

Ernest Henry papers

Accession number OM77-16

Date 1868-1971

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Abstract Photocopied reminiscences, letters and field notes compiled by Ernest Henry and others, concerning his exploring trips and mining ventures.

Scope and content This collection of photocopied papers has been bound in two volumes and includes: reminiscences, letters and field notes compiled by Ernest Henry concerning his exploring trips and mining ventures. Frequent mention is made of his contacts with Aboriginal people. Also included are: copies of the biography of Henry, 'The prospector of Argylla', by Sidney Evan Pearson; information compiled by Pearson on the Kalkadoons; biographical notes on Arthur Douglas Henry and Edward Campbell Earl; newspaper clippings on Ernest Henry and information on the death of Inspector Beresford.

System of arrangement Arranged into 2 series

Description 2 bound volumes

Administrative / Biographical history Ernest Henry emigrated to Australia in 1857. After working in the Riverina and the Darling Downs he took up Baroondah Station near Roma, and later Mt McConnell Station. He explored the areas around Cloncurry and the Flinders River and discovered large copper deposits at Cloncurry, including the Mount Oxide mine.

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Series 1: Volume 1 (1868-1930)

Series number 1

Series title Volume 1

Date 1868-1930

Scope and content

- Typescript copies of letters dating from 13 October 1869 - 28 January 1884, written by Ernest Henry to his parents.
- Account of exploration by Ernest Henry
- Notes re 21 April to 20 May relating to the 'Account of exploration' by Ernest Henry
- The True story of finding and opening up of Mount Oxide Copper Mine
- The Prospector of Argylla - being an account of the life of the late E. Henry, by S.E. Pearson

Archivists note: Items have been created to better describe the letters and manuscripts, and so they may be cited.

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Description

Description 1 volume

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Items in this series:

Letters (1868-1884)

Unit ID OM77-16/1

Date 1868-1884

Scope and content

Typescript copies of letters dating from 13 October 1869 - 28 January 1884, written by Ernest Henry to his parents, from Taroom, Warwick, Cloncurry, Normanton and Brisbane. Subjects include the ownership and working of mines, mineral exploration, descriptions of Aboriginal people, and the Transcontinental Railway Survey. The pages are numbered 179-320.

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Description

Description 1 item (142 pages, within bound volume)

Memoir (1860-1880)

Unit ID OM77-16/2

Date 1860-1880

Scope and content

An account of exploration by Ernest Henry; including the first discovery of copper at Cloncurry; and a memoir by Ernest Henry of a mineral exploration trip. Included are accounts of Aboriginal people; the pastoral stations he visited; a journey with William Landsborough to islands in the Torres Strait; the capture of O'Dowd who had been accused of wounding an overseer; and his methods of prospecting.

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Description

Description 1 memoir (36 pages, within bound volume)

Journal (1860-1880)

Unit ID OM77-16/3

Date 1860-1880

Scope and content

Notes re 21 April to 20 May relating to the 'Account of exploration' by Ernest Henry. These pages which are numbered 152j - 156v appear to be a letter-book or journal on which part of the account of exploration may be based. The dates are 21 April - 20 May [no year]. Two miscellaneous pages are included; a fragment of a letter to his father, and a page dated the 20th.

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Description

Description 1 journal (15 pages, within bound volume)

Memoir (1860-1880)

Unit ID OM77-16/4

Date 1860-1880

Scope and content

'The true story of finding and opening up of Mount Oxide Copper Mine'. These pages describe Ernest Henry's discovery of Mount Oxide and include a brief account of his early mineral finds.

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Description

Description 1 memoir (4 pages, within bound volume)

Manuscript (1890-1900)

Unit ID OM77-16/5

Date 1890-1900

Scope and content

'The Prospector of Argylla' - being an account of the life of the late E. Henry, by S.E. Pearson, Camberly, Greenmount, Queensland. The manuscript consists of typescript copies of chapters

I-VII; a letter dated 28 January 1930 to Ernest Henry's daughter from Pearson regarding the publication of the manuscript, and manuscript copies of chapters II-VII.

