

Harold Aubrey Hall

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Biography

Harold Aubrey Hall (1871—1963) was a Western Australian pastoral station manager and stockman. He was born in 1871^[1] to Shakespeare¹ and Sarah² Hall. Born 20 May 1871^{[16][13]} at his grandparents' home in Murray Street, Perth.<ref>[[Extract from birth certificate for Harold Aubrey Hall]]</ref><ref>[[Clipping re Aubrey Hall's death, The Countryman, 1963-01-24]]</ref> Given a copy of Tennyson's works by Jay, for his 25th birthday.^[12] In March 1898 a former Cossack postmaster, E.J. Ryan, repaid some money that Aubrey had lent him (possibly a year earlier, when Ryan may have been transferred from Cossack under something of a cloud, to become a telegraph operator at Eucla).^[15] Mayor of Cossack from 1898—1901.^[7] In March 1904 (aged about 32) he was the sub-agent at Cossack for the Adelaide Steamship Company^{3,[6]} Married Helen Rose Lodge⁴ on 24 November 1910 in Busselton.^{[3][4]} In 1912 their first daughter, Constance, was born in Roebourne (in Roe's Cottage).^[2] In April 1912 was also agent for Henry Wills and Co. in Roebourne.^[8]

¹<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/william-shakespeare-hall.html>

²<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/sarah-theodosia-branson.html>

³Wikidata Q4681782: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adelaide_Steamship_Company

⁴<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/helen-rose-lodge.html>

In 1915 Aubrey took a job as lighthouse keeper at Jarmen Island, the whole family moving there in part to get away from the extreme heat of Croydon.^[10] Here they shared the accommodation with Mr Langer, a German national who in 1916 was taken from his post and interned.^[10] After his departure, Aubrey's brother Ernest Hall⁵ joined Aubrey on Jarmen Island.

In 1919 their third daughter, Joan Leake Hall⁶ was born.

His entry in *The Great North-West*, 1904:<ref>COSSACK. (1904, December 1). The Great North-West (Perth, WA : 1904), p. 44. Retrieved August 17, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article256756597></ref>

Mr. Aubrey Hall's offices are also the local abode of the Adelaide Steamship Co., the South British Insurance Co., and the new Balla Balla Copper Mines Co. Ltd., for all of which Mr. Hall acts as agent. He has resided in Cossack for the last thirty years. He started his present business in 1894. Besides holding the previously-named agencies, Mr. Hall is a general shipping, Customs, and forwarding agent, and is port representative for many of the stations within a hundred miles radius. All the wool, embracing the clips from the east of the Yule River and west of Fortescue, and for 200 miles inland, is shipped from Cossack. The total for the past twelve months was about 7,000 bales. That which is not carted to Roebourne direct is picked up at the coastal creeks and transhipped at Cossack Roads to the Singapore steamers. The number of sheep and kangaroo skins forwarded by this firm during last year was approximately 50,000. Mr. Hall is also one of the proprietors of a small cattle station⁷.

Engaged to Blanche Warburton in 1907.<ref>[[Joy Clifton to H A Hall, 18 May 1907]]</ref>

Married Helen Rose Lodge when he was 39, on 24 November 1910.<ref>{{WA BMD|type=marriage|year=1910|district=Sussex|number=14}}</ref><ref>[[1910 Hall-Lodge wedding announcement]]</ref>

Margaret was born in 1915, and soon afterwards Aubrey took a job as lighthouse keeper at Jar-

⁵<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/henry-ernest-hall.html>

⁶<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/joan-leake-hall.html>

⁷<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/tags/abydos.html>

men Island, the whole family moving there in part to get away from the extreme heat of [[Croydon station]].<ref name=Connie1983>[[C.B. Berryman 1983]]</ref> Here they shared the accommodation with Mr Langer, a German national who in 1916 was taken from his post and interned.<ref name=Connie1983 /> After his departure, Henry Ernest Hall joined Aubrey on Jarmen Island.

In about 1916 or 1917 he took a position as manager of [[Andover Station]].<ref>[[Four photos from Andover Station]]</ref>

1929, living at Stuart Street in Carnarvon.<ref>1929-11-03 Edith Wilson</ref>

From the *Northern Times*, Carnarvon, December 1933:^[9]

A BUSH TRAGEDY.

Whilst travelling in from Quobba Station with a thousand sheep for shipment at Carnarvon, Mr. Aubrey Hall, drover, and two natives, Balby and one known as Teddy Edwards, were accidentally poisoned about 24 miles from Carnarvon. Hall had arranged for water to be placed at certain places along the route which is a dry one. About 9 o'clock on Sunday morning whilst travelling along in Colilie paddock on Boolathana they came across a petrol tin alongside the road which appeared to contain water. Though they apparently had water in their water bags they drank from the tin, and watered their dogs and horses. Shortly afterwards they all became sick, the dogs died and also one of the horses, while later on Edwards became rapidly worse than the other men and died. Messages were conveyed to Carnarvon police from Quobba Station whence the news had been carried by a truck driver, and from Mr. Hall who had ridden in to Boolathana Station, following which Constable Summers, accompanied by Mr. George Munro of Dalgety & Co., left for the scene about 7.30 p.m. and brought the body of Edwards in to Carnarvon morgue. A post mortem was held by Dr. Stewart, but the result is not yet known. What the tin contained or why it was left alongside the road is at present unknown.

Working at [[Woopanatty Station]] near Aririno from 1943 to 1955 (possibly not continuously). The electoral roll lists him as a "station-hand" in 1955, and before this as a "pastoral employee".<ref>'WA Legislative Assembly Electoral Rolls for Coorow, Carnamah and Three Springs 1904-2005' database by Jill Tilly

(2008), cited at <https://www.carnamah.com.au/bio/harold-aubrey-hall>

By the end of the 1950s he was living in a caravan at Comer Street in Como, Perth. [\[\[Aubrey Hall with caravan, 4\]\]](#)

He was an adept horseman, and rode well into his 80s. He died aged 91 on 11 January 1963, in Swanbourne.^[11] [{{WA BMD|type=death|year=1963|district=Perth|number=168}}](#)

Timeline

- 1871, May 20: Birth.
- 1895, Feb 11: His father died.
- 1895, Feb 28: [\[\[1895-02-28 Letter to HA Hall|Letter to Aubrey from Charles Harper\]\]](#).
- 1896–99: Living at Cossack. [<ref name="address-list">Addresses compiled by Judith Hall from addresses on envelopes and letters. Digitized copies to be added here when possible, or at \[\\[\\[hmw:Harold Aubrey Hall\\]\\]\]\(#\).](#)
- c.1900: operated the 70t steam lighter SS “Croydon” in Cossack, for the Adelaide Steamship Company. [<ref>\[https://museum.wa.gov.au/maritime-archaeology-db/sites/default/files/no._297_cossack_ma_survey_2012.pdf\]\(https://museum.wa.gov.au/maritime-archaeology-db/sites/default/files/no._297_cossack_ma_survey_2012.pdf\) First port in the Northwest: A maritime archaeological survey of Cossack](#), 2012. [</ref>](#) Croydon went to the north-west in 1899, [<ref><https://museum.wa.gov.au/maritime-archaeology-db/wrecks/id-363> Croydon \(1905\) Hopetoun Harbour \(Mary Ann haven\)](#), Shipwreck Databases, Western Australian Museum [</ref>](#) and left WA in 1905. [<ref><https://www.environment.gov.au/shipwreck/public/wreck-wreck.do?key=7022> Australasian Underwater Cultural Heritage Database](#)[</ref>](#)
- 1905–07: Cossack.
- 1923: Manager at [\[\[Mount Satirist\]\]](#). [<ref>Roebourne News \(1923, July 7\). Northern Times \(Carnarvon, WA : 1905 - 1952\), p. 6. Retrieved May 25, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article75694945>](#) [</ref>](#)
- 1926: the family moved to Carnarvon. [<ref name=1971vocab>\[\\[\\[Foreword to 1971 Ngarluma vocabulary\\]\\]\]\(#\)](#) [</ref>](#)
- 1931: at [\[\[Wooramel Station\]\]](#) as station overseer. [<ref>WA electoral roll 1931, elector no. 415, Gascoyne subdivision, Kalgoorlie division](#) [</ref>](#)
- 1937: Living at Wooramel. [<ref>WA elec-](#)
- 1937, elector no. 517, Gascoyne subdivision, Kalgoorlie division [</ref>](#) In October, found human remains 14 miles from Carnarvon. [<ref> HUMAN BONES FOUND \(1937, October 29\). The West Australian \(Perth, WA : 1879 - 1954\), p. 22. Retrieved April 23, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article41443820>](#) [</ref>](#)
- 1940: Yilbadji, Marvel Loch. [<ref>\[\\[\\[Aubrey Hall to Judith, 12 April 1940\\]\\]\]\(#\)](#) [</ref>](#)
- 1942: Yaringa South Station. [<ref>\[\\[\\[1942-08-25, Bert Ross Carnarvon, to HA Hall Yaringa South\\]\\]\]\(#\)](#) [</ref>](#)
- 1943-44, 1946-47: [\[\[Woopenatty Station\]\]](#), Arrino.
- 1947: Block 411, Marvel Loch.
- 1945, November: at Arrino. [<ref>\[\\[\\[1945-11 Telegrams to Margaret Wilson\\]\\]\]\(#\)](#) [</ref>](#)
- 1948: at Woopenatty. Applied to be a weigh-bridge officer with CBH.^[14]
- 1949: at Woopenatty, Arrino. Pastoral employee. [<ref>{{WA electoral roll |year=1949 |num=1399 |division=Moore |subdivision=Irwin |details=Woopenatty, Arrino, pastoral employee}}](#) [</ref>](#)
- 1954: 59 Outram Street, West Perth. [<ref>{{WA electoral roll |year=1954 |division=Perth |subdivision=West Perth |id=33266092:1207 |num=1880 |details=59 Outram Street, pastoral employee}}](#) [</ref>](#)
- 1958: retired to Perth. [<ref name=1971vocab />](#)
- 1916 || Croydon Station via Roebourne [also given as via Whim Creek]
- 1917/18 || Woodbrook, via Roebourne
- 1918 || Manager, Andover Station
- 1918 || Letter from Liverpool (UK) export gent to ‘Messrs Hall Bros & Co., Turner River, Pilbarra’ – re-addressed to Andover Station
- 1924 || Mt Satirist
- 1931 || Stuart Street, Carnarvon
- 1934 || droving from Mia Mia Station to Carnarvon
- 1938 || Manilya Station, Carnarvon
- 1938 || Walgan Outcamp, Lyndon
- 1938 || Wandagee
- 1938 || Lyndon Lower Camp, Manilya Station, Carnarvon
- 1939 || Wolga Camp, near Williambury Station
- 1940 || Block 411, Miners Settlement, Marvel Loch road, via Southern Cross
- 1940 || Smiths Farm, Marvel Loch
- 1941 || Wooramel Station
- 1941 || c/- H.J. Watson & Co., Roebourne
- 1941 || Passenger ‘Koolama’c/- State Shipping Service

