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From the Director

Welcome to the first *Records Territory* for 2006. 2005 was the year of systems as we implemented a new archives management system and managed the upgrade of the document and records management system across the Government.

Focus on the systems will continue in 2006 as we continue to populate the archives management system with information about our archives collections and holdings, and we will be determining the future model for delivery of the document and records management system for Government agencies.

In this issue we report on various outcomes from the NT History Grants program, and we review the wanderings of some of our staff promoting oral history services and the Alice Springs archives. We provide a snapshot of the range of fascinating archives collections which have been accessioned over the past few months in Darwin and Alice Springs, and I trust you will enjoy our spotlight on aviation history *Flying High*.



Greg Coleman
Director NTAS

NT History Grants

The grants scheme provides an annual series of financial grants to encourage and support the work of researchers who are recording and writing about Northern Territory history.

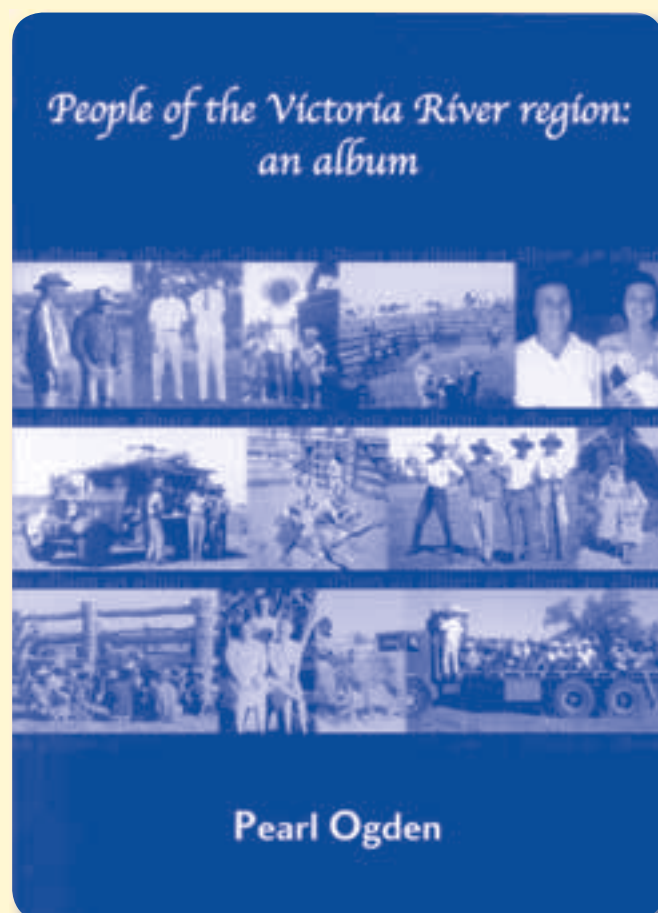
Details of successful History Grant recipients for 2005 and completed projects from other history grant recipients can be found on page 3.

Please contact Cathy Flint (contact details are on the back of this newsletter) if you have any queries relating to the grants.

We congratulate Pearl Ogden, a history grant recipient in 2004, for the completion of her research on the people of the Victoria River region.

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Oral History

Training sessions and some new interviews in Alice Springs

Central Australia has always been an important source of oral history interviews. Earlier this year, Mandy Treloar of Alice Springs Town Council's Library invited the Northern Territory Archives Service Oral History Manager, Francis Good, to provide a series of training sessions in Alice Springs for people who will be collecting interviews on behalf of the Library. Support and coordination of this work will be provided by the library, funded by the Town Council for the project. Under the NTAS joint venture policy for such oral history projects, the recordings, to be lodged in the NTAS collections, will be transcribed by the Oral History Unit; both recordings and transcripts will then be available for research use at the Archives' repositories in Alice Springs and Darwin.

While in Alice Springs, Francis also provided a half-day introductory presentation on oral history for a group convened at the Tangentyere Council premises by the NT Library's Jay Gibson, Libraries & Knowledge Centres Coordinator, Southern Region, for people interested in oral history work in Aboriginal communities.

Alice Springs researcher and broadcaster Megg Kelham, has been a very active contributor to NTAS oral history holdings from her researches on the region, and has recently provided a number of substantial interviews through her work on behalf of the Old Ghan Preservation Society and the Old Timers Museum. Currently working with the Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame, Megg plans to continue her contributions.

Project with Aboriginal elders from the Elliot and Tennant Creek region

As part of joint a venture assistance to community work, Francis recently spent time in Elliott, recording a group of elderly Aboriginal people for the Gurungu Council. Copies of the recordings were provided to Gurungu, together with photos taken by Francis at the time, and the original sound recordings will be preserved by NTAS in Darwin, with copies available for research in Darwin and Alice Springs. At the same time, two elderly women from Tennant Creek were recorded by Francis at the old Telegraph Station at Powell Creek to assist family research, with copies and preservation arrangements similar to the Gurungu project.

Some technical issues for consideration in this digital age

In recent decades, the introduction of digital sound recording has had a profound impact on oral history work, and within the last few years the advent of a new generation of digital recording devices has sown confusion and consternation among practitioners seeking the most appropriate and affordable methods. Territory interviewers are strongly advised to seek advice from the NTAS Oral History Unit when embarking on new projects.

The NTAS began using digital audio tape (DAT) almost as soon as it became available, and more recently has also provided mini-disk recorders for field work. Copies of interviews on audio-CDs have emerged as a good user medium, and the disks can provide a medium-term archive.

Although support for researchers using analog cassette tape continues to be made available, tape is now rapidly becoming redundant, whether for digital or analog cassette recording. Current

technology favours the recording of electronic files, written either to transferable data storage or direct to a computer hard disk. For original recordings, there has been a real swing away from removable, physical media in favour of creating virtual records. The NTAS now has several new digital recording devices, and is developing new procedures for preservation, usage and access to oral history recorded in this environment.

Francis has recently been collaborating with Beth Robertson, author of the *Oral History Handbook*, on the inclusion of a new chapter on technology in her forthcoming fifth edition, published by the Oral History Association of Australia (OHAA), and will also be taking part in a technical committee being set up by the OHAA to monitor developments in and availability of equipment suitable for oral history practitioners in Australia.

The OHAA's Journal

On the national front, the 2005 issue of the OHAA's *Journal*, edited by Francis, is now available; and the oral history community is eagerly awaiting the 2006 international conference in Sydney, which will be held jointly by OHAA and the International Oral History Association, with collaboration from the University of New England and the University of Technology Sydney. It promises to be a benchmark event in the enterprise world-wide. Details can be monitored at: www.une.edu.au/ioha2006.



2005 NT History Grants Recipients

Congratulations are extended to the following recipients of this year's Northern Territory History Grants.

Stephen Gray of Darwin: \$3,000 to study the 'Stolen Wages' issue in the legal context of the Northern Territory's Indigenous history.

Bill Bunbury of Perth: \$3,000 to research radio documentaries about the history of various Northern Territory communities along the north-south link.

Dan Sprod of Hobart: \$2,000 to research and document the diaries of Ludwig Leichardt's first Port Essington expedition, 1844-1845.

Gayle Carroll of Darwin: \$3,000 to research a brief history of Marrenah House, the Government Women's Hostel in Darwin, 1947-1959.

James Goulding of Alice Springs: \$3,000 to research a history of tourism in Central Australia, 1920-1990.

Colin De La Rue of Palmerston: \$1,000 to research and document archaeological sites of Fort Dundas, 1824-1829.

Claire Lowrie of Wollongong: \$2,000 to research a history of domestic servants in Darwin, 1900-1942.

Gwenda Baker of Melbourne: \$2,000 to research Aborigines, missions and government in Arnhem Land, 1911-1975.

Julia Martinez of Wollongong: \$2,500 to research Indonesian labour in the Northern Territory pearl-shell industry and labour migration from Eastern Indonesia to Darwin, 1925-1955.

