pictures from the Territory Images Collection.

Peter Grose, Writer

Peter Grose has been researching the 19 February 1942 Darwin air raids for a non-fiction book to be published by Allen & Unwin in February 2009. The title will be: *An awkward truth: the Bombing of Darwin, February 1942*. Peter Grose told us: 'In my books, I try to let my cast tell their story in their words rather than mine. The oral history records at the Northern Territory Archive Service proved to be a gold mine. It is too late to interview Sir Frederick Scherger (he died on 17 January 1984) but the immediacy of his words in the transcript of his recorded interview leave you with the feeling that you have just been sitting in his living room having a yarn with him.' Peter Grose's earlier book *A very rude awakenin'*, published in May 2007 by Allen & Unwin, tells the story of the Japanese midget submarine raid into Sydney Harbour on 31 May 1942.

Rachel Imms, War Memorial Summer Vacation Scholar

The project undertaken by Rachel under the supervision of Dr Steven Bullard and using oral history records from the Northern Territory Archives Service will provide background for Volume V of the Official History of Australian Peacekeeping, Humanitarian and Post-Cold War Operations, in particular the emergency relief operations put in place at the time of Cyclone Tracy.

Belinda Lang and Sara Boniwell

Thanks to some generous funding from the Northern Territory Government History Grants, a biographical

picture book about the life of Jillie Nakamarra Spencer, now deceased, previously of Yuendumu, has become more possible. While Nakamarra was a respected Indigenous elder and someone with whom Belinda Lang and the proposed illustrator of this publication, Sara Boniwell had worked and lived with for several years, Nakamarra was also remarkable for her capacity to live and work with integrity between two worlds.

Nakamarra was a senior Warlpiri woman, a holder of traditional knowledge and stories, as well as an active advocate for Indigenous Australians. Nakamarra's life covered a critical time in Australian Aboriginal history. Her 65 years spanned the transitional period from traditional / tribal to contemporary, more "Westernised" Aboriginal society.

Sara and Belinda are hoping to produce a biographical picture book aimed in the first instance for Warlpiri children aged between 9 and 16 years of age. While they see this group as the main target for publication, they also envisage a much wider audience of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and adults. Consequently, they are hoping to produce a bilingual publication with text in both Warlpiri and English.

Danielle Loy, Lawyer

During Danielle's work for Aboriginal Legal Aid she travelled to remote Indigenous communities on a regular basis for the purpose of representing people in criminal law matters. It was during this time that she got a glimpse of an Indigenous legal system operating alongside mainstream Australian criminal law. She also made the observation that in communities where the local law and culture were still being regularly adhered to, criminal behaviour was less prevalent. This observation planted the seed for the documentary film that she is currently making called *Halfway*. The film explores the potential for cooperative interaction between Indigenous and non-Indigenous law for the betterment of the Northern Territory community. The film uses Lajamanu (aka Hooker Creek) as a role model community for this hybrid concept because of all the communities she spent time in during her time as a lawyer, Lajamanu had the lowest crime rate of all and does appear to be operating with a foot in both worlds. She wanted to find out why.

In order to gain a comprehensive understanding of the present day Danielle wanted to look into the history of Lajamanu and track its path to the present day. The staff at Northern Territory Archives Service lead her to various records which would help provide a historical context for the film project, including oral histories of people who had lived in or had dealings with Lajamanu since its establishment in the late 1940s.

Rollo Manning, Pharmacist

With *A historical look at the use of western medicines by Aboriginal people*, pharmacist and budding historian Rollo Manning decided to have a look at the degree to which the medicines used in remote health practice has changed over the years as the disease profile has evolved with the effects of colonisation.

Many of the diseases Aboriginal people are suffering from and which are a large contributor to the gap in life expectancy are chronic diseases which were unknown to them in the earlier years of white settlement in Australia. So too the treatments are beyond the scope of traditional "bush" medicines.

The transcripts of oral history interviews held in the Northern Territory Archives Service have been a source of some rich descriptions of the way treatment was given in the early days of community health services in remote communities. Mr Manning hopes the result of his research will lead to a more concerted effort to have Aboriginal people understand why medicines should be taken seriously if advantage is to be taken of modern western medicines to prolong the span of life.

Nick Richardson, Education historian

The Ti Tree School Council has sponsored a research project that aims to celebrate its unique history. Ti Tree School will celebrate its 40th year of operation as a state school in 2009. One of the objectives of the project is for a publication of this history to be completed and shared with a wider audience. As the school had its beginnings during the Welfare Branch era, when it started as a so-called 'silver bullet' caravan school, the project necessarily relies on archival research in Darwin to help in its construction.