- 20/8/41 || c/- Eva Hall, Burekup
- Dec.1941 || c/- T.J. Lodge, ‘Stratham’, Capel
- 1942 || Yaringa Sth Station, via Carnarvon [[Allan Kopke]], sometimes given as via Geraldton
- 1942 || Land Tax addressed to HAH and HEH at Marvel Loch
- 1943 || c/- Estall Esq., Wooramel Station, via Geraldton
- 1943/44 || Woopenaty, Arrino
- 1946/47 || Woopenatty, Arrino [c/- Mrs McAleer]
- 1947 || Block 411, Marvel Loch
- 1948 (June) || Woopenatty, Arrino
- 1948 (Sept/Oct) || 36 Congdon Street, Swanbourne
- 1948 (Dec) || Co-op Bulk Handling, Jennacubine
- 1948/49 || c/- Westralian Farmers, Jennacubine
- 1949 || 36 Congdon Street, Swanbourne
- 1950 (Aug.) || Sth Yaringa Station, Hamelin Pool P.O., via Geraldton
- 1950 || Co-op Bulk Handling, Three Springs
- 1951 || Co-op Bulk Handling, Wubin
- 1952 || Co-op Bulk Handling, Coorow
- 1952/53 || c/- Co-op Bulk Handling, Winchester, W.A.
- 1954/55 || Woopenatty, Arrino
- 1956 || c/- F.J. Thomson, Gasgoyne House, Woolonga via Cranbrook
- 1956 || Gascoyne House, Woolonga via Cranbrook
- 1958 (Aug.) || c/- J.G. Thomson,, Woodleigh Station via Geraldton
- 1958 (Sept.) || Yaringa South Station
- 1959 || 36 Congdon St, Swanbourne
- 1961 || Croydon Station, Roebourne

Photos

Aubrey Hall oval portrait, cropped.png | c.1900. [[Aubrey Hall oval portrait|Info.]] Helen and Aubrey Hall, Roebourne 1911 (cropped).png | With Helen in Roebourne, 1911. [[Helen and Aubrey Hall, Roebourne 1911|Info.]] Aubrey and Helen Hall, two young men unknown, Ernest (Far’s brother), and poss. Connie (maybe in Cossack).png|Aubrey and Helen Hall, two young men unknown, Ernest (Far’s brother), and poss. Connie (maybe in Cossack). [[Aubrey and Helen Hall, two young men unknown, Ernest (Far’s brother), and poss. Connie (maybe in Cossack)|Info.]] File:Aubrey Hall portrait, Cossack, black and white crop.png | [[Aubrey Hall portrait, Cossack|Cossack]] File:Aubrey Hall, Cos-

sack (cropped).png | [[Aubrey Hall, Cossack|Cossack]] File:Aubrey Hall in profile, cropped.png | [[Aubrey Hall in profile|Info.]] File:Aubrey Hall and droving plant, Carnarvon, cropped.png | [[Aubrey Hall and droving plant, Carnarvon|Droving in Carnarvon]] File:HA Hall and droving plant, Carnarvon (cropped).png | [[HA Hall and droving plant, Carnarvon|Droving in Carnarvon]] Aubrey Hall riding.jpg|Aubrey riding ‘Darky’, c. 1950s. He rode until he was in his 80s. Note how they ride “long” in the stirrups. [[Aubrey Hall riding|Info.]] File:Aubrey Hall with caravan, 2, cropped.png | [[Aubrey Hall with caravan, 2|With caravan, in Como]] File:Aubrey sitting under Congdon St window (cropped 2).jpg | [[Aubrey sitting under Congdon St window|At Congdon St]] [[File:Warehouse_and_office,_Cossack,_cropped.png|thumb|Aubrey’s offices in Cossack.]]

External links

- H. Aubrey Collection⁸ at the WA Museum.

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- [12] *Aubrey Hall's 'Works of Tennyson'* (Item 10, 1896)
- [13] *Photocopy of H A Hall's birth certificate* (Item 269, 1900 May 18 Friday)
- [14] *CBH letter to AH Hall re weighbridge officer job* (Item 282, 1948 November 3 Wednesday)
- [15] *1898-03-26 E.J. Ryan to H.A. Hall* (Item 313, 1898 March 26 Saturday)
- [16] WA BMD index entry, birth in 1871. District: Perth. Number 13090.

DATE: 1897 June 17 Thursday
DESCRIPTION:

Item 313: 1898-03-26 E.J. Ryan to H.A. Hall

TYPE: ephemera
DATE: 1898 March 26 Saturday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from E.J. Ryan to Aubrey Hall regarding the return of money lent.

Notes

In April 1897 there was an E.J. Ryan who was post-master at Cossack, transferred to be a telegraph operator at Eucla.^[2] His name also appears as “G.J. Ryan”^[1] but that’s presumably a mistake.

Related items (88)

Item 6: Letter from A.S. Roe to H.A. Hall

TYPE:
DATE: 1895 February 15 Friday
DESCRIPTION:

Transcription

AUGUSTUS S. ROE, SOLICITOR & NOTARY.
A.B.C. Code 4th Ed. Moreing & Neal’s New Mining Code.
Roebourne, Western Australia
15 Feby 1895
My dear Aubrey
A very general wish has been expressed by the public to be allowed to perpetuate your father’s memory by some solid and substantial memorial, either to be erected over him where he lies, or to take such other form as your mother & yourselves should wish. Will you please submit this to your mother & obtain her sanction as I wish to take the matter in hand at once.
Yours affc.
Aug S Roe Esq.

Item 10: Aubrey Hall’s ‘Works of Tennyson’

TYPE:
DATE: 1896
DESCRIPTION: Owned by Tom Wilson. Inscription: “A birthday souvenir to H. Aubrey Hall from his dearest admirer ‘Jay’. May 20th 1896.”

Item 321: 1897-06-17 Amy Bayley to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter

Transcription

Eucla
March 26 1898
Dear Aubrey
Please find enclosed a cheque for [? eight fifteen] shillings out of which please pay Teasdale in Roebourne 13/- for an account he sent me for a pair of shoes bought from [? Dalgiel] & Copeland.
The balance is the seven pnds ten with interest & exchange on cheque.
I am very sorry that I was unable to send it before & am very grateful for your forbearance in not pushing me also for your kindness in lending it to me when I had made
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an ass of myself but experience teaches & I have had a fairly bitter lesson since leaving Cossack.
I trust things in Cossack are booming & that the goldfields are still going on well. We hear very little down here about your part of the world.
Mail only once a month so we have to rely on what is wired through to the papers. Please remember me to Ernest Liverpool & Jonny & Bobby Martin.
Kindest regards to yourself
I am
Yours Very Truly
E J Ryan
Eucla

Item 268: 1898-06-30 William Sharp to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1898 June 30 Thursday
DESCRIPTION: One-page letter from Rev William

Sharp to Aubrey Hall. Sharp was rector at Carnarvon, and visiting Roebourne and Cossack. Sharp died in 1939 aged 87.^[1]

Transcription

Roebourne

June 30 1898

Dear Mr. Hall:

I have already assauged the order of services for Sunday. I will be here for Mattins & Holy Eucharist in the morning. On Sunday afternoon I will come to Cossack on the train & will give you Evensong & remain in [?] at 7:30 P.M. Any baptisms & churchings can take place at any time before Evensong, or any time in the [?] of Monday, as I shall have to spend Sunday night with you. If you have no [?] I can revise the hymns. The hymns will probably be numbers 449 the [?] Pasm in Glory & 27

Yours very truly,

W. Sharp, Rev.

Item 323: 1899-01-17 Charles Wilson to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter

DATE: 1899 January 17 Tuesday

DESCRIPTION: A letter to Aubrey Hall in Cossack from Charles Wilson in Sydney, returning some papers relating to the North West Australian Goldfields Company.

Transcription

“Pennyville”

Whisker St

Manly N.S. Wales.

17/1/99

Aubrey Hall Esquire

Cossack

Dear Sir,

Just a line [? redeeming] my promise to return papers relating to North West Australian Goldfields Ltd. which are duly herewith enclosed. Please accept my thanks for same & allow me to send the sympathy of one who has suffered, but who is now like [?] enjoying the delights and interests of a temperate home when peaches are juicy cool & cheap say 3 dozen for a tenner or even cheaper if you con-descend to purchase from the itinerant [?] vendor who plys his calling with ardour, entreating you to pay twopence [?] for grapes or persuading you to exchange a threepenny bit for four dozen apples or fourteen luscious full sized bananas, such as the pleasures of the poor one who suffered but

who now receives good things. Trips in steam boats along beautiful shores accompanied by the laughing dark eyed daughters of this cooler clime do make one forget promises made near [? shore], but the stirrings of a not altogether shrivelled conscience mummur Aubrey Hall’s paper & so ‘twixt mouthfuls of watermelon, cool as a refrigerating [?] & [?] of the picturesque and beautiful the once-was-North Western looks towards the sufferers & smiles the New Years greetings to those who are still inclined to [? pout] o’er Cossack sands.

Yours in cool [? parts] *Charles H Wilson.*

Item 145: Portrait of Aubrey Hall

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1900

DESCRIPTION: Small sepia oval-shaped portrait of Aubrey Hall with a moustache and wearing a bow-tie and looking to his left.

Item 269: Photocopy of H A Hall’s birth certificate

TYPE: document

DATE: 1900 May 18 Friday

DESCRIPTION: Birth certificate of Aubrey Hall, issued 18 May 1900.

Transcription

Birth certificate number 13090. Date: 1871 20 May Perth. Name: Harold Aubrey. Sec: Male. Father: William Shakespear Hall (Boatman). Mother: Hannah Boyd Hall born Lazenby. Informant: G. Lazenby, grandfather. Registered: 1871 June 19. Registrar: James Roe.

Item 278: 1901-10-04 To Aubrey Hall re wool

TYPE: letter

DATE: 1901 October 4 Friday

DESCRIPTION: A letter to Aubrey Hall in Cossack, Western Australia, about the shearing on Mulyie Station.

The author may be Ross Anderson⁹, who owned¹⁰ Mulyie in 1900.