Jason Davidson of Darwin: \$2,000 to research and record a Gurindji history of stolen generation, family and country.

Mary Flynn of Alice Springs: \$3,000 to research and record oral histories of the lower Finke River region.

NT Breast Cancer Voice: \$3,000 to research the impact that Territory women have had on the national and international breast cancer movement.

Julie Wells of Darwin: \$3,000 to research the ownership, management and government intervention in the news media in the NT, 1945-1960.

Gregory Crowe of Alice Springs: \$4,000 to research and record recollections of retired Territory School Principals about Territory education.

Peter Monteath of Adelaide: \$2,500 to research and document the diary recorded by Ernest Favenc during his expedition to the MacArthur River in 1883.

Noah Riseman of Melbourne: \$3,000 to research the defence of Arnhem Land by the Northern Territory Special Reconnaissance Unit in World War II.

Ushma Scales of Alice Springs: \$3,000 to research the lives of "the doggers" in the southern Northern Territory.

Jaqueline Van Gent of Perth: \$5,000 to research the social history of German missionary wives at Hermannsburg, 1877-1930s.

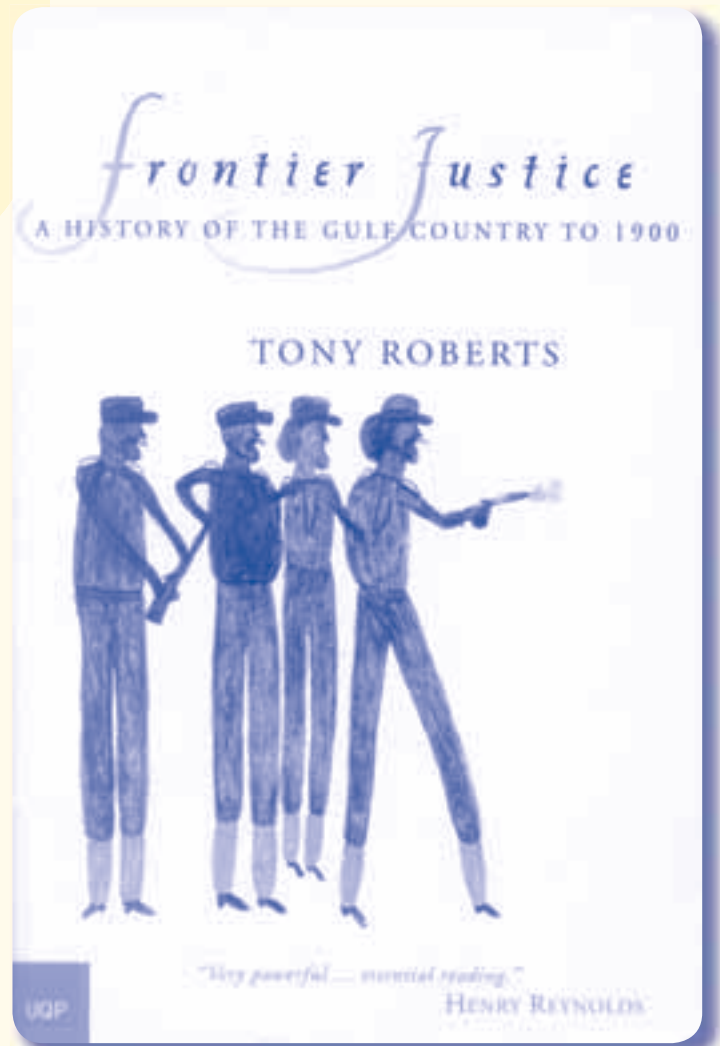
We congratulate the following History Grant recipients for completion of their research projects for which they received part or total assistance from the NT History Grants program.

Glenice Yee - *Through Chinese eyes: the Chinese experience in the Northern Territory 1874 - 2004*

Barry Allwright - *Rivers of Rubies: the history of the ruby rush in Central Australia vol 1 - 3*

Albert Colson - *Life and times of Central Australian pioneers, Fred and Elsie Colson*

And finally we congratulate Tony Roberts who was a history grant recipient in 1997 and 2004 for research on the history of Borroloola and the Gulf country. In November this year his recently published book, *Frontier Justice: A history of the Gulf country to 1900*, was announced as the winner of the NSW History Awards 2005.



Alice Springs Archivist at New Zealand Conference

Pat Jackson – Archivist, Alice Springs, Northern Territory Archives Service.

Presenting a paper at an international conference wearing a tiara and white cotton gloves certainly gets you noticed, even more so when you declare to your audience that you are the “Archives Queen of the Desert”.

That’s what I did in Wellington, New Zealand in early October at the Australian Society of Archivists’ annual conference. The theme of the conference was Archives and Communities and the title of my paper was “Red dust, redbacks, rednecks and Archives in the Red Centre”. The paper

was about setting up the Alice Springs office of the Northern Territory Archives Service and our relationships with the different communities in Central Australia. I talked about the unusual factors of archival work in the centre of Australia, such as low humidity levels compared to high humidity levels (the changes can affect the longevity of paper – low humidity makes paper brittle, high makes it floppy and encourages mould growth). To the best of my knowledge we are the only archives in Australia that has to worry about this problem.

I also talked about our interaction with the community and our government clients. I spoke of how rewarding it is to operate a

Search Room where researchers use the archives and get incredibly excited by what they find. We (the archives staff) play a crucial role in helping people find that material, to discover the treasures of Northern Territory history.

My paper was received positively and I quote from a New Zealand archivist who wrote, “I have to say here and now that the highlight of the conference for me was the “Documenting Communities” session where Helen Morgan, Nigel Murphy and Pat Jackson spoke about their work with specific communities. All three presentations were riveting and Pat Jackson, the Archives Queen of the Desert (yes, she donned the mandatory white cotton gloves – and a tiara to give her presentation) could well have been a key note speaker.”

The conference was an important venue by which to promote the Northern Territory Archives Service and Alice Springs. So much so that in 2007, Alice Springs will be the venue for the Australian Society of Archivists conference, with possibly more than 200 people attending. I’ve been asked to be the Convenor for the conference and I’ve accepted, on the proviso that I can wear my tiara and my white cotton gloves. And why white cotton gloves? They are iconic of our profession, of the care we take in preserving archival records and making it accessible to public. And why wear a tiara? Why not?



The Archives Queen of the Desert (Pat Jackson) welcoming people to Alice Springs

Trim System Management

TRIM System Management

The TRIM Support Team has been busy with the rollout of TRIM Context in NT Government agencies. This is a major upgrade for the 16 agencies and has taken considerable planning to get to the implementation phase. The rollout commenced in June 2005 and is expected to complete in December 2005. Agencies which have upgraded already are happy with the look and feel of the new product and the additional functionality it offers.

On the 11 July 2005 the Chief Minister announced another major NTPS administrative change. This has significant implications for the TRIM Support Team as agency TRIM databases and records need to be re-aligned to match the new agency structures and functions. Three agencies no

longer exist, Department of Infrastructure Planning and Environment, Department of Community Development Sport and Cultural Affairs and Department of Business Industry and Resource Development. Five new agencies have been formed, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Department of Natural Resources Environment and the Arts, Department of Local Government Housing and Sport, Department of Primary Industry Fisheries and Mines, and Department of Business Economic and Regional Development.

TRIM Training

It was great to see the TRIM Context training material, developed for the NT Government, finally published and it looks terrific. Thanks to the efforts of Wilma Carlow and Helen Barnes the material is

of a high quality and something to be proud of. The material developed so far includes, “Using TRIM Context – TRIM Administrator Course” and “Using TRIM Context – Trainer’s Kit, TRIM User Course”. As with any upgrade or major change to an application/system used across whole of government, appropriate training is key to the acceptance of the product by users. This course material forms a solid foundation for agency TRIM trainers and their TRIM users.