Having previously completed a research Masters of Arts degree (history) on state education in the Sandover region of Central Australia, Nick was confident that a search of the NT Archives Service would yield information that would be useful, with particular interest in accessing Harry Giese's personal papers in relation to gaining an insight into the beginnings of Indigenous education in Central Australia during the 1960s. As the archives of a senior bureaucrat in the NT Administration in Darwin, Harry Giese's personal papers reveal the thinking behind the policies and practises that shaped remote Indigenous education at the time.

It is anticipated that additional material related to Ti Tree School from the 1960s to 1980s will be collected subsequently from both the Commonwealth Archives and NT DEET Archives in Darwin. The major aim of this project is to further understand the history of Indigenous education in this region of remote Central Australia.

Leonie Ryder, PhD candidate, History & Politics, The University of Adelaide.

The taste for ginger: a study of the Chinese and British demands which formed the roots of Australian ginger, in the context of the history of ginger from prehistoric times. The primary focus of Leonie's research is on the history of ginger in Australia, both growing of the plant and use of the spice up to the 1950s. Leonie argues that the Australian ginger industry had its roots in early British settlers' taste for ginger products and the Chinese need for fresh

ginger. As a plant of potential economic value, ginger was brought to Australia with the First Fleet, planted in the first garden in Sydney in 1788, and subsequently introduced into botanic gardens in Queensland and the Northern Territory. Chinese settlers also brought ginger with them and planted it in their gardens. One section of her thesis investigates the history of ginger in the Northern Territory.

Dr Murray Seiffert, formerly of Nungalinga College.

Murray recently worked in the Northern Territory Archives on the origins of the Roper River Mission, and a biography of the Rev Michael Gumbuli Wurramara, the first Aboriginal Anglican Priest in the NT.

Searching the archives, Murray learned of a bureaucrat who was happy to supply the Mission with a rain gauge, but not a barometer, 'What for?' he asked! Could have been handy in the cyclone season!

The biographical project arises from the paucity of stories about Aboriginal Christians from remote areas. How did they link different approaches to life? How did they cope with the mission era and its aftermath?

Ashley Tindall, Associate Producer

The Sacred Land Film Project, a project of the American environmental non-profit Earth Island Institute, is producing *Losing Sacred Ground*, an international television series profiling imperilled sacred sites around the world where Indigenous communities are fighting to protect their cultural and natural heritage.

The series will focus on twelve distinct stories from the viewpoints of diverse Indigenous communities, including the Gudanji and Yanyuwa people of the Northern Territory. These stories evoke ancient and contemporary spiritual connections to earth while exploring how the health of our global environment can be sustained through respectful understanding of the sacred lands and traditions of these native peoples. Using archival photographic materials from the Northern Territory Archives Service, the Sacred Land Film Project will illustrate the historical condition of the people and the land around Borroloola and the ongoing controversies over mining development at the McArthur River.

For more information about the Sacred Land Film Project and to view clips from *Losing Sacred Ground*, check out our website and blog at www.sacredland.org.

Dr Bill Wilson, Historian

History of the Northern Territory Police Special Branch from 1946 to 1974. The history will include the establishment and disbandment of the Branch. Allied with the topic is research into the attempted theft of an aircraft from Darwin airport in 1953 for use as a bomber in an overseas independence struggle and the attempted hijack of an Ansett airlines aircraft from Alice Springs in 1972. The plane incidents will examine the suitability of the intelligence used to prevent the incidents.

New accessions - Darwin

Please note: These series may contain images of Aboriginal people who have since died, which may cause sadness and distress to their relatives. No offence has been intended by making these images available. Please view these archives with care.

Adams, Leo John

Maria Adams donated copies of her father-in-law's colour slides showing the aftermath of Cyclone Tracy. Leo John Adams (1904-1985) and his wife Marjorie were visiting their family (son Chris, daughter-in-law Maria, and granddaughters Jacinta and Kellie) for Christmas when the cyclone struck Darwin. The images show the devastation of Darwin particularly the suburb of Alawa, the city centre, and Stokes Hill Wharf.