⁹<https://www.cpbr.gov.au/biography/anderson-ross.html>

¹⁰<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/33193238>

Transcription

Mulyie¹¹ Oct 4 [? 1901]
Mr Aubrey Hall Cossack
Dear Sir—
Chq herewith 5/- with thanks for attention to post-man team.
Yours truly
[? Ross Anderson]
P.S.
Everything out here [? lovely] good clips etc.
We passed off about 8000 sheep— also number of cattle and horses: Have 5000 lamb marked already for this year. Best paddock yielded 23½ bales to the 1000, next best 16½; or 14 right through 6000 odd being shorn with 9 months wool. Shore 17000 & will shear 15000 next year. Big sales for small place. Great country, out east!
[? R.A.]
Regards to the “family”.

Item 293: Sydney Botanic Gardens to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1903 June 24 Wednesday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from Joseph Maiden, the Director of the Sydney Botanic Gardens, thanking Aubrey Hall for his promise to send eucalyptus blossoms.

Transcription

No. 1976/03
BOTANIC GARDENS,
SYDNEY, 24th June 1903
Dear Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 6th inst., promising to send me Eucalyptus blossoms when the flowering season comes round, I thank you for your very great kindness in the matter.
Yours faithfully,
J.H. Maiden
Director.
H.A. Hall Esq.,
Cossack,
W. Australia.

Item 260: Trade Protection Assoc of WA Gazette 1904-04-02

TYPE: Gazette
DATE: 1904 April 2 Saturday

¹¹Wikidata Q137045300: <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q137045300>

DESCRIPTION: Edition of the Gazette of the Trade Protection Association of Western Australia, containing information about the sale of Abydos Station.

Transcription

File: Trade Protection Assoc of WA Gazette 1904-04-02.pdf Page 2.
Document registered under the Bills of Sale Act of 1899:

- Document number: 247/04
- Deed: 19 March 1904
- Registration: 28 March 1904
- By whom made or given: HALL, Harold Aubrey, of Abydos Station, Turner River, Cattle Farmer and Grazier, and HALL, Henry Ernest, of Cossack, Grazier, trading as E. & A. Hall, Graziers, Abydos Station.
- To whom made or given: Dalgety & Co., Limited, of Fremantle
- Consideration: Advances not exceeding in aggregate £1,500 and interest 6 per cent. per annum.
- Particulars of property: Conditional sale of Pastoral Lease Lands forming the Abydos Station, North-West Division, cattle, working bullocks, horses, gbuggy, harness, plant, improvements, chattels and effects
- Remarks: Collaterally secured by Mortgage by H.A. Hall over the Leasehold Lands

Item 152: Ernest, Aubrey, and Hannah Hall

TYPE: Photograph
DATE: c. 1905
DESCRIPTION: This was one of two photos in the same envelope. The other was “Aubrey Hall profile 1920s”.

Item 304: 1905-05-13 William Moore to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1905 May 13 Saturday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from William Moore to Aubrey Hall, regarding his deceased son Ernie Moore who owed money to Aubrey.

Transcription

S.S. Sultan¹²

¹²Wikidata Q137602863: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Sultan_\(ship,_1894\)](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Sultan_(ship,_1894))

Mr Aubrey Hall
Cossack

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Geraldton 13 May 05
Mr Aubrey Hall
Cossack

Dear Sir

Your letter under date the 19th inst to have in [? course], I was very much [?] [?] to learn that my late son Ernie was indebted to you, & for so large an amount, how he became involved in debt, to me, is somewhat of a mystery, the salary he was receiving shd have been sufficient to support himself & family if ?? economy had been practiced, but I am much afraid from what I have heard, that his Wife has been anything but economical and was, in a great measure, the cause of the general indebtedness; this however does not now mend matters, but this I am sure of that any money recd by Ernie from whatever source was not spent on himself — nor wasted in any way

Now with regard to your debt, [? I must] first thank you [?] for your [?] kindness in helping my poor Boy when he was in trouble this kindness I will never forget as long as I live.

I much regret being unable to pay the a/c at present, should however I am in a position

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to do so later on, I shall feel [? in] duty bound to pay you something at any rate. Ernie did not possess any property in this District to my knowledge nor am I aware that he did anywhere else—

Again thanking you

I am [?]

very faithfully yours

William Moore

Item 111: Ernest Hall, Eric Stanley, Aubrey Hall, and Helen Lodge in Cossack, c. 1909

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1909

DESCRIPTION: Brothers Aubrey and Ernest with their mother Helen, and Eric Stanley, in Cossack in Western Australia.

Item 319: c.1910 Herbert Barber to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter

DATE: c. 1910

DESCRIPTION: Letter from Herbert M Barber to Aubrey Hall regarding some money that the latter lent him. He mentions the *Koombana*, which was

launched in 1908 and sank in 1912.

Item 209: Poems sent to Aubrey Hall from William Byron

TYPE: Article

DATE: c. 1910

DESCRIPTION: Letter from Bill Byron to Aubrey Hall, containing two poems and a short message. The poems are *The Man with the Hoe* by Edwin Markham (1852–1940) and *My Madonna* by Robert W. Service (1874–1958). Possibly written around the time of Aubrey's marriage, when Aubrey was in Busselton and presumably Bill was still in Cossack. Certainly written after the end of 1909, as the poems were all taken from the 24 December 1909 issue of thje London newspaper *T.P.'s Weekly*. Written on the back of *Roebourne Road Board* paper.

Item 112: Helen and Aubrey's wedding, outside St Mary's, Busselton

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: 1910 November 24 Thursday

DESCRIPTION: People and carriages outside St Mary's church, Busselton, Western Australia, on the day of Aubrey and Helen Hall's wedding in 1910.

Item 114: 1910 Hall-Lodge wedding announcement

TYPE: Article

DATE: 1910 December 8 Thursday

DESCRIPTION: Newspaper clipping of the wedding announcement of Aubrey and Helen Hall, from *The West Australian*, 8 December 1910.

From *Family Notices*¹³ (1910, December 8). *The West Australian* (Perth, WA : 1879 - 1954), p. 1.:

HALL-LODGE.—On November 24, at St. Mary's Church, Busselton, by the Rev. H. S. Needham, Harold Aubrey, second son of the late Mr. Shakspeare Hall and Mrs. Hall of Cossack, and Helen Rose, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.S. Lodge. Strelley, Busselton.

Item 172: Aubrey and Helen Hall in Roebourne

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: 1911

¹³<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article26297910>

DESCRIPTION: Helen and Aubrey Hall in their dressing gowns in 1911, in Roebourne, Western Australia.

Item 317: 1911-08-14 Henry Osborn to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter

DATE: 1911 August 14 Monday

DESCRIPTION: Letter from MP for Roebourne Henry Osborn (d.1937) to Aubrey Hall, regarding the 'League' (presumably John Forrest's Western Australian Liberal League?).

This item is also at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18516817>

Transcription

Parliament House.

Perth Aug 14th 1911

Dear Mr Hall

Just a line to let you know that I am still with the living, and trust you are quite well also Mrs Hall.

I asked Mr Clark James to send you all the material for your 'League' and trust he will not neglect.

I am coming back by the 'Paroo'¹⁴ on the 23 inst and my friend Mr A.J.W. is also a passenger.

I shall most likely get off at Onslow, and do that end before coming to Roebourne, so that I shall then be all my time in and about Roe.

I am writing to all the Stations by this mail, asking them to help us and hope they will.

In haste I am your faithfully

H Osborn¹⁵

P.S. All claims must be in by the end of this month to get on the roll, so see to our supporters. H.O.

Item 141: A ewe, brought home

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1916

DESCRIPTION: A treble-fleece ewe that Aubrey Hall brought in on Andover Station in 1916 or '17, pictured before shearing.

Aubrey ran this ewe down & we brought her home in the buggy. Andover Stn. Roebourne 1916-17

Item 273: 1916-02-23 Rosenstamm to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: collection

DATE: 1916 February 23 Wednesday

¹⁴Wikidata Q138028613: <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q138028613>

¹⁵Wikidata Q5726539: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Osborn_\(politician\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Osborn_(politician))

DESCRIPTION: Letter from B. Rosenstamm, a Perth saddlery, to Aubrey Hall with an enclosed booklet entitled 'Treatment and Care of the Feet', by William M. Scholl of London. Sent at the request of Bill Byron, Aubrey's friend from Roebourne, who was at Blackboy Hill awaiting departure for Egypt (where he died in 1919).

Item 49: Ruskin Studio portrait of Aubrey Hall

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1920

DESCRIPTION: Aubrey Hall in a studio portrait taken in Perth, wearing a typical north-west suit. Everyday suits were usually khaki. This photo has a large stain over the bottom left part of it.

Transcription:

Aubrey Hall Cossack in a typical north west suit every day suits were usually khaki. Ruskin Studio, Perth.

Item 146: Aubrey Hall and his hat

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1920

DESCRIPTION: Aubrey Hall wearing his hat in his customary style.

Transcription

Alec McRae & H.A. Hall both of Roebourne always their hats like this. Both were short maybe they wanted to appear taller

Memo

[?] photograph enlarged that you gave to Late Prince. Taken with Mrs. Alan Kopke I think. Thought (me Joan Hall) Mrs Salem might like one. Humphrey Essington (Sr O'Reilly's [?]).

This is to show H. Aubrey Hall's hat worn in the Canadian Mountie style.

Item 171: Aubrey Hall riding

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1920

DESCRIPTION: Aubrey Hall and another man riding stock horses.

Item 159: Aubrey Hall in profile, 1920s

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1920

DESCRIPTION: Aubrey Hall in profile in the 1920s, possibly in Cossack or Roebourne.

Given to Margaret Wilson by Dora Rougham/Roughan/Raughan in 1969.

Item 186: HA Hall and droving plant, Carnarvon

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1920

DESCRIPTION: Aubrey Hall with his droving plant in Carnarvon, Western Australia.

Item 103: Aubrey Hall in profile

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1920

DESCRIPTION: Studio photo of Aubrey Hall in about 1920.

Item 176: Aubrey Hall in Cossack, Western Australia

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: c. 1925

DESCRIPTION: Aubrey Hall in Cossack, Western Australia, with the Harding River visible in the background.

Item 263: 1928-06-22 Teesdale to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter

DATE: 1928 June 22 Friday

DESCRIPTION: Letter from Fred Teesdale to Aubrey Hall regarding the marketability of dugong leather and oil.

Transcription

PERTH W.A.

JUN 22

4 PM
 1928

AUBREY. H.HALL Esq

CARNARVON.

Nor West

Air Mail

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T & G Chambers PERTH.

June 22/28

DEAR AUBREY.

Yours of the L9th inst received & I do not know what to think about the Dugong Hides I am sure. I think you would be well advised to write the Industry of Science & Industry Barrack St Perth.

Do not tell them where you got them from, but ask them to let the MARKETING BOARDS STAFF loose on the business in London.

It maybe be that there are firms that just want this heavy hide for certain thick washers etc for machinery & would be glad to get in touch with some one who can supply them regularly.