From June to November, Helen (the NTAS Training and Promotion Officer, and an accredited TOWER Software TRIM Context Trainer) conducted TRIM Context Train the Trainer (T3) training and TRIM Context Administrator training to nominated agency representatives. In total, 43 people have completed the TRIM Context

Obituary – Ted D’Ambrosio

Our condolences go to the family and friends of Ted D’Ambrosio who passed away in December 2005 aged 92 years.

Ted was born in Victoria in 1913 in an Italian/Australian community in Melbourne. He came to Darwin with the electrical firm of Noyes Bros in 1939 and married Roby Hassan in 1940. In 1941 he took an active role in the local Air Raids Precautions (ARP) organisation and this was to be the beginning of a staggeringly active involvement in civic affairs. Over a period of fifty seven years he was the President of thirteen clubs and organisations and was a founder of eleven of these. He was a life member of the Darwin Club, the Darwin Bowls Club, the NT Hockey Association, the Darwin Turf Club and the NT Water Ski Association. He spent a total of twenty-one years on the Darwin City Council from 1957-1978 and was Deputy Mayor for eleven of these years. He was also awarded an MBE in 1971.

Ted’s memory will be upheld through several collections at the NTAS, including two oral history interviews. The first interview was recorded by Agnes Hannan in January 1985 (NTRS 219, TP 435), and the second one was recorded by Francis Good in 1989 (NTRS 226, TS 55). These interviews cover various aspects of Ted’s life, and life in Darwin generally, right from when he first came to Darwin in 1939 and up to and including his experience of Cyclone Tracy

in December 1974 and its aftermath.

Ted also donated the following collections –

NTRS 1111, Personal photographs of Darwin, 1960-1982

NTRS 1374, Personal appointment diaries, 1955-1989

NTRS 1375, Darwin Turf Club race meeting programs, 1957-1960

NTRS 1376, Correspondence about clay, coal and ore deposits in the Northern Territory 1964 - 1971

NTRS 1708, Photographic copyprints of Zappopan Mine, Seabreeze Hotel and official visitors to Darwin ca1965



NTRS 1708, item no 6, E.O.A. welcoming Prime Minister Gorton at Civic Welcome, Gardens Amphitheatre, 1968

Trim System Management

T3 training and 51 people have completed the TRIM Context Administrator training. The people who have completed the T3 training are running TRIM Context User training in their agencies in preparation for their upgrade. This has been a considerable effort by all involved.

Staff

Helen Barnes, our Information Management System Analyst - Training & Promotion Officer, is taking a 12 month career break to become part of the TOWER Software team. Helen’s job at TOWER sounds challenging and exciting as she will be responsible for writing training materials and training programs for new TRIM products, as well as being responsible for training TOWER staff on using the product and building their confidence in the system. Helen will

commence at TOWER Software in January 2006. She is a valued member of the NTAS System Administration Team and will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her new role at TOWER.

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New Accessions – Alice Springs

Archivist, Pat Jackson, provides details below of some recently donated material.

John Bucknill Owen and Sheila Owen

There are many words I could use to describe the vast collection of material created by John Bucknill Owen and his wife, Sheila Owen. These include 'staggering, complex, amusing, romantic and fascinating'. The collection is staggering in its range and diversity of topics and formats. It is complex in its inter-relationships between series. Amusing for the flashes of lightheartedness such as a mock tax return for the Owen's dog Sandy. Romantic for traces of John and Sheila's relationship as evidenced in John's diaries and in Sheila's letters to John. Above all the collection is fascinating not only because it speaks of the lives of Owens and their family and friends but also the changing nature of businesses, entertainment and the people of Alice Springs.

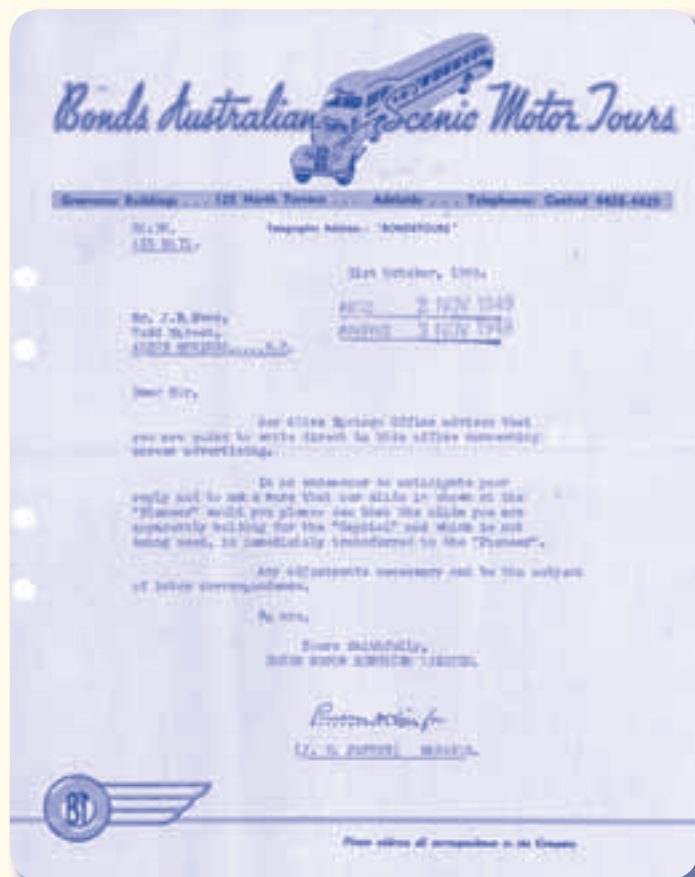
John Bucknill Owen (or J.B.) was for many

years Alice Spring's only accountant. But J.B. was much more than 'just an accountant' as his records attest. He was also a Visiting Justice of the Peace at the Alice Springs Gaol; an insurance agent; a projectionist for the Pioneer Theatre; a member of the Order of Australia; an honorary life time member of the RSPCA (for his rescue of horses from a burning stable) and a guinea pig for army mustard gas experiments during World War II. Evidence for all of these activities is found in the collection.

J.B. married Sheila in 1964 when he was 59 and she was 57. Sheila's 1961-1962 letters (some 200 individual letters) in NTRS 2274 tell of her long wait for her divorce from her first husband on the grounds of desertion. Sheila's letters are a social history of how difficult it was to legally end a marriage in the 1960s, even if you had not seen your spouse for decades. Not only are Sheila's letters to J.B. full of her concern for him, they also discuss incidents such as the postal truck catching on fire and hence the non-delivery of letters to Alice Springs.

When it comes to a personal records donation of this size and complexity there are bound to be inter-relationships across the series. To illustrate one such inter-relationship there is the example of NTRS 2240, *Diaries* and NTRS 2243, *Cinema Advertising Correspondence and Journal*. As mentioned previously John Owen served in the Australian Army with the 1st Experimental Battalion during World War II where he underwent mustard gas experiments. In his 1945 diary (NTRS 2440 Item 4) he writes of the effects of the tests upon his arms and his skin. In one entry he outlines his treatment by an army major who accuses him of self-inflicting his wounds.

The effects of the mustard gas experiments remained with Owen for the rest of his life. In NTRS 2243, in correspondence to Harringtons Pty Ltd (whose letterhead proudly proclaims that they 'Photographic, Theatre Sound and Cinematograph Merchants and Manufacturers, Metallurgists, Analysts and Assayers') Owen writes:



NTRS 2243, Cinema advertising correspondence and journal 1948 – 1956, Bonds Tours letter



NTRS 2243, Cinema advertising correspondence and journal 1948 – 1956, Harringtons letter

New Accessions – Alice Springs

Many thanks for your letter of 5th March. I must apologise for long delay in answering but plead illness as an excuse. I had another bad outbreak of the mustard gas burn trouble which practically put me out of action for a couple of months (19/5/1948).

Owens's cinema correspondence reflects a range of businesses operating in Central Australia, including Bond's Tours, Tuit's Tours, TAA and Banka Cattle Transport. The Owen collection also includes examples of cinema advertising slides from the 1950s – 1960s that were shown at the Pioneer Theatre. These slides are made from glass and are painted in vibrant colours. While they are fragile and the paint is starting to peel, the slides are evidence of fashions (even Berlei underwear), the types of cars, restaurants and entertainment in Alice Springs during this period.