The images are registered as:

NTRS 3128, Reference copy of digitised images of slides relating to Cyclone Tracy, 1974

NTRS 3129, Copyprints of digitised images of slides relating to Cyclone Tracy, 1974



LEO JOHN ADAMS, NTRS 3128, Reference copy of digitised images of slides relating to Cyclone Tracy, 1974, Item 30, **Sign on Casuarina house** [view of cyclone damaged house, sign reads "we're still here so how about keeping the driveway clear"], 26/12/1974



LEO JOHN ADAMS, NTRS 3128, Reference copy of digitised images of slides relating to Cyclone Tracy, 1974, Item 26, **Navy helicopter** [hovering over the City Mutual building, Cavenagh Street], 26/12/1974



LEO JOHN ADAMS, NTRS 3128, Reference copy of digitised images of slides relating to Cyclone Tracy, 1974, Item 4, **Alawa** [view of cyclone damaged houses], 25/12/1974

Blain, Adair MacAlister

Vern O'Brien donated two photographs of Adair MacAlister Blain (Federal Member for the Northern Territory, 1934-1949). Mr Blain gave these photographs to Mr O'Brien in 1970. The first photograph is of Mr Blain and fellow surveyor, Dudley Ryland, working on the Granites goldfield around 1932. The second photograph was taken by Mrs Litchfield in 1946 and shows Mr Blain returning to Darwin on the "Koolinda".

These photographs are registered as:

NTRS 3265, Photographs relating to Adair MacAlister Blain, ca1932-ca1946

Breckenridge, Harry/Lynch, Ann

Ann Lynch donated material relating to her father, Harry Breckenridge (1907-1995). Mr Breckenridge moved to Darwin from Sydney in 1930 to take up the position of bookkeeper/accountant for the Estate of Ernest Felix Holmes. The transcript of recorded conversations between Harry and Ann relate to daily life in Darwin during the 1930s, including details of the Holmes Estate business interests, aviation history, and observations of local identities such as EF Holmes, the Herbert Brothers and Archie Wing.

The digitised copy of images includes school children from Darwin Public School, an aerial view of Darwin showing the Holmes business, and Charles Kingsford Smith bringing the first mail delivery from England to Darwin in 1931. An annotated proofsheets of the images is also included.

The collection is listed as follows in the NT Archives:

NTRS 3205, Transcript of interviews with Harry Breckenridge relating to daily life in Darwin during the 1930s, 1995

NTRS 3206, Digitised copy of images relating to the Darwin region, 1931-1936



HARRY BRECKENRIDGE, NTRS 3206, Digitised copy of images relating to the Darwin region, 1931-1936, Item 9, **Harry [Aboriginal man] and Dummy [deaf/mute Aboriginal woman] with baby Robert John Breckenridge, 17/5/1936**



HARRY BRECKENRIDGE, NTRS 3206, Digitised copy of images relating to the Darwin region, 1931-1936, Item 4, **Buffalo Ball (Harry Breckenridge centre back, behind young girl in short frilled dress), n.d.**

Cross, Phil

Mr Cross donated his unpublished manuscript, "Energy Division; a Northern Territory response to the second oil crisis" which records his recollections of the Energy Division's work during 1981-1994. Included are sections relating to solar, electric and wind projects, oil and gas projects, and retail pricing of petrol.

The manuscript is registered as:

NTRS 3006, Digitised copy of unpublished manuscript, "Energy Division; a Northern Territory response to the second oil crisis", ca2007

NTRS 3007, Reference copy of unpublished manuscript, "Energy Division; a Northern Territory response to the second oil crisis", ca2007

Davies, Merriel (Nee Sherringham)

Carolyn Trebilcock donated her mother's photographs of Darwin, including images of housing and prominent buildings in the post war period of reconstruction. Included are photographs of the old and new Don Hotel, Parap theatre, and shipwrecks in Darwin Harbour.

The photographs are registered as:

NTRS 3223, Photographs relating to Darwin, ca1947-ca1968

Graham, Heather

From 1964, Heather Graham was a Survey Sister for the Department of Health, and was then appointed the School Nurse for the greater Darwin area by 1966. Ms Graham left the Northern Territory in 1971.

The slides include images of Darwin, East Arm, Humpty Doo, Kakadu, Adelaide River, Daly River, Katherine, Eley Station, Mataranka, Beswick, Daly Waters, Elliott, Banka Banka Station, Bathurst Island, Port Keats, Angurugu, Alyangula, Umbakumba, Arnhem Land, and Elcho Island. This series may contain images of Aboriginal people who have died, which may cause sadness and distress to their relatives. No offence has been intended by making these images available. Care and discretion should be used when viewing these images.