I am told that there is a good supply at certain times of the yea at your town & the oil is surely worth exploiting as one has to p pay like hell for decent oil ehre & I think a lot of is is shark.

If the Board get going on this & they will(or write to me at once) also find outabout the market for oil as well & we may get valuable information & get going with the export trade.

The Sydney firm are just now confined to the Shark Hide business & as the company are in process of removing their plant here I do not think it is a good time to approach them.

After you hear from Mc Cartney(Secty of the Science Baord) write me as to what he says & tell him MR TEESDALE advised you to write him on this matter & that I felt sure he would do everything to help you in ascertaining what markets existed for this article.

I hope you have had good rains & that the CAMELS are not straying on the east side of the commonage again, surely you must have a bad time with so many energetic BUMBLES on your tail.

With Kind Regards & assuring you I have had your case in mind right my Shark negotiations & that if if the company is floated you will a least have my heavt weight for a suitable position in the venture
Am Faithfully Yours

Fred Teesdale

Item 298: Letter from Balla Balla to Aubrey Hall at Cossack

TYPE: ephemera

DATE: c. 1930

DESCRIPTION: Letter from someone at Balla Balla station to Aubrey Hall in Cossack.

Notes

Aubrey was the agent in Cossack for the Balla Balla Copper Mines Company Ltd.^[1]

This letter was imaged along with item 297¹⁶, although there doesn't appear to be any connection between them other than proximity in the original storage box.

Transcription

Balla Balla

H Aubrey Hall Esq

Cossack

¹⁶<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/items/297.html>

Dear Aubrey
Many thanks for trying to get me that job the other day. If [?] and get me the job if you can as I am about full up of this part of the country Johnnie [? Flinders] last night said that he was going to Broome to [?] [?] in a week or two I never said anything or let him know that I knew anything about the job but I think I know a little more about [?] than he does. I maybe possibly be down in Cossack in a week or two as I am settling

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up things here and then I shall swell the ranks of the unemployed. Please remember me to the old [?].

Believe me
yours truly
Thomas [? J Dumbbell]

Item 94: Aubrey Hall and droving plant, Carnarvon

TYPE: Photograph
DATE: c. 1930
DESCRIPTION: Photo of Aubrey Hall with a droving plant, in Carnarvon, Western Australia.

Item 191: Aubrey Lamond and Aubrey Hall, Carnarvon

TYPE: Photograph
DATE: c. 1930
DESCRIPTION: Aubrey Lamond and Aubrey Hall standing by a car and watertank near Carnarvon in Western Australia.

Item 283: Carnarvon Commonage lease letter

TYPE: ephemera
DATE: 1931 April 11 Saturday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from the Carnarvon Municipal Council's Town Clerk to Aubrey Hall regarding his application to extend his lease of the Carnarvon Commonage for another two years.

Item 297: Letter from someone at Yaringa to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: ephemera
DATE: 1934 April 28 Saturday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from an illegible name at Yaringa Station, to Aubrey Hall who was presumably at Carnarvon.
The first image has a different letter¹⁷ on top, be-

¹⁷<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/items/298.html>

cause they were filed together originally. There doesn't appear to be any connection.

Transcription

"Yaringa"
28/4/35
Dear Mr Hall,
Just a short note in a hurry. As you will note by the address, am at 'Yaringa' as [? Norman] is off to Perth. Allan will be back next week-end.
Did you, perchance, over-carry that parcel of [? A.C.R's] which I gave you, he is going [? up] on the mail & wants those things, so if you have them could you forward them per 'Mail'
Yours faithfully
[?]

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Item 292: Lancelot Shaw to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1934 April 30 Monday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from Lancelot Shaw of Milylia (or Mililya) Station, to Aubrey Hall.

Transcription

To: HAH
28/4/1934
From: Lancelot Shaw
No enclosure

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Milylia Stn
30th April 1934
Dear Mr Hall
Mr [?] Thomson has asked me to forward to you enclosed [? telegram] and 1/3 in cash, the 3d is the money you advanced him to play for telephone call.
I desire to thank you for all the assistance you gave me during the trying time I had with [? sheep] at [?], they arrived back on Station a lot tamer than when they departed.
King regards from Mrs Shaw & self,
Yours truly
Lancelot Shaw

Item 296: Burkett & Gostelow to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: c. 1935
DESCRIPTION: Letter from someone at the Burkett and Gostelow accountancy firm, to Aubrey Hall,

regarding Alec (presumably Alec McRae) wanting to go to Perth.

Transcription

BURKETT & GOSTELOW.
Chartered accountants (Aust.)
C.A.P. GOSTELOW, FCA (Aust.)
Marine Chambers, Carnarvon.

Dear Mr Hall,

I received your message [? yesterday] — & by strange coincidence a letter came from Alec this morning — asking me whether I could let him know of anyone who wanted to go down to Perth.

He intends coming up from [? Garaloo] on Sunday morning & would like to leave for Perth (in my car) on Sunday eve.

I am sure he would like you to accompany him.

Sincerely yours

[?]

Item 301: G Alderson to Aubrey Hall re William Bateman

TYPE: letter

DATE: 1935 November 14 Thursday

DESCRIPTION:

Transcription

To: HAH
14/11/35
From:
G. Alderson
re Wm Bateman

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Aubrey Hall Esq
P.O. Box 18.
Carnarvon

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Daisy Creek
14 Nov. 1935

Dear Hall

Apparently William Mateman is not on this station. He was last heard of as on Glenburgh but I cannot say where he is now,

Cheers

Yours

[? G W] Alderson

Item 225: Letter from Aubrey Hall to Helen, 1935-12-24

TYPE: Manuscript

DATE: 1935 December 24 Tuesday

DESCRIPTION: A letter written by Aubrey Hall to his wife Helen, on Christmas Eve 1935.

Item 167: Letter from Aubrey Hall to Margaret Hall

TYPE: Manuscript

DATE: 1935 December 25 Wednesday

DESCRIPTION:

Transcription

Miss Margaret Hall
c/o T.S. Lodge Esq
130 Broome Street
Cottesloe.

Postmark: CARNARVON W.A. 27 DE 35

Yaringa South

Christmas Day /35

My dear Margaret,

Festivities in full swing here. I came in yesterday evening, had been out for ten days.

Seventeen here for dinner, Yaringas, Woodleighs, and Hamelin Pools, also [?Johns], Val and their mother.

Hope you are having a decent time, probably hotter in Perth than in Carnarvon.

Very hot here in the back paddocks, cannot shift sheep in the afternoon [?] when they keep getting under the shade.

Don't rush about too much, change and rest is what you need, not rush and excitement. Hope you will see Aunt Joy, Lou, Edith and Mrs Gillam.

Have you seen or heard of Norman Watson or seen anything of Hedly?

I do hope and pray Gag is home and making good

recover from this last carbuncle & that the prompt medical and surgical treatment in this case will end the scourge. Mother sent me a parcel of [?head Bays] and I wired her for, per Mrs Lammond & I was hoping for news of Gag, but she did not write, so I only know up to when Gag had just gone to the hospital with Mr Scott.

I shall be glad if there is no [?worry] for a while after I finish here, have now had thirteen weeks continuous shearing [?]. Had two smacks in my left eye from scrub, my [?horses] just about turn off me in the scrub & my horse came down with [?] [?]. It is [?] that [?Carnamagh], [?], [?], in all 15 [?flatins] are putting up £500 each, trying. [?] [?] opening [?] transport it will be a hard thing for your [?father]. With love and fond wishes and hoping for your safe return. Your affectionate

Dad—

Item 168: Letter from Aubrey Hall to Margaret in Prospect

TYPE: Manuscript
DATE: 1937 August 6 Friday
DESCRIPTION: A letter from Aubrey Hall to his daughter Margaret in Adelaide.

Item 284: Letter to Aubrey Hall from Davis Gelatine Ltd.

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1938 June 30 Thursday
DESCRIPTION: Letter to Aubrey Hall from Davis Gelatine (Australia) in reply to his letter "regarding Beche-de-mer (Trepang) as a source of supply for the manufacture of Gelatine."

ber.ip P.O.,
H. A. Hall, Esq., CARNARVON
W. AUST.
Dear Sir, /
We thank you for your letter of 14th June regarding Beche-de-mer (Trepang) as a source of supply for the manufacture of Gelatine. This material is not used by us in any of our processes, and in the circumstances we regret that we are unable to take advantage of your offer.
We might add, for your information, that similar proposals have been made to us from time to time, but in view of the foregoing remarks nothing could be done in the matter.
It is interesting to read that you have found our Neatsfoot Oil very satisfactory. This Oil finds a ready market in Australia as it is a straight out Oil and is not blended in any way. Should you have any difficulty at any time in securing supplies, please communicate with our West Australian representative -
Mr. Jack Dyson, Bedford Place, Perth ° Thanking you for having written to us. We remain,
Yours faithfully,
DAVIS GELATINE (AUSTRALIA) PTY. LTD.
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y, _ _& ~Secretary.

Item 295: Eric Cumming (of the Carnarvon Club) to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1938 July 26 Tuesday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from the Carnarvon Club to Aubrey Hall: receipt of cheque; Phillips to send out the 'giant killer' by first truck; town quiet, no rain; and "you will be something of a stranger when you do visit the city again."

Item 294: K-H News-Letter No 157

TYPE: periodical
DATE: 1939 July 14 Friday
DESCRIPTION: The 14 July 1939 edition of the K-H News-Letter (a.k.a. London Newsletter), sent to Aubrey Hall in Carnarvon.

Item 153: Aubrey Hall with lambs

TYPE: Photograph
DATE: 1939 September
DESCRIPTION: Aubrey Hall with two lambs, possibly at Wooramel Station, Western Australia.

Item 248: Envelopes addressed to H. Aubrey Hall

TYPE: Collection
DATE: c. 1940
DESCRIPTION: A collection of envelopes of letters sent to H. Aubrey Hall in the 1940s and '50s. The letters were removed (by Judith Hall) and some may be represented elsewhere on this site. Note that the dates recorded for each are generally the postmark dates, so may not be the actual dates on which the letters were written.
SUB-ITEMS: 244 (p.14), 245 (p.14), 247 (p.15), 250 (p.15), 249 (p.15), 243 (p.16), 251 (p.16), 254 (p.16), 242 (p.18), 241 (p.19). See also https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Envelopes_addressed_to_H._Aubrey_Hall

Item 245: c.1940 To H A Hall, block 411, Marvel Loch

TYPE: Letter
DATE: c. 1940
DESCRIPTION: Envelope addressed to Aubrey Hall.

Item 244: c.1940 Fremantle to H A Hall, block 411, Miners Settlement, Marvel Loch Road

TYPE: Letter
DATE: c. 1940
DESCRIPTION: Envelope addressed to Aubrey Hall.