In 1979 J.B. was awarded an Order of Australia for his community service. In the collection, Owen has retained the records relating to his investiture, congratulatory telegrams (a form of telecommunication no longer used and therefore becoming increasingly rare to find), letters and the rules and regulations for wearing the medal. The telegram from the Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser is stamped by Alice Springs Telegraph Office (another piece of local colour). A striking image is the photograph of the diminutive Owen being presented with the Order of Australia by the rather tall Administrator, John England.

The Owen collection was a pleasure to work with for its organisation. Owen was a meticulous man in terms of his personal recordkeeping and his collection reflects this. Sheila too kept interesting correspondence and papers, including letters from Dennis Wickham (the 'Camel Man') and the indomitable Miss Pink.

In terms of series the Owen collection which includes records created by Sheila Owen, Norman Owen (J.B.'s father and Bruce Strong who annotated and transcribed Owens's diaries) is comprised of the following:

NTRS 2197, Correspondence with Family Members

NTRS 2198, Records relating to Order of Australia

NTRS 2199, Records relating to World War I and appointment as Consul for Belgium (Norman Owen)

NTRS 2237, Personal Papers (Sheila Owen)

NTRS 2238, Photographs of Family Members

NTRS 2239, Personal Correspondence (Sheila Owen)

NTRS 2240, Diaries

NTRS 2241, Cinema Advertising: Glass Plate Diapositives (slides) for use in the Pioneer Theatre

NTRS 2242, Cash book and ledgers

NTRS 2243, Cinema advertising correspondence and journal

NTRS 2244, Personal business records

NTRS 2245, Personal papers, correspondence and newspaper clippings

NTRS 2246, Correspondence relating to appointment and duties as Justice of the Peace

NTRS 2247, Business Correspondence

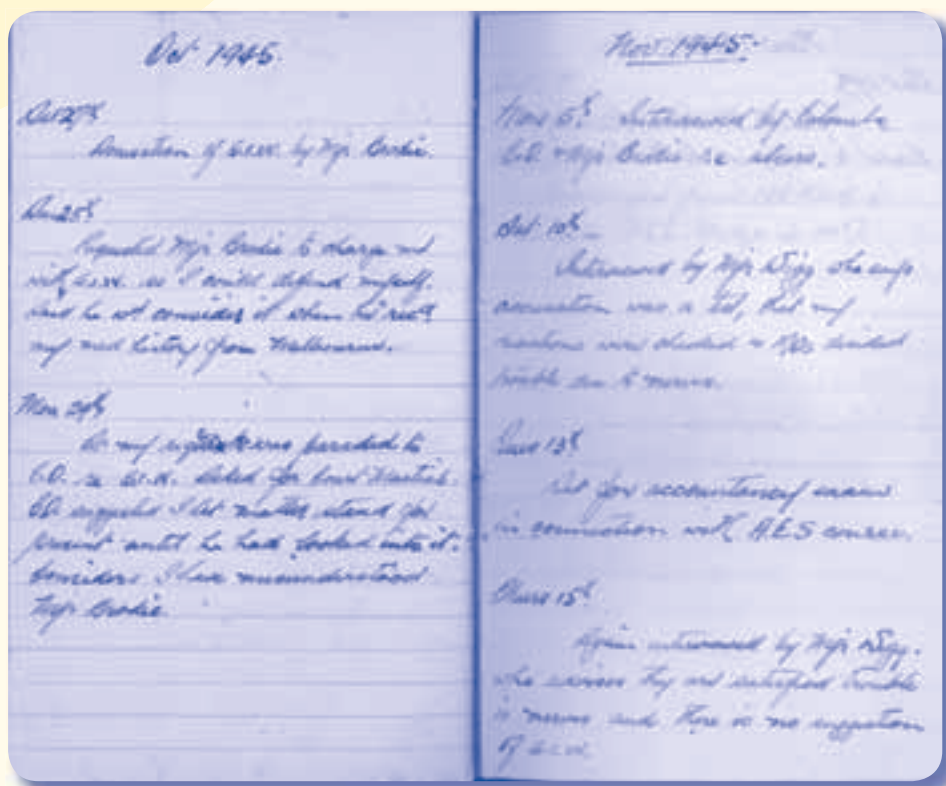
NTRS 2248, Invoices and statements

NTRS 2274, Correspondence from Sheila Owen

NTRS 2275, Taxation and Insurance Correspondence and Registers

NTRS 2276, Transcribed and Annotated Diaries of John Bucknill Owen (Bruce Strong).

Not only is J.B. Owen represented as part of the documentary heritage of Central Australia, he is also represented in the Oral History collection (NTRS 226, TS 100).



NTRS 2440, Diaries, 1937-1987

Spotlight on.....Flying High - Connections through the Series



In the *New Accessions – Darwin* feature of our last newsletter, archivist, Kym Muller, discussed the Cropley donation. Following a further donation from the Cropley family there are now seven series relating to the collection. One of the strengths of the Cropley material is that it covers so much of early aviation in the Northern Territory including links with air races, mining, missions and pastoral stations. More importantly, however, is that this collection now gives context to so many other smaller collections we hold and Kym demonstrates these connections below.

NTRS 2462, Cropley Collection, page 1, Air Race Handicap Route, 1934

The 1934 MacRobertson's Air Race from London to Melbourne, to celebrate the centenary of Melbourne and Victoria, is recognised as the last great pioneer air race before the advent of commercial air services. The race route had five compulsory stopover destinations: Baghdad, Allahabad, Singapore, Darwin, and Charleville. Of the 20 teams entered - from Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, and the USA - nine teams withdrew from the race before reaching Darwin due to various mechanical failures and tragically, in the case of H.D. Gilman and J.K.C. Baines, a fatal crash. Starting with an entrant in this race it is possible to trace a path through the glamorous world of 20th century aviation captured in the Archives holdings:



NTRS 1434, Mayse Young Collection, item no1, Wireless and Operator, Darwin Aerodrome



NTRS 854, Charles Wilson Collection, [photo album 1] pg 5, Amy Johnson

- Amy & Jim Mollison flew the fastest plane, a black (with gold trim) DeHavilland Comet dubbed *Black Magic*. Unfortunately the famous aviation couple were forced to withdraw from the race in Allahabad (India) due to engine trouble. Amy Mollison was better known as Amy Johnson and had flown her plane, *Jason*, into Darwin on 24 May 1930 where she was met by cheering crowds and the Administrator, Lt Col Robert Hunter Weddell (NTRS 35, NTRS 854). Jim Mollison had also been to Darwin before, stopping over in 1931, on his way to break the Australia-England flying record (NTRS 1434);

- R. T. Cropley was a race official and he took photographs of 9 of the 11 entrants who made it to Darwin (NTRS 2460). A postcard sent to Cropley from Mr J. Long records his meeting with two pilots, Jim Mollison and Jim Broadbent in 1931 (NTRS 2284). The same series also contains a letter of appreciation from the Central Australian Gold Exploration Company Ltd thanking Cropley for flying the damaged *Golden Quest II*, from the ill-fated Lasseter expedition, from Alice Springs to Sydney in 1931;

- Charles Eaton led the search for the pilots of the *Golden Quest II* in Central Australia in 1931 and found both men alive. Eaton had previously led the ground party which recovered the bodies of Keith Anderson and Bob Hitchcock from the wreckage of the *Kookaburra* in 1929 (NTRS 2466). Anderson and Hitchcock had been searching for Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm who were missing in the *Southern Cross*. Smith and Ulm were rescued by Les Holden in the *Canberra*;

- Jimmy Melrose won £1000 in MacRobertson's Air Race by placing 3rd in the handicap stakes flying a plane named after his mother, *My Hildegarde* (NTRS 2460). On 8 November 1935, while flying over the Bay of Bengal on a record solo flight to Australia, Melrose was the last person to see Kingsford Smith's plane, *Lady Southern Cross*, before it disappeared. After an extensive search, Kingsford Smith was declared dead in 1935;