HEATHER GRAHAM, NTRS 3035, Slides relating to health services in the Top End, ca1964-1972, Item 204, **Sisters at Bathurst Island Mission, circa February 1965**

The images are registered as:

NTRS 3035, Slides relating to health services in the Top End, ca1964-1972

NTRS 3036, Digitised images relating to health services in the Top End, ca1964-1972

NTRS 3037, Proofsheets of digitised images relating to health services in the Top End, ca1964-1972



HEATHER GRAHAM, NTRS 3035, Slides relating to health services in the Top End, ca1964-1972, Item 139, **Hodgson Downs Homestead; Carmel Callinan and Ken in garden, ca1964**



HEATHER GRAHAM, NTRS 3035, Slides relating to health services in the Top End, ca1964-1972, Item 262, **Angurugu, Sisters house, circa May 1965**

Hills, Jan

This series consists of publications relating to Northern Territory history. Included are the official programme of the opening of Saint Mary's, Darwin; the 6th annual report of the Good Neighbour Council of the Northern Territory Incorporated; Good Neighbour Movement report; and the Lions Club of Darwin brochure.

The collection is listed as:

NTRS 3031, Publications relating to Northern Territory history, 1966-ca1976

Katherine Town Council

This series consists of six burial registers which will be opened to researchers after a restricted period of 30 years.

Volume no.1 contains entries for the period 1887-1941 (missing entries during June 1888-November 1891) and a blueprint of Katherine cemetery dated 24 March 1949. Information for the entries in volume nos.1 and 2

includes; number of the grave, locality of grave, name of persons interred (surname, christian names), age, date of burial, name of clergyman officiating, and date of notice sent to Registrar of Deaths.

The registers are registered as:

NTRS 3255, Burial registers, 1887-1998

Please note that only Volume nos.1 and 2 are open to researchers. Contact the Darwin search room for further advice.

Lovegrove, T Creed

Mr T Creed Lovegrove, MBE donated articles he wrote relating to Indigenous issues and family history. The articles include "How did you keep them in?" (about Aboriginal settlements in the Northern Territory), "Patrols to North West Arnhem Land and buffalo country", "Reconciliation" (the meaning of reconciliation), "May's story" (an illustrated account of the life of Mabel Adamson, Centralian pioneer), and "Creed's Darwin" (a personal reminiscence of Darwin during the 1930s and 1940s).

The collection is registered as:

NTRS 3093, Digitised copy of articles relating to Indigenous issues and family history, 2005-2007

NTRS 3094, Articles relating to Indigenous issues and family history, 2005-2007

Lund, Sandy

This series consists of a copyprint of an aerial view of Darwin during the Second World War. The image shows Darwin before the first Japanese bombing on 19 February 1942.

Hobley, John Simon

Val Speedie donated her grandfather's letter and poetry relating to life in Halls Creek. John Hobley wrote the letter to his sister in Wales describing the country around Halls Creek, including a description of the town and people, his work driving a team of horses to the Kimberley goldfields, his ill health due to malaria, and the funeral of a police officer. The poem by John Hobley compares the "old country" (England) to the "new country" (Australia).

John Simon Hobley (1874-1949) was born in England and came to Australia in 1898. He settled in Fremantle, WA and then ventured into the Northern Territory during 1908-1911 (Tanami, Halls Creek, and Roper Valley). At the outbreak of the First World War he attempted to enlist in Adelaide for the AIF but was told he was too old. Hobley travelled to the UK and as he had a gift for languages was assigned to working with refugees. During the war he worked in Lemnos, Malta and France. Hobley met his second wife, Harriett Ayley Parrott, in 1914 on the ship over to England and they married in 1919 and returned to Australia. In 1920-22 the Hobley family (John, Harriett and daughter Margaret) travelled overland to Roper River where they lived on a soldier

The copyprint is registered as:

NTRS 3202, Copyprint of aerial view of Darwin during the Second World War, ca1942

Moore, Jillian

Jillian Moore worked in Arnhem Land as a relief nurse for the CMS missions (1964-1966), and then as a Rural Health Nurse for the Department of Health (1966-1974).

The colour slides include images of Darwin, Adelaide River, Groote Eylandt, Arnhem Land, Roper River, Oenpelli, Elcho Island, Maningrida, Milingimbi and Numbulwar.

The slides are open to researchers to view and copy; however researchers must seek the written permission of the donor to publish any of the images (contact the Darwin Search Room for further advice).