Item 256: Incomplete letter from H.A. Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: c. 1940
DESCRIPTION: Three pages of an incomplete letter by H. Aubrey Hall.

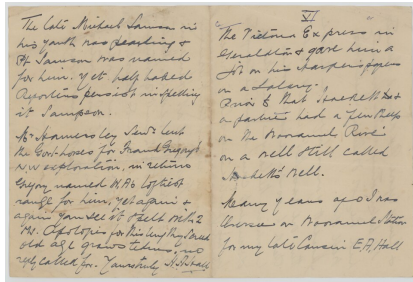


Figure 1:

Transcription

The late Michael Samson in his youth was [?] & Pt Samson was named for him, yet half [?] reporters persist in spelling it Sampson. Mr Hamersley [?] the [?]-horses for Frank Gregory's NW exploration, in which [? employ] named WA's loftiest range for him, yet again & again you see it spelt with 2 Ms. Apologies for this [?] old as I grow [?] no reply called for. Yours truly HA Hall
VI
The [?] express in Geraldton & gave him a job in his

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& being before the days of [?] self lubricating mills frequently had the job of [? oiling] [?] well mill. Hackett yarns [?] in the river then, one was that Hackett went to Perth to do some partnerships business, the lawyer said that the documents could only be completed by his partner also being present, there was an important [? repeatiy] notion at that time at Hamelin Pool so Hackett [? undid] his partner to come to Perth first opportunity, Partner [? upheld] "came of leave, [?] due to start lambing shortly". Hackett then [?] "[?] your camel Perth [?] ?? lambing."

Item 299: Wilson & Johns to Aubrey Hall re plants

TYPE: ephemera
DATE: 1940 February 19 Monday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from Wilson & Johns nurserymen in Perth, to Aubrey Hall in Marvel Loch.

Item 302: Wilson & Johns to Aubrey Hall, 1940

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1940 March 14 Thursday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from Wilson & Johns nurserymen to Aubrey Hall regarding growing vines fig

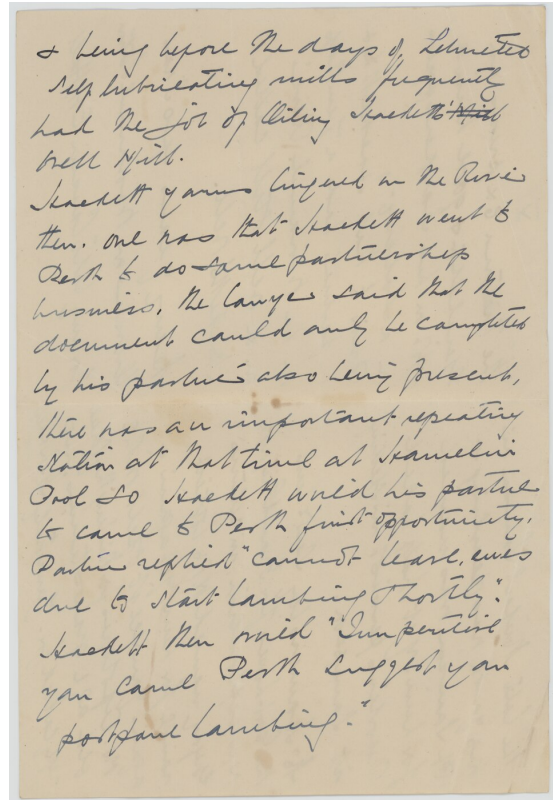


Figure 2:

trees and citrus, and the lack of availability of Buf-fel or Birwood grasses in the south of the state.

Item 247: 1940-10-18 To H A Hall, Marvel Loch via Southern Cross

TYPE: Envelope
DATE: 1940 October 18 Friday
DESCRIPTION: Envelope addressed to Aubrey Hall.

Item 250: 1940-10-19 To H A Hall, Block 411, Marvel Loch

TYPE: Letter
DATE: 1940 October 19 Saturday
DESCRIPTION: Envelope addressed to Aubrey Hall.

Item 249: 1940?-10-24 to HA Hall, Block 411, Marvel Loch

TYPE: letter
DATE: c. 1940
DESCRIPTION: Envelope addressed to Aubrey Hall.

Item 243: 1940-10-30 to H A Hall, Southern Cross

TYPE: Letter
DATE: 1940 October 30 Wednesday
DESCRIPTION: Envelope addressed to Aubrey Hall.

Item 251: 1940-11-03 to HA Hall, Block 411, Marvel Loch

TYPE: Letter
DATE: 1940 November 5 Tuesday
DESCRIPTION: Envelope addressed to Aubrey Hall.

Item 254: 1940-12-03 to HA Hall, Block 411, Marvel Loch

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1940 December 3 Tuesday
DESCRIPTION: An envelope addressed to Aubrey Hall at Marvel Loch.

Item 324: Joan Martin to Aubrey Hall re turkey

TYPE: letter
DATE: c. 1940
DESCRIPTION:

Item 291: 1940-12-21 G A Whiteaway to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: ephemera
DATE: 1940 December 21 Saturday
DESCRIPTION: Comedic piece presumably sent to an eastern states' newspaper by G A Whiteaway, from where it was returned rejected, and he sent it on to Aubrey Hall at Marvel Loch. The same piece does appear in the Cairns Post of 20 February 1941. ADAPTATION. (1941, February 20). The Cairns Post (Qld. : 1909 - 1965), p. 8. Retrieved December 22, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article42272533>

Transcription

“Smoke-OH!”
MILITARY—
“Commands for troops in action and in drill, may still be used with telling effect in civil life at the end of the war.”
NEWS ITEM.
As for instance—
Traffic cop, to line of motorists: In place — Halt!
Busy business man, to waiter: Double time march.

Young woman, to her returning soldier-fiance: PRESENT ARMS!
Shopper to saleswoman: CHARGE!
Swimming instructor, to his pupils: FALL IN!
First mother, to daughter who has applied rouge: AS YOU WERE!
Hotel clerk, to bellhop: FRONT!
Modiste, to customer in hobble skin: HALF-STEP — MARCH!
Tailor, to customer he is fitting: ABOUT FACE!
Discerning mother, to her little son, after his bath: INSPECTION ARMS!
Economical land lord, to his prodigal furnace-stoker: CEASE FIRING!
G.A.W.
G. Whiteaway
147 Belmore Rd, Sth. Hurstville, N.S.W.
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Regret unsuitable.
Sub Ed.

Item 288: Carnarvon Club to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1941 May 31 Saturday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from Eric Cumming of the Carnarvon Club, to Aubrey Hall, regarding the latter's overdue membership fees.

Item 325: 1943-01-22 Lyall to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1943 January 22 Friday
DESCRIPTION:

Item 276: 1943-12-14 Tarmoola Station to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1943 December 14 Tuesday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from R McBride at Tarmoola Station, replying to Aubrey Hall's enquiry about employment.
First sent to him at Yarunga (i.e. Yaringa) South Station, then redirected to 8A Outram Street, West Perth.

Item 259: Aubrey Hall's 1944 diary

TYPE: Manuscript
DATE: 1944
DESCRIPTION: Pages from a handwritten notebook or diary by Aubrey Hall, written in pencil. Starts on 19 August 1944.

Item 265: Agriculture Dept re chickens

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1944 July 7 Friday
DESCRIPTION:
George Duncan Shaw¹⁸ died in Nedlands in 1984.

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Mr. J.C. Hall,
C/- S.G. Rock,
PITHARA.
Try H.A. Hall
Woopanatty
Arrino.
Government of Western Australia
Department of Agriculture
45 Perth, 7th July, 1944
Mr. J.C.Hall,
C/- S.G.Rock,
PITHARA.
Dear Sir,
The two articles on chickens and fowl runs are sent.
Yours faithfully,
G D Shaw
POULTRY ADVISER.

Item 258: Christmas card from Alan Butcher to H A Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: c. 1945
DESCRIPTION: A Christmas card from Alan C. M. Butcher of 62 Maritana Street, Kalgoorlie, to H Aubrey Hall (presumably; based on it's proximity to other papers of his). It is not dated, but likely 1940s. The image is signed 'McClean', and the card stamped 'Windsor'.
62 Maritana Street appears to have been a strip of shops including the Windonya Consols Goldmining Company
REGISTERED COMPANIES (1906, October 27).
The Daily News (Perth, WA : 1882 - 1955), p. 12.
Retrieved September 14, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article82426390></ref>,
• the Retailers' Protection Association<ref>Two Broken Windows (1946, March 16). Kalgoorlie Miner (WA : 1895 - 1954), p. 1. Retrieved September

¹⁸<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Shaw-35726>

14, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article95582739></ref>,
• and the Spiritual Science Church.<ref>SPIRITUAL SCIENCE CHURCH, 62 MARITANA STREET (1949, December 24). Kalgoorlie Miner (WA : 1895 - 1954), p. 2. Retrieved September 14, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article95645061></ref>

Item 267: Label from pair of stockmen's trousers

TYPE: ephemera
DATE: c. 1945
DESCRIPTION: Cardboard label from a pair of 'Ez-iffit' trousers.

Item 233: 1945-11 Telegrams re Murray's return

TYPE:
DATE: 1945 November
DESCRIPTION: Six telegrams written to Margaret Wilson from her husband Murray on his return to Australia from Japan in 1945, and a couple from other people as well.

Item 279: Telegram to Aubrey Hall re Archdeacon's health

TYPE: telegram
DATE: 1946 January 10 Thursday
DESCRIPTION: Telegram from Margaret Wilson to her father Aubrey Hall, regarding (presumably) Henry Wood Simpson who was Archdeacon at Roebourne until his death in 1946.

Transcription

Office of Origin: Hay St West Perth
No of Words: 25
Time of lodgement: 1 PM
Aubrey Hall
Woopanatty
Arrino
Already inquired and written you regarding archdeacon his condition satisfactory is comfortable and having visitors hospital advises anxiety unnecessary
Love
Margaret
2.20

Item 320: R.A. Hotel Cottesloe to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1946 February 21 Thursday
DESCRIPTION:

Transcription

Hotel Cottesloe
Cottesloe
21/2/46
Mr A Hall.

Arrino

Dear Aubrey

I received your letter on Monday and was glad to hear that things are going along O.K. at Woonenabby.

I am sending up a cook by Saturdays train. His name is Harry Whitehead. I think I left a new mattress in the room if I did not ask Mr Smith to get one out of the spare room.

I sent 1 pair of trousers to George they were the only kind they had, if he wants another pair like them let me know and I will send another pair.

I shall be back on Friday week.

Your sincerely
R.A. Weill

Item 272: 1947-02-12 Marjorie to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1947 February 12 Wednesday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from Marjorie, who was staying with Edith Wilson while ill, to Aubrey Hall at Arrino.