- Both Charles Kingsford Smith and Bert Hinkler were denied entry to the 1919 England – Australia Air Race launched by Prime Minister Billy Hughes. Hinkler made the journey flying solo in 1928 in 15 ½ days, breaking five aviation records, and landed in Darwin on 22 February (NTRS 1434, NTRS 854). Kingsford Smith went on to break many records and become an aviation legend, and yet still found time to make a special trip in the *Southern Cross* to deliver the mail to Darwin from Koepang in 1931 (NTRS 594);

- Kingsford Smith's advice to Lores Bonney on flying around Australia was "You might make it if you've got the guts". In 1933, Bonney was the first woman to fly solo from Australia to

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England. On 15 April 1933 she flew out of Darwin and into the record books (NTRS 226, TS 30). Bonney collected many awards for her achievements including the MBE, and life membership to Zonta, the international women's service organisation. One of the founding members of Zonta was Amelia Earhart;

- On 28 June 1937 Amelia Earhart landed in Darwin, one of the last stopovers on her ill-fated attempt to be the first woman pilot to fly around the world (NTRS 1685). In 1935, Earhart and Jean Batten were co-recipients of the prestigious Harmon Trophy;
- Jean Batten reached Darwin from England in 14 days, 22 hours on 23 May 1934 (NTRS 1434, NTRS 234), setting a new record. Batten was known as the "Garbo of the skies" for her resemblance to the glamorous movie star Greta Garbo, a reference cheekily reflected in her plane's registration G-AARB (NTRS 1636);



NTRS 1434, Mayse Young Collection, item no 21, Jean Batten, Darwin, 23/05/1934

- Movie stars would later frequent the "Alimony Special" – the air service between Los Angeles, Reno and Las Vegas – dreamed up by Roscoe Turner. The Hollywood connection continued in the 1934 air race with Turner and Clyde Pangborn flying a Boeing 247-D called *Warner Bros. Comet* (NTRS 2460), which finished in 3rd place. Roscoe Turner had learnt to fly in WWI and was honourably discharged in 1919;
- On 8 December 1919, the first plane landed in the Northern Territory. Captain Henry Wrigley and Sgt Arthur "Spud" Murphy landed at Alexandria Station (NTRS 1463), and then flew to Darwin on 12 December 1919 (F433) to meet up with the intrepid Smith brothers, thus completing the first transcontinental flight (Melbourne-Darwin);
- Captain Ross Smith and Lt Keith Smith, with Sgt Wally Shiers and Sgt Jim Bennett as mechanics, crossed the world from England-Australia in their Vickers Vimy G-EAOU ("God 'elp all of us"), and landed in Darwin on 10 December 1919 (F 433). They reached Australia in 27 days, 20 hours, and won the £10,000 air race. Ross Smith and Keith Smith were knighted, while Wally Shiers and Jim Bennett were awarded honorary commissions;
- On hand to meet them were Hudson Fysh and Paul McGinness (NTRS 2002) who had completed a land survey for suitable landing areas across Queensland and the Northern Territory. In 1920, along with Fergus McMaster, they formed Qantas Airways and later established the first Brisbane-London airmail service;
- Captain Lester Brain flew the Qantas plane, *Hippomenes*, to Darwin on the inaugural Brisbane-London airmail flight in December 1934 (NTRS 2460). In 1929, Brain had sighted the lost

Kookaburra near Wave Hill and radioed the RAAF searchers. In the same year he rescued two lost pilots, Moir and Owen, after they crash landed at Cape Don (NTRS 854);

- The only other entrants in the 1919 air race to reach Darwin still hold the record for the longest time taken to fly from England to Australia. Lt Ray Parer and Lt John McIntosh, in a flight packed with incident (including being feted in Paris, their plane catching fire over Pisa, running out of money in India and having to recoup their losses with displays of stunt flying, narrowly avoiding arranged marriages in Rangoon, making a daring landing in Singapore which broke the propeller, until finally gliding into Darwin short on fuel and with the radiator tied onto the plane with string), completed the journey on 2 August 1920 (NTRS 1434);



NTRS 1434, Mayse Young Collection, item no 8, R.J.Parer and C.J. McIntosh with the Acting Administrator [Staniforth Smith] at Darwin after their amazing flight from England, left England 08/01/1920 reached Darwin 02/08/1920

- Parer later teamed up with Gough Hemsworth in the 1934 air race (NTRS 1434). They were delayed in Paris and eventually reached Melbourne on 13 February 1935;
- First place in the 1934 air race went to Charles W. A. Scott and T. Campbell Black who crossed the finish line on 24 October in a fire engine red DeHavilland Comet called "Grosvenor Square" (NTRS 2460, NTRS 1434). James Watts recalled the night they landed in Darwin: "...they landed right over on the far side of the aerodrome, and everybody wondered why...Scotty was laying under the wing of the plane...one engine had stopped coming across from Timor, and Scott had to sit with his foot on the rudder...his leg was absolutely dead; when he got out of the plane he couldn't walk...they took him straight to hospital...and he took off again early next morning" (NTRS 226, TS 605). In Melbourne, among the first to offer their congratulations to the winning team were Jean Batten and Loes Bonney, who presented Scott and Black with sandwiches and two bottles of beer (NTRS 2460).



NTRS 1434, Mayse Young Collection, item no 32, Scott's plane [Grosvenor House taking off]

Spotlight continued

Did you know?

- The first meteorological office for aviation purposes was set up in Darwin in 1934 initially to provide current weather reports for the 1934 MacRobertson's Air Race;
- The sponsor of the 1934 London-Melbourne air race, Sir Macpherson Robertson, was the owner of MacRobertson's confectionary company which created Cherry Ripe (1924) and Freddo Frog (1930). The company was bought by Cadbury's in the 1960s;
- There are two movies based on the 1934 air race. *Splendid Fellows* (1934) which includes newsreel footage of the actual race combined with a fictional story, and *The Great Air Race* (1990), a dramatization of the race built around actual events and people;

- Ross Smith was an officer of the Australian Flying Corps during WWI and had also served as the personal pilot of T.E. Lawrence (also known as Lawrence of Arabia);
- Francis Briggs flew the first plane to Alice Springs (then named Stuart) in October 1921;
- Jessie Maude "Chubbie" Miller arrived in Darwin on 19 March 1928, the first woman to complete the England-Australia flight (NTRS 1680, NTRS 234). Miller was the passenger in *The Red Rose* flown by Bill Lancaster.



NTRS 1680, Que-Noy Collection, item no 2, [Jessie Miller with the "Red Rose", Darwin, 19/03/1928]



F 433, Rhodes Collection, item no 2, Twin engine aeroplane after landing with local residents gathered around



F 433, Rhodes Collection, item no 4, first plane to cross Australia. B6183 (Captain Wrigley arrived in Darwin 12/12/1919. Three men are standing behind the plane)



NTRS 2462, Cropley Collection, item no 19, Melrose [C.J. (Jim), pilot of "My Hildegard" VH-UQO DH.80 Puss Moth)

NTRS 854, Charles Wilson Collection [photo album 1], p.6, Bert Hinkler

NTRS 1685, Patrick Murphy Collection, item no 57 (Mrs Putnam, Darwin 1937) [Amelia Earhart]



Research in Progress

We have asked the researchers who visited the Northern Territory Archives Service search room during the past few months to describe their projects for these pages. Once more the variety of projects reflects the potential of the NTAS collections and the level of interest from our community, Australia and the world in the history of the Northern Territory of Australia.

