

Conrad M. Kelsall correspondence

Accession number 29761

Date 1871-1918

Author / Creator

Kelsall, Conrad Moultrie, 1873-1936.

Abstract Four letters sent by Conrad Kelsall to his family in England; five letters to his father Captain Theophilus Kelsall; and four letters to Conrad Kelsall's sisters from various correspondents. Also included are two copied photographs of Captain Kelsall and the Kelsall family, and transcripts of the letters.

Scope and content This collection comprises letters sent by Conrad Kelsall to his family in England. Also included are copy photographs of Conrad's father, Theophilus Kelsall, and of the Kelsall family; as well as a copy of an article by Kevin J. Lambkin 'Conrad Kelsall: "Butterflying" on the Little Mulgrave River, north Queensland, in 1903'. The paper discusses the significance of three of the letters in this accession in regard to butterfly collecting in north Queensland at the time. Eight family letters (one referring to investments by Theophilus Kelsall in Queensland properties) are included.

System of arrangement Arranged into 3 series.

Description 11 letters, 2 photographs, 1 newspaper article

Administrative / Biographical history Conrad Moultrie Kelsall (1873-1936) was born in Devon to Theophilus Kelsall and Maria Brutzer. He arrived in Queensland in 1890 and purchased a farm at Riverstone, in north Queensland. He married Piera Migliorini in 1910, and moved to a sugar cane farm at Deeral, south of Cairns in 1913 with their three children. Kelsall was also a keen photographer and collector of butterflies which he supplied to a natural history dealer. The family returned to England, where he died of illness age 63.

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Series 1: Article (2013)

Series number 1

Series title Article

Date 2013

Scope and content

This single item series consists of an article by Kevin J. Lambkin entitled 'Conrad Kelsall: "Butterflying" on the Little Mulgrave River, north Queensland, in 1903'. The article was published in *Archives of natural history* 40.1 (2013): 111-118. Lambkin discusses Conrad Kelsall's interest in collecting butterflies and selling them to a dealer, Alfred Bernie Bell. [Item 29761/1]

Author / Creator

Lambkin, Kevin J.

Description

Description 1 article

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Series 2: Photographs (1890-1903)

Series number 2

Series title Photographs

Date 1890-1903

Scope and content

This series consists of two copied of photographs of members of the Kelsall family.

- Theophilus Moultrie Kelsall (1871-1903), retired Royal Navy Officer
- The Kelsall family, Conrad Moultrie Kelsall is 2nd from right in the back row.

[Items 29761/2 & 29761/3]

Description

Description 2 photographs

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Series 3: Correspondence (1871-1918)

Series number 3

Series title Correspondence

Date 1871-1918

Scope and content

This series contains letters sent by Conrad Moultrie Kelsall to his family in England, dated 1903; five letters to his father Captain Theophilus Kelsall; and four letters to Conrad Kelsall's sisters from various correspondents [Items 29761/4 to 29761/15]

Author / Creator

Kelsall, Conrad Moultrie, 1873-1936

Description

Description 14 letters

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Items in this series:

Letter (7 October 1871)

Unit ID 29761/4

Date 7 October 1871

Scope and content

Letter addressed to Captain Theophilus M. Kelsall, Coast Guard, Ramsgate sent from his uncle William Stephens of Gravesend.

Author / Creator

Stephens, William

Description

Description 1 letter (2 sheets (6 pages) & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Letter (24 November 1887)

Unit ID 29761/5

Date 24 November 1887

Scope and content

Letter addressed to Captain Theophilus M. Kelsall, Youngaton, "Westward Ho", Bideford, Devonshire. The letter was sent from William Kelsall of Fareham.

Author / Creator

Kelsall, William

Description

Description 1 letter (1 sheet (2 pages) & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Letter (12 January 1889)

Unit ID 29761/6

Date 12 January 1889

Scope and content

Letter from William Kelsall, solicitor, addressed to his cousin Captain Theophilus M. Kelsall, Westward Ho, Bideford, Devon. The letter also contains two sheets of accounts.