Transcription

To HAH 12/2/1947
From Marjorie (? Maime)
During illness staying at Edith's
Mr Hall
Woonenabby
Arrino
WA
98 Herbert Rd
Shenton Park
12.2.47

Dear Mr Hall

Thank you very very much for the chocolates, which Judith bought to me it was very sweet of you to send them to me.

The family bring Alan down every week-end and he is a darling baby. Last Sunday they took some snaps I hope they will turn out well.

With kind regards
Marjorie

Item 242: 1947-03-27, HA Hall, to 59 Outram St

TYPE: Letter
DATE: 1947 March 27 Thursday
DESCRIPTION: An envelope addressed to Harold Aubrey Hall.

Item 226: Letter, Aubrey Hall to Margaret Hall, 1947-07-31

TYPE: Manuscript
DATE: 1947 July 31 Thursday
DESCRIPTION: A letter from Aubrey Hall to his daughter Margaret, regarding his grandfather George Lazenby.
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Item 275: 1947 Aubrey Hall to the Liberal Party

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1947 October 11 Saturday
DESCRIPTION: A 1947 letter from Aubrey Hall to the Liberal Party, and their reply.

Item 282: CBH letter to AH Hall re weighbridge officer job

TYPE: letter
DATE: 1948 November 3 Wednesday
DESCRIPTION: Letter from the manager of CBH to Aubrey Hall re a job as a weighbridge officer for the 1948-49 season. Envelope, letter, and another piece of paper with a short note on it.

Transcription

Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited
HCD.PV.
3rd November, 1948.
Mr. H.A. Hall,
36 Congdon St.,
SWANBOURNE

Dear Sir,

WEIGHBRIDGE OFFICER - 1948/49 SEASON.

With reference to your application for a position as a Weighbridge Officer during the coming season you are requested to attend:-

(1) A class of instruction at this office (entrance at 25 Queen Street, Perth,) at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10th.

(2) A Weighbridge demonstration at the Boronia Flour Mills, Brown Street, East Perth, at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday NOVEMBER 13th.

Yours faithfully,
for CO-OPERATIVE BULK HANDLING LIMITED,
H.E. Braine¹⁹,
MANAGER.

Item 261: 1948-12-08 CBH to H A Hall, via Jennacubbine

TYPE: ephemera
DATE: 1948 December 8 Wednesday
DESCRIPTION: Payslip from CBH for £6/3/0 dated December 1948. The postal receipt from R. O'Neill appears to be from 1947, so was perhaps inadvertently stored with the payslip.

Item 271: 1949-02-02 CBH to H A Hall, via Jennacubbine

TYPE: ephemera
DATE: 1949 February 2 Wednesday
DESCRIPTION: Envelope address to H. Aubrey Hall, from Co-operative Bulk Handling. Initially to Jennacubbine, but redirected to 36 Congdon Street, Swanbourne.

Item 262: Union Bank of Australia to HA Hall, term deposit notice

TYPE: ephemera
DATE: 1949 June 3 Friday
DESCRIPTION: A term deposit notice sent to Aubrey Hall.
The signature might be by "Mr. McDowell", who was mentioned in 1950 in the *Northern Times* on 27 July 1950: In and Around Carnarvon Social and Personal Jottings²⁰.

Item 241: 1951-11-07 to HA Hall, from Geraldton, to 59 Outram St

TYPE: Letter
DATE: 1951 November 7 Wednesday
DESCRIPTION: An envelope addressed to Harold Aubrey Hall.

Item 306: Nan O'Connor to HAH

TYPE: letter
DATE: c. 1955

¹⁹Wikidata Q21559202: <https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q21559202>

²⁰<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article74965106>

DESCRIPTION: Letter to Aubrey Hall from Joan's friend Nan O'Connor.

Transcription

40 Mount St
Perth.

Feb 18th

Dear Mr Hall,

Your dark-haired daughter Joan, bearing tenderly a dozen eggs, has just been to see me, & tells me that you sent the eggs down and said to give me some. Well, I think that was just sweet of you & I do want to thank you very much.

The knife-sharpener is still my pride & joy, and

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how I ever managed without it, I don't know. It's quite the best one I've seen and my knives are guaranteed to cut anything these days!

We are sweltering down here, and I expect you station people are having a lot of worse heat up there. If only we could cool off at night it would be alright but it seems just as hot at midnight as it is all day.

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I don't see nearly as much of Joan as I used to, as she isn't keen on going home to Swanbourne at night by herself. I miss her, as we used to see a lot of each other.

I haven't seen you since the dreadful tragedy of Murray's death. It must have been a [? terrible] shock to you all and Margaret must be so glad to have Joan with her to help.

Joan says you are coming down soon. Thank you again for your kindness

Cheers Nan O'Connor

Item 91: Aubrey Hall in front of his caravan (2)

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: 1957

DESCRIPTION: Colour photo of Aubrey Hall standing next to the caravan he lived in, in Como, Western Australia.

Nothing is written on the back.

Item 83: Aubrey Hall in front of his caravan

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: 1957

DESCRIPTION: There are three identical copies of this print. Nothing is written on the back of any of them.

Item 87: Set of photos of Aubrey Hall with caravan in Como

TYPE: ArchiveComponent

DATE: c. 1957

DESCRIPTION: Envelope of 4 photos (plus 3 duplicate prints) of Aubrey Hall standing next to his caravan in Como, Perth, in 1957.

SUB-ITEMS: 83 (p.19), 88 (p.20), 91 (p.19), 89 (p.20). Inscription on the envelope reads:

H.M. Wilson 16/4 H.A. Hall Beside his/my Caravan at Comer Street Como.

Item 89: Colour photo of Aubrey Hall in front of his caravan

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: 1957

DESCRIPTION: Colour photograph of Aubrey Hall standing next to the caravan he lived in in Comer Street, Como, Western Australia.

Item 88: Aubrey Hall in front of his caravan

TYPE: Photograph

DATE: 1957

DESCRIPTION: Black and white photograph of Aubrey Hall standing next to the caravan he lived in in Comer Street, Como, Western Australia.

There are two identical copies of this print. Nothing is written on the back of either of them.

Item 300: A.E. Blakers to Aubrey Hall re tobacco crop

TYPE: letter

DATE: 1961 September 28 Thursday

DESCRIPTION: Letter to Aubrey Hall in Perth, from A.E. Blakers.

Notes

A book²¹ by Bill Beatty called 'Here in Australia' was published in 1959 in Melbourne.

Transcription

39 Comer Street

Como

28/9/61

Dear Mr Hall

I return your book "Here in Australia" with thanks, also paper, which was overlooked before I went South last month and am sorry about that.

²¹<https://trove.nla.gov.au/work/5668579>

Came home again 2 weeks ago after a few weeks pottering about the farm.

At present doing a few necessary jobs here but very much slowed down now. On Tuesday I had a run up around York and Northam with Mr [? Buffy] on this pub inspections.

The crops that way look splendid and [? ragmaking] has commenced. Out further East they need rain very badly for finishing. In common with all the rest my brother and his sons flopped with their first tobacco crop; that industrin in Australia is now very much on "the knees of the Gods" and needs Federal Government Control. Old George's pretty good also his son — we miss you for a yard I can assure you. We do hope that you are your cheerful self. I am still working on the historical research.

Sincerely

A.E. Blakers

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Por favour

Mr A. HALL

SWANBOURNE

Item 322: 1962-04-23 Suzanne at Gingin to Aubrey Hall

TYPE: letter

DATE: 1962 April 23 Monday

DESCRIPTION:

Item 255: H. Margaret Wilson's notes about W.S. and H.A. Hall

TYPE: Manuscript

DATE: c. 1970

DESCRIPTION:

Item 11: Autobiography by Constance Berryman, 1983

TYPE:

DATE: 1983

DESCRIPTION: A personal account by Connie Berryman's about her grandfather Harold Aubrey Hall.

Transcription

Copied from a typed document headed: C.B. Berryman, 1983

My name is Constance Boyd Berryman, the eldest of the three daughters of H. Aubrey Hall and his wife Helen Rose, nee Lodge. I was born in Roe's Cottage, Roeboume, in August 1912 (9th), Dr John

Maunsell attending. He refused to give chloroform to Mother despite the poor young thing's plea.

The shell of Roe's Cottage still stands, near the old State School and across the road from the Hospital. By its front entrance, skilfully traced in mortar upon the stone wall, are a champagne bottle, glass and cork.

My great-grand parents, the Halls, Leakes and Lazenbys were all very early settlers in W.A. by my Lodge great-grand parents stayed firmly in London. Their youngest son, Thomas Soutter Lodge, came out here in a sailing ship, the Lady Elizabeth in 1878, and was in the rest of my family's view, a very late comer.

Our first home that I remember clearly was on Jarman Island, where my father had a job as a Light House Keeper. My sister Margaret was born in 1915 and her health was affected by the inland heat (Croydon Station), so it was thought that a change to the island would help her. It was a lovely place a few miles out from Cossack (see 'Western Heritage, ptt 2, by Ray and John Oldham, 1980, page 17).

The light house and quarters were completed in 1888. Every breeze was cool, the beach was clean and sandy, and fish and oysters abounded. The quarters were handsome, built of stone, for two families, and the other occupant was Mr Langer, a German. To prevent us two children from intruding upon Mr Langer, Mother drew a chalk line upon the verandahs and told us not to go beyond them. And we didn't. There was no water on the Island, so big cement underground tanks were installed to catch the run-off from the rain on the roof. When the lid was opened there was a scurry of large nor' west cockroaches, but there was no way of getting rid of them. The year was about 1916, and it suddenly dawned upon the law that here was a German subject in a fine location for getting in touch with submarines, and a posse descended upon the island and bore Mr Langer off, very dramatically. Father's brother, Ernest, joined us for the rest of our term, a very happy arrangement. We all loved the Island. When our family sailed in our little dinghy to do the shopping in Cossack, a large old turtle frequently kept us company for a mile or two. Margaret flourished in the comparative coolness and was healthy thereafter.