Dr Jane Balme, Centre for Archaeology, University of Western Australia, Heather Burke, Department of Archaeology, Flinders University, and Claire Smith - *Shared and Separate histories: Landscapes of memory in the Barunga region, Australia.*

This research integrates archaeological, documentary and oral history evidence to investigate the dynamic relationships between Indigenous people and place over time in the Barunga region, Australia. We are using the Northern Territory Archives to investigate the history, from the first European settlement to the 1970s, of particular places of significance to Indigenous people in the region. We are especially interested in the relationships between the various occupants of the places and the technology they used and adapted. This evidence, in combination with oral stories of Indigenous and other people who have lived or visited the places in the past and with archaeological evidence recorded at the sites, is then being analysed to illuminate the webs of attachment between Indigenous people, places and identity during periods of upheaval and change in the region.

Keith Castle OAM, former executive of the Central Australian Tours Association (CATA) - *The history of the formation and operation of "Central Australian Tours Association"*.

Formed in 1961 CATA, an amalgamation of six local businesses, became a major operator in the tourism industry in the period 1961 to 1988 when it was absorbed into the AAT- Kings Tours Pty. Ltd. company. Many brochures have been found of the group but a few are still to be found viz., 1961, 1963, & 1965 to 1968. In addition Keith is looking for photographs of vehicles in the period 1961 to 1970. It is hoped to write "The CATA Story" from the records held (all minute books have been retrieved) and brochures, newspaper articles and old records held.

Cath Bowdler, PhD candidate. Centre for Cross Cultural Research, The Australian National University - Working title: *Peintpientbat: Indigenous visual art practice from Central Northern Territory.*

The research is centred around an investigation of Indigenous visual art from Ngukurr in South East Arnhem Land.

She hopes to document the history of the painting movement from the community and some surrounding areas within the socio-political context of the region. Important to her thesis is the notion of 'kriolisation' as a metaphor, and a possible way of reading the visual art from the region. It will identify significant artists, both well known and emerging, and tease out a variety of influences on their work: including traditional cultural practices, colonial contact histories, key art mediators (ie missionaries, teachers, anthropologists, gallery dealers, art advisors), economic, environmental and political factors. The production of the thesis will include a visual database of art from the region and an on-line exhibition.

Dr Maggie Brady, Fellow, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, the Australian National University.

Dr Maggie Brady of the Australian National University is working on an *ethnographic history of alcohol use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples*. With funding from an ARC post-doctoral fellowship and the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation. She has been interviewing Aboriginal people (in the NT and elsewhere), Torres Strait Islanders, and non-Indigenous informants about historical influences on drinking. These include the remembered role of the Makassar trepang fishermen, of missions and the temperance movement, the inauguration of licensed clubs and the impact of prohibition. She found some useful material in the NT Archives about the increased availability of alcohol at Nhulunbuy from the 1970s on, and the many unsuccessful objections made by Yirrkala people to the proliferation of liquor outlets in the region.

Charles Eaton (Dr), Consultant-Contract Farming Systems, FIJI - *Charles "Moth" Eaton, Soldier, Pioneer, Airman, Diplomat (1895 - 1979).*

The object of the research is to study, record and assess the life of Charles Eaton in connection with the Northern Territory (1929 - 1944), Indonesia and Timor (1938-1950). Particular emphasis is focussed on his contribution to aviation in the Territory, his initiatives to deploy the first ever UN military observers in September 1947 and the establishment of Australia's diplomatic relations with the Republic of Indonesia. The RAAF historian Air Commodore M

Lax summed up Eaton's accomplishments: "...his contribution to Australia both in the air and as a diplomat should never be under-estimated. Our association with the North (Australia) and East Timor began with him".

Angelique Edmonds, Roper River, PhD candidate, Centre for Cross Cultural Research, the Australia National University.

My research focuses on the *Roper River region* of south east Arnhem Land. It aims to specifically address the impact that the imposition of settlement life and a consequent 'colonised order' has had on the capacity of Aboriginal groups in the area to be situated relative to their own culture and particular country with which they share identity. Colonial exploration in that area began in 1841 and expanded considerably in 1870 with the establishment of the overland telegraph. The '*colonised order*' that was imposed by permanent European presence established in the area as cattle stations, a police station and the founding of Roper River Mission in 1908, represented a completely different attitude to the Land. My research examines the ways in which *Aboriginal peoples relationship to place* in the region have metamorphosed in response to the imposition of these foreign structuring orders.

Jasmine Foxlee, PhD Candidate, University of Western Sydney, Darwin resident - *Meaningful Rocks: stories, memories and the visitor experience at Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.*

This research forms part of a PhD thesis which aims to document and examine the way in which stories about Uluru-Kata Tjuta are experienced, reflected and created by people who visit the Park. Working with Parks Australia and Anangu, the Aboriginal traditional owners of the Park, the research process focuses on a phenomenon occurring at Uluru in which visitors are returning rocks and sand taken from the Park. These rocks and their accompanying letters are returned to the Park on a daily basis and have become known within the Park as the 'sorry rocks'. The phenomenon of visitors returning materials taken from a national park or heritage site is, at least at this scale, believed to be unprecedented anywhere in the world. An important part of understanding the returned

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rocks phenomenon includes historical documentation of tourism activities and tourist behaviour at Uluru from the perspective of early visitors, Anangu and current and previous Park employees.

Dr Steven Farram, Research Associate, Crosscurrents Project, Charles Darwin University (CDU).

I have been doing research at NTAS on behalf of Mr Stephen Gray who is a Senior Lecturer in Law at CDU. The research, however, relates to his PhD thesis "*History, Law and Indigenous Poverty: the 'Stolen Wages' issue*", which is to do with the 'Stolen Wages' issue in the NT. Stephen is doing his PhD through Monash University. The research is being funded through an NT History Grant that Stephen won in the current round, and by an internal CDU grant won by Stephen and other members of the Cross Currents group of researchers.

Margaret Jacobs, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Margaret Jacobs, a historian based at the University of Nebraska, conducted research in the Northern Territory Archives in July 2005 for her project, "*White Mother to a Dark Race*." Jacobs is studying white women's involvement in the removal of indigenous children from their families to institutions in the United States and Australia between 1880 and 1940. She particularly focuses on relationships that developed between white women missionaries, schoolteachers, matrons, and employers and the American Indian and Aboriginal children who were in their care.

Prof. Ellen Percy Kraly, Department of Geography, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York - *Blankets, Brass Tags and Bungalows: The Role of Population Data Systems in Historical Aboriginal Affairs in Northern Territory, Australia.*

This research documents the role of population data systems in Aboriginal policy and administration in the Northern Territory in early Commonwealth Australia. This study seeks to contribute to an emerging professional discourse among international statisticians concerning the ethical dimensions of the collection, analysis and use of population data in social programs and policy. The Northern Territory is presented as a case study and builds on previous research for the colony of Victoria (Kraly and McQuilton, 2005). The method of research draws on primary and secondary archival sources. Revealed

through these sources are the many ways in which population data on Aboriginal persons, families, and populations were collected and used by individuals involved in Aboriginal affairs throughout the Territory during the first half century of Federation. (This research has been supported by a Franklin Research Grant from the American Philosophical Society)

Susan Pedersen, Interpretation Officer, Parks & Wildlife Service, Katherine Region - *Bullita Homestead display, Gregory National Park.*

This display gives visitors a picture of the landscape and its people both before and after the arrival of non-Aboriginal people. It consists of four sets of panels and a table-top display: "Tough Country" introduces the environment - climate, landscapes, habitats and adaptations for living in this tough country. "Living with the land" looks at local Aboriginal culture and lifestyle before non Aboriginal settlement of the area. "Profit from the land" outlines the exploration, settlement and pastoral history of the Victoria River area. "Working together" focuses on how traditional custodians and non Aboriginal people have come to share the land. "Life on the back blocks" is about pastoralism at Bullita and Humbert River stations.

Matthew Stephen, PhD candidate, Charles Darwin University.

The research on *Northern Territory colonial social history, from European settlement to 1918, focuses on sport and leisure and its role in the community*. It examines differing cultural perceptions or concepts of work, leisure and sport and how this impacted on the development of colonial Northern Territory society; sport and leisure activities as a site and measure of inter-cultural interaction and, the extent to which the social development of the Territory reflected that

of the other Australian colonies in regards to its sports and leisure or if and why there were significant differences.