Author / Creator

Kelsall, William

Description

Description 1 letter (1 sheet (2 pages); 2 statements & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Letter (9 April 1895)

Unit ID 29761/7

Date 9 April 1895

Scope and content

Letter to Captain Theophilus M. Kelsall from his nephew Villiers deSaussure Fowke (1851-1921)

Author / Creator

Fowke, Villiers de Saussure, 1851-1921

Description

Description 1 letter (1 sheet (4 pages) & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Letter (16 July 1896)

Unit ID 29761/8

Date 16 July 1896

Scope and content

Letter sent to Captain Theophilus Kelsall by Helen M. Lock, 4 Osborne Road, Clifton. Mrs Lock is interested in renting Kelsall's house during holidays. A draft of Kelsall's reply describing the house is also included.

Author / Creator

Lock, Helen M.

Description

Description 1 letter (2 sheets (2 pages) & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Letter (17 January 1903; 29 January 1903)

Unit ID 29761/9

Date 17 January 1903; 29 January 1903

Scope and content

Letter sent to Captain Theophilus Kelsall at Youngaton, Westward Ho, North Devon, by his son Conrad M. Kelsall at Riverstone, Queensland. Conrad writes about his life in Queensland, his property, the weather and about his friend F. C. Hill. A transcript of this letter is available.

Author / Creator

Kelsall, Conrad Moultrie, 1873-1936

Description

Description 1 letter (5 sheets (10 pages) & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Letter (14 August 1903)

Unit ID 29761/10

Date 14 August 1903

Scope and content

Letter sent by Conrad Kelsall at Riverstone to his sister, Kathleen Ethel Kelsall (1881-1949) at Youngaton. Conrad writes about his two acquaintances, Tunstill and Rushworth; about developing photographs that he intends to send to his family; and about collecting butterflies and selling them to a man called Bell [Alfred Bernie Bell] A transcript for this letter is available.

Author / Creator

Kelsall, Conrad Moultrie, 1873-1936

Description

Description 1 letter (3 sheets (6 pages) & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Letter (28 November 1903)

Unit ID 29761/11

Date 28 November 1903

Scope and content

A letter sent by Conrad Kelsall to his sister, Lilian Beatrice Kelsall (1879-1944) of Youngaton (the first two pages of the letter are missing). Conrad writes at length about collecting butterflies, describing his joy at receiving new consignments. Included in this letter to Lilian is 'a sample butterfly' as prepared by dealer Alfred Bernie Bell; *Danis serapis*, collected at Little Mulgrave River "a scrub butterfly, fairly common, but confined to N. Q." A transcript for this letter is available.

Author / Creator

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Description

Description 1 letter (4 sheets (14 pages); 1 pressed butterfly & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Letter (22 December 1903)

Unit ID 29761/12

Date 22 December 1903

Scope and content

A letter sent by Conrad Kelsall to his sister Ida Lucretia Kelsall (1876-1956) of Youngaton. Conrad writes about a recent trip to Lake Barrine in search of butterflies that he undertook with Hill and Willie Stephens. A transcript for this letter is available.

Author / Creator

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Description

Description 1 letter (4 sheets (14 pages); & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Letter (3 March 1918)

Unit ID 29761/13

Date 3 March 1918

Scope and content

A letter sent to Isabel Mary Kelsall (1877-1950), of Youngaton, by Louie, of Keepers Lodge, Saling Grove, Braintree, Essex.

Description

Description 1 letter (2 sheets (4 pages) & envelope)

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Letter (31 October 1918)

Unit ID 29761/14

Date 31 October 1918

Scope and content

A letter sent to Ida Lucretia Kelsall (1876-1956), of Youngaton, by a correspondent from Saling Grove, Braintree, Essex. Ida's correspondent writes about a visit from an army doctor and his wife, 'a very modern girl ... very keen on animals'. The doctor's wife brought her pet dog, a large greyhound.

Description

Description 1 letter (1 sheet (4 pages) & envelope)

Locate OMRR Box 20333 O/S

Envelope (25 May 1904)

Unit ID 29761/15

Date 25 May 1904

Scope and content

An empty envelope addressed to Captain Theophilis Kelsall R.N., Westward Ho, N. Devon, England.

Description

Description 1 envelope

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