We next lived on Andover Station (the first station in the area which was started by my grandfather, Shakespeare Hall on behalf of John Wellard in 1863) in a small house of wood and iron. The kitchen was well away, at the end of a path, with a little bridge over a gully in the middle. In 1917 I went to live in Busselton with my Lodge grandparents - to provide company and distraction for them whilst

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their only son, Robert John Lodge was away at the World War - and when I returned north in 1920, we moved to a cottage next to the State School in Roeboume. It was of wood and iron and consisted of a front verandah a 'parlor', two bedrooms, a back verandah where we had our meals, and a detached kitchen - this last was a precaution against fire. In 1900 the Lodgej's home was burnt out on a farm near Beverley when a kitchen caught fire, and then spread to the adjacent house. Before the fire and after the fire were like 'B.C.' and 'A.D.' in our family. A feature of this roeboume house was its murals. An itinerant artist painted very vivid pictures in the 'parlor', one of a buxom girl in a tight dress and knee high button boots, perched on the tail of a bi-plane, is the one I remember clearly. I think we had piped water; there was no electricity (the Victoria Hotel was lit with carbide gas, which has a peculiar smell). No postman, tho' there was a fine stone Post Office, still in use. there were a butcher's shop, three hotels - The Victoria, Jubilee (we were all monarchists) and The Roeboume. Dalgetys, managed by Ronald Glen, had groceries and agencies and station requirements, and See Sing & Co., managed by our friend Fong Fulson, was a grocery. He was always so kind to us children, and the shop was a fascinating place with a wonderful spicy aroma all its own. Sun Kan Long was a tailor, in a tiny house near the river. There was a Japanese shop in Cossack, owned and run along with their pearling business, by Jiro and T. Muramats, and we bought our supplies there when we lived at the old Hall house in Cossack (corner Douglas Stree and the The Strand, Lot 116 from time to time. Cossack also at one time had two hotels, The Weld (after a Governor) and The White Horse (nearly opposite the wharf). Roeboume also boasted a cool drink factory, owned by Mr Bickerton, who made deliveries from an old car. Sanitation depended on a man with a cart and horse, who also came down to Cossack on Saturday afternoons. There was a baker, but how or if we had fresh milk I forget. I know we used a great deal of condensed milk (powdered milk was far away in the future then) and this I disliked very much.

Most things were bought on credit, a habit that persisted until the outbreak of World War II. When I went to work in an accountant's office in Carnarvon in 19281 was astonished at the lists of bad debts and slow payers, all together in the back of the ledgers. Boans and Bairds were the main firms in Perth to whom we sent mail orders, and their catalogues were wonderfully useful. We children cut out the pictures with Mother's nail scissors, or coloured them in, or looked at the lovely city clothes. When

ordering shoes for us. Mother drew an outline of the soles of our feet on a piece of paper. Eventually the catalogues ended their careers in the lavatory at the end of the yard.

Because of the climate there were no market gardens and all our fruit and vegetables came from Perth by boat (except at Mt Satirist where we had a beautiful vegetable garden in winter, watered by the aboriginal girls). [Note from H.M.W. ~The girls pulled carrots and put the 'heads' back.] I

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cannot understand why no one grew tropical fruit then. In Carnarvon in 1930 there was but one mango tree, belonging to Frank Dawson of the dairy farm on the Gascoyne River.

Some of the stations had good gardens, where the natives did the watering with buckets. Pumpkins and melons were a great standby. In this arid district (Roebourne) there was a paradise, Millstream Station in the Tableland, owned by Cookson Bros, and managed by Mr Claud Irvine. We were there in 1921, and played endlessly in the bath house, a reed hut built over a stream, the floor of large flagstones, where, unless watched, your soap or face cloth floated gaily away. There were small fish to watch and endeavour to catch in the crystal clear water. Bananas grew abundantly. It was a different world.

My father was very diet conscious. We ate mutton or beef (no lamb ever was eaten) with the occasional and welcome brush turkey or kangaroo tail — the latter made a delicious stew, when the tail was skinned you could see the long fine sinews that the natives pulled out and used as string before the white man came. We have an ancient yandi which has been mended neatly with sinew. It was also used to fasten the handle onto a stone axe, held in place by gum from a eucalypt.

We had the inevitable potatoes and onions from Perth, pumpkins, and all manner of dried beans, peas and fruit; these were first soaked and then boiled until soft. The only cool place for food was a Coolgardie safe. It had a metal frame with hessian sides and a large shallow container of water on top. From this, towelling pieces dipped in the water kept the sides damp and consequent evaporation cooled the inside. In summer we used 'Chinese Jell', gelatine in long straws, because it set even in the hot weather, when ordinary packet jelly was useless. All these things had to be kept in containers, away from mice and the awful cockroaches. Weevils in the flour had to be sieved out, the sugar became lumpy, blow flies were a constant threat to the meat, especially when it was cooked (when I complained of weevils in the porridge, my father said, 'Don't complain, they are only oatmeal in an-

other form'). The meat we ate fresh for the first day, then father corned what was left. He did this very well. Despite the present dislike of the use of salt in cooking, because of danger to the heart, my father was a very healthy man still when he died at the age of 91.

Hurricane lamps were the electric torches of the time. They were filled with kerosene; it took a very strong wind indeed to blow them out. Reading and 'house' lamps were of metal, china or glass, sometimes very prettily decorated, or were pressure lamps. These last were hot to sit by and attracted a great many moths, but they gave an excellent light. All the stoves and fire-places were fuelled by wood, mainly snake wood in the north. If the stove was out or the kettle cold most people lit the primus, which burned kerosene and heated comparatively quickly. I still have one in case the power goes off in my all-electric house in Perth.

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The old jail still stands in Roebourne. the inmates were mainly black, and how they must have sickened behind those high walls for their own lands and their own people. If they escaped and were not locals, they stood a very fair chance in the earlier days of being killed for trespass. They did all the road work, even tho' they were often chained to their shovels or wheelbarrows. If you can, see the photograph on p. 102 of 'Yeera-muk-a-doo' by Nancy Withnell Taylor. I never heard of anyone protesting.

In 1920 land transport was still powered mainly by horses and camels. My father had a good buggy and pair, riding and pack horses when in 1921 he drove around the local stations inspecting [re-appraising HMW] for the Lands Department. [The original reports were lost within the Lands Department and some years ago the H.A. Hall reports were gratefully copied. HMW] Cars were in evidence in town, but the inland roads were often too rough for them. Wool and stores were carried on horse, camel or donkey wagons. They were so slow. (Some stations in the Carnarvon district still sent their wool by camel team in 1929.) A well-known teamster in Roebourne was 'Treacle Dick', supposedly so-named because he fed his men on bread and treacle.

The State Shipping Service and the Alfred Holt Line [Adelaide Steamship HMW] provided the North West coast with the necessities and luxuries of life, and were a wonderful way of travelling on our long looked for holidays. The joys of the comfortable little cabins, the cleanliness and the lack of dust, the delicious meals, the fruit - one forgets the rough trips. In the Wireless Officer's cabin in 1920 I heard my very first broadcast, through earphones,

a magic moment. I can just remember the 'Bambra' she was a German ship, a prize of war, and a few German labels were still over the doorways. The Koombana' was lost before the Great War in a terrible hurricane, and to my ear the name still has the sound of doom, from listening to the hushed tones of the grown-ups remembering the friends lost so suddenly. No trace of her hull has ever been found.

Newspapers: there was a district newspaper 'The Northern Tiems', and we subscribed to the old 'Western Mail', with its shiny centre section devoted to photographs of racegoers, stud cattle and noteworthy marriages. Grandfather Lodge was wonderfully good in posting on the marvellous English periodicals he received from his sisters At Home — The Illustrated London News, Tatler, Bystander, The Field, bound copies of the English dailies with the comic strip of Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, Punch with its excellent cartoons. But the greatest joy to me was 'The Sphere'. My great-Uncle Robert John Lodge gave Mother a subscription as a wedding present in 1910, and we received a weekly issue until about 1926 or 1927. It covered the exciting finding of the tomb of Tutankhamen, with reconstructions by F. Matania of how the young King could have looked in life, and I read every reference there was of this exotic event. Later on, at Satirist on the edge of the desert, I knew all the

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great names on the London stage, read the reviews of the best new books, and gazed at the society pages with keen interest! I knew far more about London than about Perth.

Our holidays were few and far between. The trip to the Tableland, where we stayed with the Irvines at Millstream, the Andrews at Mount Florence and the Cusacks at Tamabrey, was a lovely break for Mother and for us. To go South by boat was comparatively expensive; we went in 1919 and next in 1924. In 1925 we moved to Carnarvon and were able to go away more often.

We had no floods, fire or famine, just drought. Education was a problem. I was eight and Margaret five, when we had the chance to attend classes at Mrs Thompson's along with some friends (in Roeboume). It was our first school, and there were about a dozen of us. My father had me do pot-hooks on a slate and my grandfather Lodge had taught me to read and print, but I don't think Margaret had done even that. We stayed a year or so and at least learned to read and write fairly well. Mount Satirist, 1922-1924

In 1922 we moved out to Mt Satirist (I think the Station was called after a race horse) which Father

was to manage for M H.R. Sleeman of the copper mine at Whim Creek. [The previous Manager had been killed when struck by lightning at the homestead. HMW] About the only difference between the conditions of the early pioneers and ourselves was that we had a telephone six miles away and the mail and perishables came once a fortnight in Bob Brooker's old tourer. We cooked in the same way, with big, heavy iron pots (you scraped them clean with a wire brush) on a wood stove, our transport was wholly horsedrawn, no radio, the laundry was a small tin room with the copper outside and the tubs were big oval metal ones. Disposing of the water was easy — the tubs were tipped over outside. A good deal of the time the native women did our laundry and sometimes the washing up. I remember them as a very pleasant cheerful bunch. I don't know how they managed it, but there were very few children in the camp, in fact I remember only three — Jilgie, Percy and Florrie. We were never allowed to play with them because of the risk of eye infection. We sued to get 'bung eyes' when a fly bit us on the eye lid. The eye closed completely because of the swelling, and there was no treatment, only wait until the swelling abated. When we woke in the mornings our eye lashes were often covered with dried discharge. I found it odd that when I spent a year in Port Hedland in 1973 I never saw a swollen eye on blacks or whites.

The only corroboree that I ever saw was one at the camp on the bank of the Peewah Creek to which we were invited. At night, we could hear the songs and the clicking sticks before the camp settled down to sleep. Music meant so much to the natives.

We often had a Station cook, mainly Chinese. One was Wong Sick, who was kind to us children. One birthday cake was resplendent with three tiers, all iced and on top a wonderful dome, iced in

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bright yellow. Investigation found this last to be a very large onion whose icing was coloured with curry powder. When there was no cook, Mother had to take over.

One stationhand we had was the only Jew I ever heard of working on a station. He was Sydney Saffer, a pleasant young man who didn't stay very long. Once he and Mother had a disagreement over religion, and he offended her very much by saying that we wouldn't have had a religion if it hadn't been for the Jews. Soon afterwards it was Christmas and Mother decided to end the disagreement as nicely as she could. Syd responded by showing her his prayer rug and peace reigned once more.