Dr Sue Taffe, School of Historical Studies, Monash University - *Collaborating for Indigenous Rights: a retrospective exploring the history of black and white Australian activism 1957-1973.*

This project will develop materials for an exhibition, actual and online, to mark the 50th anniversary of a unique collaboration in Australia's history. During my visit to the Northern Territory Archives I was able to access manuscript and oral history materials which were essential to the project. An exhibition of a national project such as this one relies on sound research as well as materials which can tell the story in audio and visual form. Thanks to the NTAS the Northern Territory contribution will be told by the participants themselves.

Jan Whitehead, PhD Candidate, School of Creative Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Law, Business and Arts, Charles Darwin University - Working title: *'Settling Down: The role of housing in the Commonwealth's Northern Territory'*.

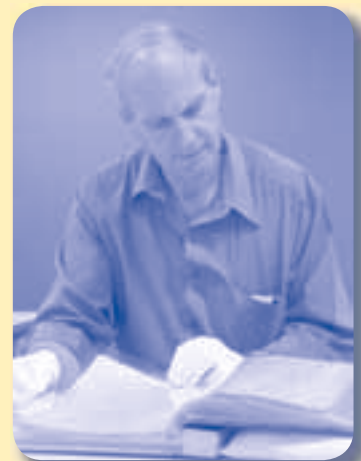
The research topic examines the role of housing during the Commonwealth's mission to settle the Northern Territory. More than any other part of Australia, the Territory's non-Indigenous settlement has been established through external political forces, which have determined political, economic and social priorities. Vestiges of these influences remain today. Research is centred on investigating the evidence in Northern Territory Administration and associated files for the ascribed roles of housing in both Indigenous and non-Indigenous contexts, within a timeframe of the Commonwealth control of the Territory from 1911 to 1974.

John Bradshaw

Joseph Bradshaw and Aeneas Gunn

The NTAS has provided valuable support over the past year for my research into the lives of these two pioneers of the Territory. On a recent visit to the Darwin Office, I was impressed with the range of information available and wished I had allowed more time to make full use of the facilities. Apart from the Bradshaw's Run Logbook, various series of probate files and the Inwards Correspondence to the Government Resident of the Northern Territory of South Australia were used.

John Bradshaw is pictured here consulting the Bradshaw's Run Logbook in the NT Archives Service search room, Darwin



History's Mysteries: Death on the Barkly in 1942

The Research in Progress section of this newsletter only allows a brief description of some of our researchers' projects. We have decided however to provide more details of one particular research project as it is an excellent example of how the staff in our two search rooms – one in Darwin and one in Alice Springs 1 500 kms away- sometimes have the opportunity to work together on projects. The name of the researcher is Alan Caust.

June 2005 saw me beating a path to our NT Archives Alice Springs Office clutching a small A4 folder in which held my hopes and dreams. Dreams of answering questions about an incident in 1942 where a Doctor and his wife (a nurse), had tragically perished on an errand of mercy to a remote cattle station in the Barkly. The Doctor was the Medical Officer based at the Tennant Creek Hospital and finding records has been extremely difficult due to the "war" and the "cyclone".

Through the dedicated efforts of Pat Jackson and Carolyn Newman in our Alice Springs office – together with the wonderful assistance and hard work in the Darwin office of Francoise Barr and Emma Nitschke – the story is almost ready to be formalised into a presentation for the National St John Ambulance Conference to be held in Perth in June 2006. The St John Ambulance

connection is due to the surviving brother of the Doctor whom is a Knight of St John (KStJ), a medical officer too – and a serving member of our Royal Australian Navy in WWII. He is 89 years of age and without the Doctor's assistance – we would not be where we are right now.

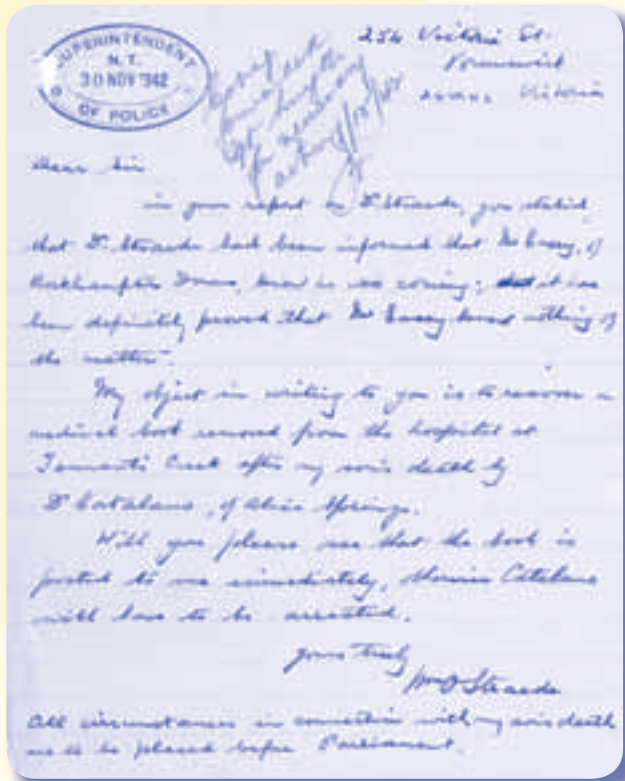
It is a tragic story of a young 23 year old Doctor and his 20 year old wife. Their lonely grave in the barren cemetery of Tennant Creek, led to my writing a national St John Ambulance textbook entitled "Survival! Remote Area First Aid" published many years later in 1990. But it is not a fairy story. There are dreadful aspects to the history of this tragedy in the Northern Territory

Some of the "players" in this tragedy involve our wartime Prime Minister John Curtin; Dr Cumpston (Director-General of Medical Services – Commonwealth); Dr Kirkland (Chief Medical Officer – NT) and

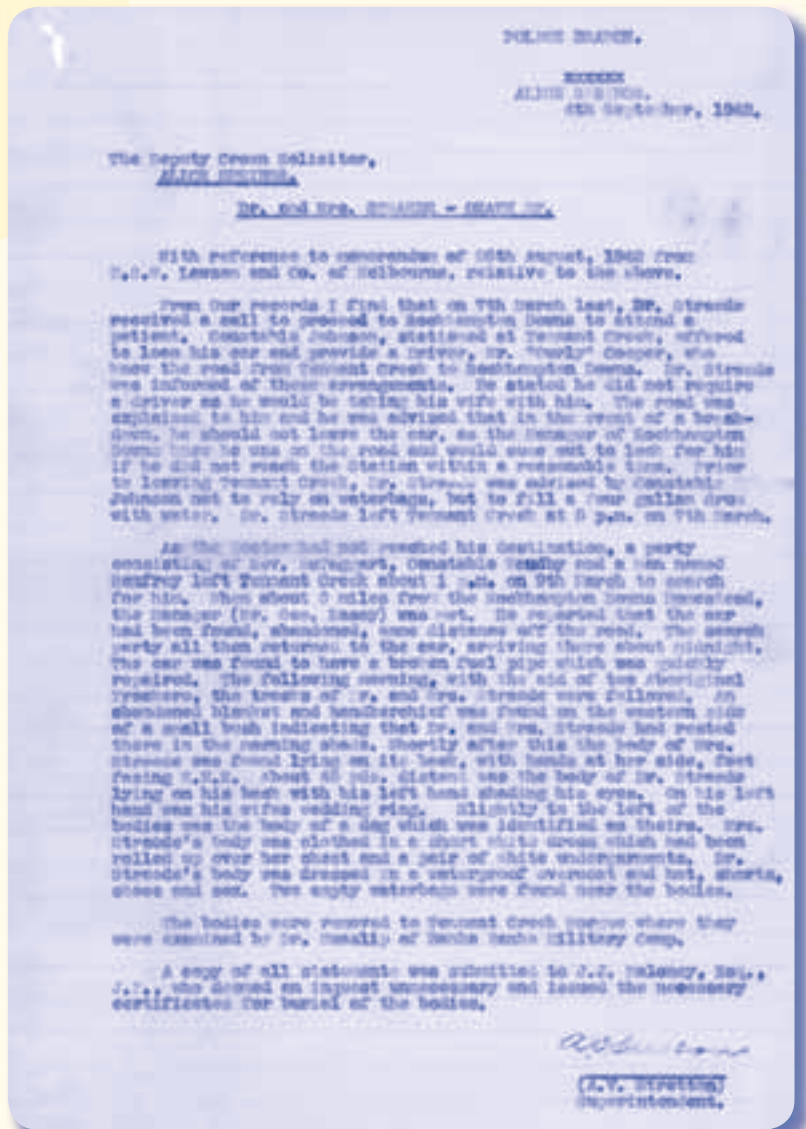
numerous others. The amount of "official" correspondence just in this matter is absolutely overwhelming.