Description

Description 1 manuscript (80 pages, within bound volume)

Series 2: Volume 2 (1867-1971)

Series number 2

Series title Volume 2

Date 1867-1971

Scope and content

- Diary by Ernest Henry, 1882, Argylla to Mount Oxide, return to Cloncurry.
- Obituary of Arthur Douglas Henry (1874-1954)
- Biographical notes on Edward Campbell Earl
- Biographical notes on Arthur Douglas Henry (1874-1954)
- Newspaper clippings
- Memoir by Ernest Henry of a trip with Mr Devlin to take up land forming Hughenden Station
- Journal by I.S. Sleep recording the beginning of copper mining in Cloncurry, 1867-1868
- Journal by Ernest Henry, 1880-1881
- Correspondence regarding the murder of Mark Beresford by Aborigines in 1883
- Paper compiled by S.E. Pearson titled 'The Kalkadoons - a brief history'
- Maps of pastoral holdings

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Description

Description 1 volume

Access

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Items in this series:

Diary (1882)

Unit ID OM77-16/6

Date 1882

Scope and content

Diary and field notes of some exploratory journeys in the Cloncurry district by Ernest Henry, notably from Argylla to Mount Oxide, 14-26 February 1882, and return to Cloncurry, 2-26 March 1882. Included are notes in red ink made by George Phillips, C.E., Brisbane dated 14 September 1920. The notes include dates, direction taken and mileage travelled. Also included are sketch maps of the areas travelled. George Phillips (1843-1921) was a civil engineer and noted authority on the Gulf country, having laid out the town of Normanton and explored the country southward as far as Cloncurry. From 1893 to 1896 he represented Carpentaria in the Legislative Assembly.

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Description

Description 1 diary (54 pages, within bound volume)

Obituary (1954)

Unit ID OM77-16/7

Date 1954

Scope and content

Typescript obituary of Arthur Douglas Henry (1874-1954), Ernest Henry's son. Includes is biographical notes on Ernest Henry.

Description

Description 1 typescript (6 pages, within bound volume)

Notes (Undated)

Unit ID OM77-16/8

Date Undated

Scope and content

Biographical notes on Edward Campbell Earl (1874-1930). Earl who was born at Yacamunda Station, NSW became a prominent sugar-cane grower in the Cairns district in north Queensland.

Description

Description 1 biography (4 pages, within bound volume)

Notes (1954-1960)

Unit ID OM77-16/9

Date 1954-1960

Scope and content

Biographical notes on Arthur Douglas Henry (1874-1954) son of Ernest Henry, who followed mining and grazing pursuits.

Description

Description 1 biography (2 pages)

Clippings (1965-1971)

Unit ID OM77-16/10

Date 1965-1971

Scope and content

Copied newspaper clippings from the *Sunday Truth*, dated 15 August 1965; and the *Queensland Register*, dated 20 February 1971, on Ernest Henry.

Description

Description 2 articles (4 pages, within bound volume)

Memoir

Unit ID OM77-16/11

Scope and content

Copied typescript which is an account by Ernest Henry of an exploring trip resulting in the taking up of Hughendon Station. The memoir records his trip with a Mr Devlin to take up land. Included is an account of a clash with Aborigines, and the taking up and stocking of the land.

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Description

Description 1 memoir (17 pages, within bound volume)

Journal (1867-1868)

Unit ID OM77-16/12

Date 1867-1868

Scope and content

Copy of Mr I.S. Sleep's journal recording the genesis of copper mining at Cloncurry, Queensland.

Author / Creator

Sleep, I. S.

Description

Description 1 journal (5 pages, within bound volume)

Journal (1880-1881)

Unit ID OM77-16/13

Date 1880-1881

Scope and content

Copy of Ernest Henry's journal with entries between 28 November 1880 - 19 March 1881; 8 September - 11 October 1881 which includes a sketch map.

Author / Creator

Henry, Ernest, 1837-1919

Description

Description 1 journal (8 pages, within bound volume)

Letters (1883-1902)

Unit ID OM77-16/14

Date 1883-1902

Scope and content

Correspondence regarding the murder of Sub-Inspector Marcus Gervais De La Poer (Mark) Beresford, of the Cloncurry Native Police by Aboriginals in 1883. The death took place in the Selwyn Ranges north of Boulia whilst Beresford was on patrol, and his grave by was discovered by Constable Brennan in 1902. Letters and notes:

- 1 February 1883
- 2 February 1883
- 1 March 1883
- 24 April 1883
- 23 April 1902

Description

Description 5 letters (16 pages, within bound volume)

Manuscript (1949)

Unit ID OM77-16/15

Date 1949

Scope and content

'The Kalkadoons - a brief history. Outlining tribal area, weapons, district, characteristics and

contact with whites'. Compiled by S.E. Pearson and presented to the Royal Historical Society of Queensland in 1949.

Author / Creator

Pearson, Sidney Evan, 1880-1954

Description

Description 1 manuscript (12 pages, within bound volume)

Maps

Unit ID OM77-16/16

Scope and content

Maps of pastoral holdings which include the following blocks: Graman; Gullengutta; Margaret Vale No's. 4 and 2; Morella No's. 9, 10, 3, 4 and 11; Alscade No's. 3, 2 and 1; they are housed in a pocket at the rear of Volume 2.

Description

Description 6 maps (housed in pocket at rear of volume)