Another man was Tommy Abdullah, a very bright young person. Once when he was camped out he sent in a list of stores needed, and as he couldn't

write he drew details of the labels average contents 60' was easy but UFORES stumped us – it was BURFORDS, a popular brand of soap. [We still have his drawings. HMW]

Twice a year our parents spent hours making up the stores list — sacks of flour and sugar, cases of tea, jam, dried vegetables and fruit, condensed milk, lots of tomato sauce. Mr Sleeman provided the staples of our food but condiments we paid for. One summer Father bought a case of tinned fruit, another time we had a case of cool drinks, both such memorable purchases. Our stores came out from Roeboume in wagons. Once the team consisted of donkeys, with horses [Tmules HMW] in the shafts, because the donekys were too small. Alongside their working mothers were the delightful foals, teetering along on their long legs like ballet dances. Another wagon was pulled by camels. I was frightened of them, remembering Father's tale of the drunk who went to pat one and it bit his scalp off. My hair still prickles.

In the background always were the natives, working for their food and ginna-ginnas/dresses – a shoe was a ginna booka, a dress for a foot, and little cahs.

As well as the workers there were their fathers, mothers, aunts, uncles to be fed. They built their own shelters, except for Yowie and Manghil who had a small room of corrugated iron. They were the parents of Florrie. Three times a day they lined up at a hatch in the kitchen, to receive enamel plates of meat and potatoes and bread or damper, with a pint pot of very sweet black tea. I think aboriginals 'go walkabout' at intervals because they need a change from such a diet.

My father spoke the Nguluma [Ngalooma HMW] dialect fluently (his vocabulary of it was published by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies in Canberra) and enjoyed their company.

Mt Satirist was at the end of the mail route and we had very few visitors. In two and a half years we had encounters twice with other children — the Stanleys of Yandyarra, and one wonderful Christmas

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with our cousins at Sherlock Station. We went to Mallina Station, managed by Mr and Mrs Archie Campbell, a few times, and we had occasional visits from Mr and Mrs Sleeman. Mrs Sleeman was from another world - she came from Sydney and was so well dressed and amusing. All summer long at Whim Creek she spent the hot hours of the day in an old adit [sic] at the mine, which had not been worked for years.

This was a very difficult time for our Mother. Father was away from the homestead most days and she was dreadfully lonely. Our callers were mostly

men and she longed for women's company and for her parents and the old family home at Busselton. The north in those comfortless days was hard on the women. Children weren't so affected, perhaps because they live from day to day.

Two regular visitors were Major J. W. Wray of the Salvation Army, and Archdeacon H.W. Simpson of the Anglican Church. The latter toured his enormous parish on a battered motor cycle with, instead of a side car, a flat slab for his luggage and his previous violin. He played this very well and a tase of real music was exhilarating.

During our two and a half years at Satirist we had very little rain and the plight of the stock was terrible. The working horses and the house cows had to be fed on chaff and oats brought up from the south and cost was great. Some mornings the men had to heave the older cows onto their feet, they were so weak. At the worst of the drought the poor sheep weren't worth killing for meat, and we had a good deal of kangaroo, which did better, perhaps because they could range further from the eaten out watering points.

All the work of the station was done with horses. We had two pairs who were kept for the big buggy, Rocket and Roman, and Bachelor and Fife-and-Drum. Sadly Bachelor fell into a well while looking for water, and was found dead. In the winter Father sometimes took us for picnics to Station Peak, the abandoned gold mine about six miles away. Here in a shed was a telephone line, that somehow remained intact until it reached Croydon Station and contact with Roebourne. We were too scared to explore the mine workings, but there was all the equipment and the men's quarters left behind when the mine became useless and which apparently was not worth selling. If only old bottles had been as valuable then as now....

The homestead was a tin building of three bedrooms and a living room with a verandah all round. The floors were of cement, almost flat on the ground, and the bathroom was a very large old round tank, with a door and a window cut into it. It was extremely hot in there during the day. We filled the bath with water early in the the morning before it had heated in the pipes and used it as we needed to. At midday in summer the water in the pipes was unbearably hot.

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By the back door was the big Coolgardie safe, and along the verandah was the water bag for drinking. This came in two shapes, both made with canvas. The better one was a cylinder with a small wooden tap at the base and a lid to keep off the dust. The other was a square board with a larger square of canvas whose corners were nailed or screwed to the

wooden comers, making four spouts. (I have tried quite unsuccessfully to draw this.) Both types were suspended from a rafter. It was a crime to let the bag become empty. When the men went out working for the day they had specially shaped water bags on straps fastened around the horses' necks. The water didn't taste so good, but it was cool. It seemed to me that the best thirst quencher in the bush was hot black trea, which we children weren't allowed to drink.

The lavatory was situated about 100 yards from the house, on the far side of the road in. It was a simple affair, a wood and iron erection over a small mining shaft, which looked very deep and dangerous to a child. A kerosene tine of sieved ashes was for disinfecting the contents of the shaft and the paper was whatever publication was read and discarded. I remember once searching frantically for the last line of the jokes in an issue of 'The Humourist'. I don't remember seeing proper toilet apper in use until about 1928, and septic tanks were unknown in Roeboume when we were there.

While at the station it was suddenly decided that it was time we children should have some more schooling, and Mother wrote off to the Education Department in Perth for correspondence lessons. I was 11, Margaret 8 and Joan 4 when these momentous packages arrived and we embarked upon the 3 R's once again. Mother was too busy to teach us much, but we were bright students and soon managed to do a fortnight's lessons in a week.

At the end of 1924 Mother and we three went South for a long holiday, starting with Christmas at Busselton at our grandparent's home with cousins, aunts and uncles gathered under that dear old roof. Afterwards we took the train up to Perth to a furnished house in Leake Street, Peppermint Grove; and went to school at Cotrtelsoe where I, a 12 year old was in third class (4th grade now). The Head Master then was Mr Orr, a very strict man, and my adored teacher was Miss Cherry Jackson, pretty and kind and so helpful. I was happy there, and stayed on when Mother and the other two went up to Beverley to visit.

In January 1925, while we were away, a hurricane tore in from the sea and at Satirist mills, fencing, sheds, were wrecked, and many of the poor stock were dorwned. The rain would mean plenty of feed, but it was too late. Father left the Station and when we returned North it was to join him in Cossack, where his bachelor brother lived in the comfortable house our Hall grandfather built in the 1870's. Father had had to pack all our gear by himself, and it duly arrived safely in Cossack in a donkey wagon. Shifting us was no light matter, as in addition to domestic articles there were our

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large volumes of The Encyclopaedia Britannica in its own case, Burke's Landed Gentry and Burke's Peerage, two volumes of Fairbairns Book of Crests, 20 volumes of the Centujry Dictionary, as well as history, poetry and fiction. We had a large mangle to top all. It weighted about 4 hundredweight and was always referred to by my Uncle as 'The Curse of the Halls'.

Cossack was no longer the busy port it had been before it silted up and was replaced by the good jetty at Point Samson, but after the quiet station life we were very happy to see and play with old friends again. The Hall house has vanished [Father dismantled the quite extensive buildings after his brother's death (in 1941) because he feared vandalism in the deserted town. HMW] but if you are looking around you may find a cement block upon which the stove once stood, and a few blue and white beads. These were on long strings which hung at doors and windows to keep the flies out, and their gentle clicking is in my mind's ear when I remember Cossack.

My Father loved the little town, which in his youth had been busy and quite properous. In the lay off season of the pearling fleet the sand hills at the back of town, towards Point Samson, were full of natives, several hundred of them at the peak of the trade. My husband and I visited Cossack in the 1970's and found our way to where the camps had been, and to our delight found a stone grinding outfit.

Any account of our life in the North must include father's double cousin Ernest Anderton Hall and his wife Winifred, daughter of the Frank Smalpages, always known to us as Cousin Ernest and Cousin Winnie. They had four children about our ages and we got along very well. Cousin Winnie had a beautiful contralto voice and was an accomplished painist, as well as a wonderful housekeeper. They were both such warm, friendly, welcoming people. E. A.H. was a short, square man, with a big moustache, and in his yhhouth had been a great rider at race meetings, and a wrestler. In my time he was a wonderufl spinner of yams – oral history was made for him, but too late, alas — and it was such a pleasure on warm nights to sit outside and hear his tales of the early days. Like the time he and his cousin Reg Hester were exploring inland from Port Heldnad, and one night the Natives took loo much interest in their doings, so they took it in turns to keep watch, at a distance from their camp fire, and Reg suddenly started to snore. Cousin's voice would sink to a whisper and we listened spellbound. And the the time he wrestled with a boastful Afghan and won, then very prudently left town in case the

rest of the Aftghans came looking for him. And the time he brought a mob of sheep down to Geraldton overland when he reached town a friend warned him not to take a cheque, the new owners were 'broke'. They duly came with their cheque to take delivery, but E.A.H. played the simple yokel and declared the only money he handled was gold. He got it too, eventually. At various times he owned Yandyarra, Croydon and Sherlock Stations in the Roeboume district, until in the early 1920's he sold Sherlock and moved to Wooramel Station about 80 miles south of Carnarvon.

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This seems a good place to tell of: Christmas at Sherlock, 1923.

The cousins asked us to spend this Christmas with them, and E. A.H. arrived in his car to pick us up. He had a good, large homestead, built of cement to frustrate the white ants and there was heaps of room for our beds on the wide verandahs. We had a wonderful time with Gwyn, Henty, Theo and Reg and the four McCamey children – their father was the overseer. On Christmas Eve there was a great surge of preparation for food. We went out to Wandy[?Yandy]-wok-arena pool and the men netted fish and shot ducks and perhaps wild turkeys. These were brought home for the native women to scale, clean and pluck, which they did with much enthusiasm and laughter. A young pig was slaughtered and baked whole. Next morning we had a Christmas Tree, the first that I ever remember, and we eleven children had a most exciting time. I for some reason thought the Boys' Own Annual was for me, so lovely and fat and readable, but it wasn't. (I read every word of it anyway.) The main serial was 'The Treasure of the Incas'. I had a beautifully dressed baby doll, dear Annabelle who is still around, minus her legs. Then we eleven were lined up on the back verandah and Cousin came along with a bottle of Eno's Fruit Salts and a jug of water, to ensure a clean start for the day. (I'm glad it wasn't my father – his idea of a clean start was a spoonful of Castor Oil, one of the most revolting substances known to man.) We had watermelon to keep us going until lunch, which was a hot one in the best English tradition.

To appreciate the day properly you should have lived on Satirist for a while. We returned home at the end of the week, to find that the pet kangaroo had been dozing under Mother's bed when she shut the door to go away, but it was still alive. It had eaten a good deal of paper and had managed to get at the water in the big jug on Mother's wash stand.

We left Cossack at the end of 1925, and at first went to Wooramel for a year or so [three years, HMW],

then came in to Carnarvon. I boarded at the Presentation Convent first, then my sisters came as day scholars when Father got work in Carnarvon. I remember with affection and gratitude Mother Joseph, Mother Aloysius, Sister Agnes, Sister Augustine, Sister Magdalen, Sister Teresa, Sister M. Xavier, who gave me so much above the call of duty.

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