There was no Inquest. Thanks to our NT Archives – this has been finally proven and documented from a file that I suspected must have been present – and they eventually found it! I can only congratulate the staff of our Archives for their perseverance and dedication.

Questions still to be answered importantly include – did they really die of thirst and exhaustion? Or was there something more sinister. They were not far from a bore; the radiator in the car was full of water and so on. Eye-witness accounts vary; one well-known fellow states in his statement that the bodies appear in his experience not to have died from thirst – and so "research in progress" is very apt!



F 77, Commissioner of Police, Correspondence files, 1935 - 1959, 24/11/1942



F 77, Commissioner of Police, Correspondence files, 1935 - 1959, 04/09/1942

New Accessions – Darwin

Archivist, Kym Muller, provides details below of some recently donated material.

Eaton, Beatrice (nee Godfrey)

NTRS 2466, Scrapbook relating to the aviation and diplomatic careers of Charles Eaton, 1929-1947

NTRS 2467, Digitised images of scrapbook relating to the aviation and diplomatic careers of Charles Eaton, 1929-1947

Beatrice Godfrey married Charles Eaton in 1919. Beatrice collated this scrapbook of newspaper clippings as a "skitebook" of her husband's achievements and career in the fields of aviation and diplomacy.

The scrapbook records a variety of events in Eaton's aviation career including his progress as a competitor in the 1929 East-West air race; involvement in the recovery efforts relating to Hitchcock and Anderson and their plane, Kookaburra, near Wave Hill; rescue of the crew and plane, Golden Quest II, in Central Australia; and command of No.12 Squadron in Darwin during the Second World War. There are also newspaper clippings detailing Eaton's diplomatic career including his appointment as Australia's first consul to Portuguese Timor. Also included is a copy of "Central Australia", an article Charles Eaton wrote for *The Bomber* magazine in 1931.

This donation was received from Charles Eaton, son of Beatrice and Charles (Moth) Eaton.

Kelly, Frederick Raymond (Ray)

NTRS 2481 Photographs relating to mica miners at Plenty River, ca1943

Frederick Raymond (Ray) Kelly was a gold battery operator from Bendigo who joined the Civil Construction Corps during the Second World War and was sent to work in the mica mines in Central Australia. The photographs include images of groups of miners, and their camp at Plenty River.

John Kelly, son of Frederick Raymond (Ray) Kelly, donated the photographs and requested this series be held in the Alice Springs office.



NTRS 2481, Item no 3, [three men shovelling sand, Plenty River] c 1943



NTRS 2481, Item no 7, [a row of seven tents for mica miners, Plenty River] circa 1943

Cropley, Sadie Florence (nee Brewster)/Cropley, Ronald Theodore

NTRS 2460, Photograph album relating to MacRobertson's Air Race and the air mail service to Darwin, 1934-1934

NTRS 2461, Annotated reference copy of photograph album relating to MacRobertson's Air Race and the air mail service to Darwin, 1934-1934

NTRS2462, Digitised images of photograph album relating to MacRobertson's Air Race and the air mail service to Darwin, 1934-1934.

Ronald Theodore (RT) Cropley was a race official in Darwin during the MacRobertson's Air Race from London to Melbourne. This photograph album was created by RT and Sadie Cropley for their son, John, and contains photographs of the planes and competitors in the air race, including Cathcart Jones and Waller in their De Havilland Comet, the US Boeing "Warner Bros. Comet", and the Danish team of Hansen and Jensen. Also included are newspaper clippings relating to the progress of the race. The air mail section of the album includes photographs of the Qantas planes, date stamped envelopes, and newspaper clippings about the new service.

This donation was received from John Cropley.

Marsden, Rose Ada (Rae)

NTRS 2395, Publications relating to Cyclone Tracy, 1975-1975

NTRS 2396, Correspondence relating to Cyclone Tracy, 1975-1975

Rae Marsden was living in Rapid Creek and working for the Commonwealth Public Service when Cyclone Tracy struck in 1974. She stayed in Darwin and kept these items as mementos of the disaster.

The publications, available in NTRS 2395, include newsletters produced for government staff, such as "Housing and Construction News" and "Government News Letter", and publications produced for residents and evacuees such as "Darwin Newsletter" and "Tracy Times". Also included is advice to residents from the Darwin Reconstruction Commission on how to repair or rebuild damaged houses. The letter, in NTRS 2396, is Rae's account of the cyclone, and living conditions in the aftermath.

This donation was made from the Estate of the late Rose Ada (Rae) Marsden.

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.

New Accessions – Darwin

Stahl, Charles Reginald

NTRS 2389, Photographs relating to the passengers and crew of the M.V. (Merchant Vessel) Koolama during the Second World War, 1942-1942.

NTRS 2390, Digitised copy of photographs relating to the passengers and crew of the M.V. [Merchant Vessel] Koolama during the Second World War, 1942-1942.

Charles Stahl, Chief Clerk of the Mines Branch in Darwin, was a passenger on the MV (Merchant Vessel) Koolama when it was bombed by the Japanese on 20 February 1942 near the north-west coast of Western Australia. The damaged ship was beached in a bay (now known as Koolama Bay) and approximately 140

passengers, soldiers and crew survived ashore at Calamity Cove until their rescue by Aboriginal guides from Drysdale Mission (Kalumburu, WA).

The photographs include images of the survivor's preparations to leave the cove, either by lugger or on foot, for Drysdale Mission; the Aboriginal guides who rescued them; the overland trek to Drysdale Mission, and the Mission itself.

Anne Gemmell, daughter of Charles and Dulcie Stahl, donated the photographs which compliment the oral history interview transcripts of her parents available in NTRS 226.



NTRS 2390, item no 9, Goodbye Calamity Cove [l to r] Mrs George Imrie, baby George [John], stewardess [Mrs Fanny Harrison], Miss Gardiner



NTRS 2390, item no 10, Drysdale Mission boys at Redcliffes



NTRS 2390, item no 25, a welcome bathe in one of the many creeks en route to Drysdale



NTRS 2390, item no 5, Rees and Stahl ready for the "hike" to Drysdale



NTRS 2390, item no 30, a selection lined up for tucker at Drysdale



NTRS 2390, item no 22, the beach with mangroves and gully in background



NTRS 2390, item no 28, the old Drysdale Mission

Protocol for Access to Northern Territory Government Records by Aboriginal People Researching their Families

This protocol was initially established in 1997. It sets out the arrangements for access by Aboriginal people, or their accredited agents, who need to establish links to family and country because of past separation policies, to records held by Northern Territory Government agencies. The revised protocol was approved and signed by all representative groups, including our Aboriginal Advisory Group, in November 2005. The revision of the Protocol has brought it up to date on various issues including contact details and references to its association with the Information Act. The intentions, terms and conditions of the protocol, however, have not changed and this reissue is regarded as a means to reaffirm its continuing objectives. The protocol can be viewed on our website -

http://www.nt.gov.au/dcis/nta//research/aborig_access.html



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