The images are registered as:

NTRS 2944, Slides relating to health services in the Top End, 1964-1973

NTRS 3038, Digitised images relating to health services in the Top End, 1964-1973

NTRS 3039, Proofsheet of digitised images relating to health services in the Top End, 1964-1973

Morris, Peter

Mr Morris worked in management positions on Vestey's properties in the Northern Territory and Kimberley regions during 1956-1961. The papers concern the following matters; Aboriginal employment in the pastoral industry, the Pastoral Leases Committee, and opinions relating to the pastoral industry from CD

settlement block until late 1939 when the family moved to Darwin. During the Second World War the family were evacuated to Fremantle, WA and could not return to their home in Darwin (which had been acquired by the military). John Hobley bought a block of land near Fremantle and died there in 1949.

The collection is registered as:

NTRS 3095, Correspondence and poetry relating to life in Halls Creek, 1908



During their visit Val Speedie and her mother Helen Margaret Litchfield examined archives relating to John Simon Hobley including Church Missionary Society, police and land tenure records.

Kelman (Manager of Wave Hill Station, 1939-1945) and Peter Lawrence Baillieu (Manager of Brunette Downs Station).

The collection is registered as:

NTRS 3032, Papers relating to the pastoral industry, 1952-1966

Netball NT

Netball NT donated correspondence and administration files. The first official netball games in the Northern Territory were held in 1970, and in 1978 the Northern Territory competed for the first time in the National Netball Championships.

The correspondence files include: invitations to sporting events, newspaper clippings, liaison with funding bodies, sporting awards, liaison with Netball Australia, grant funding applications, grass roots development funding applications, selection trials, and events planning. A typed list of contents is included at the start of each file. Items of interest in the administration files include the Netball NT Regional Academy Program 2006, and the Arafura Games Report 2001 by Thea Pearce.

The files are registered as:

NTRS 3304, Correspondence files, 2003-2005

NTRS 3305, Administration files, 1982-2006

Please note that these series are restricted; researchers must seek permission to view/copy/publish (contact the Darwin Search Room for further advice)]

Ward, Lenny

Leon Tuttleby donated a photograph taken by his uncle, Lenny Ward, in Darwin during the Second World War. The black and white photograph of Darwin Post

Office was taken on 18 February 1942, the day before it was destroyed in a Japanese bombing raid.



LENNY WARD, NTRS 3327, Photograph of Darwin Post Office, 1942 One photograph only, **Darwin Post Office, 18/2/1942**

The photograph is registered as:

NTRS 3327, Photograph of Darwin Post Office, 1942

Watsford, Stephen Douglas

A copy of the autobiographical manuscript "Much have I seen and known", the life story of Stephen Douglas Watsford, transcribed and edited by Penny Watsford was donated to the Archives in June 2007. The 15 chapters include four relating to Mr Watsford's life in the Northern Territory: war service in Darwin (chapter 5), move to Northern Territory (chapter 8), Northern Territory Medical Service (chapter 9), and the Aerial Medical Service (chapter 10). Also included are family trees relating to the Watsford, Browning and Vial families.

The manuscript is registered as:

NTRS 3030, Autobiographical manuscript "Much have I seen and known", 2000-2002

Gocher, Henry Percy

Richard Gocher donated copies of material relating to his grandfather, Henry Percy Gocher, the first Anglican rector based at Palmerston in the Diocese of North Australia (1901-1904). Reverend Gocher oversaw the construction of Christchurch on the corner of Smith Street and The Esplanade in Darwin. He died in Norwich, England, in 1937. A digitised copy of Henry Gocher's autobiographical manuscript "My clerical experiences and impressions" includes five pages relating to his work in the Northern Territory. The original notebook was given to the Anglican Diocese in Darwin.

The collection is registered as:

NTRS 3234, Digitised copy of notebook, photographs and obituary relating to Henry Percy Gocher, ca1898-ca1937

NTRS 3235, Reference copy of notebook, photographs and obituary relating to Henry Percy Gocher, ca1898-ca1937



Richard Gocher visited the search room. He was interested in records relating to his grandfather Reverend Henry Percy Gocher. Of particular interest were early sets of Parochial Council Minutes kept by the Anglican Church from 1889 (NTRS 2 /P2, Christ Church Cathedral Records, 1885-1975) which included his grandfather's input

Archidevi, Archives Goddess

Archidevi is Carolyn Newman's fabulous interpretation of archival endeavor. Carolyn from our Alice Springs office created *Archidevi* in time for the Australian Society of Archivists conference and wowed those who visited the office.

Archidevi is made from papier-mâché and inspired by the style of Hindu religious art. Her pencil represents the search room activity. The Rosetta stone symbolises an appreciation of history – the key to unlocking the past. The computer screen evokes the present and the future – the digital age. The white glove represents preservation and care. One foot resting on a box shows responsibility and control and the scattered records represent sheer volume and the complexity of archival work.



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