

## MOLLOY Family

John Molloy was born in England in 1780, of Irish extraction. He joined the army in 1807 as a 2nd Lt in the 95th Regiment, and retired from the army in 1859 with the rank of Lt Colonel. In 1829 he married Georgiana Kennedy, and they emigrated to Western Australia, travelling on the Warrior. When they arrived in 1830, they took up land in Augusta where he was appointed Resident Magistrate. They moved to Vasse in 1839, where his wife died in 1843. John Molloy himself died in 1867. Their daughter, Sabina, married Mathew Bladen Hale, later to become the first Bishop of Perth.

PRIVATE ARCHIVES MANUSCRIPT NOTE (MN 1726; ACC 5211A, 5213A, 6927A)

SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
DIARIES LETTERS NOTES	

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	DIARIES
5211A/1	17 October 1829 - 10 Jan 1830 Handwritten diary by Captain Molloy on board the "Warrior" <i>en-route</i> to Western Australia. <i>Original and photocopy</i>
5211A/2	7 January 1833 - 18 January 1833 Handwritten diary by Captain Molloy of a trip from Augusta to Vasse <i>Original and photocopy</i>
5211A/4	Not allocated
5211A/5	Not allocated
6927A/1 SECURITY STACK	Cover and end page missing, commences with part sentence. Staples (servant) planting out, birth of girl (Polly) to Mrs. Andrew Smith. 28/29 January 1835 Farming and building activities, 30 January 1835 Arrival of Governor and party on the 'Ellen' 1 February 1835 Embarks on board 'Ellen' for King George Sound in company with the Governor and Messrs. Rowe (sic), Lewis, Mackie & Witenoom (sic). Inspecting land around Morylup. 19 February 1835 Departure from the Sound, anchoring off Seal Island. Landed near Bald Head, Mr. Rowe employed surveying. 21 February 1835 Sailed at daybreak, Governor wished to go into Nornalup but prevented by weather conditions. Proceeded to Augusta but entry prevented by weather conditions,

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	<p>continued to Vasse, Mr. Rowe employed surveying the coast.</p> <p>24 February 1835 Disembarked and examined a portion of his grant with mixed results. Governor directs further survey of the Anchorage after which party lands having taken leave of the Governor.</p> <p>25 to 27 February 1835 Examining country around the Vasse with Messrs. J and V Bussell.</p> <p>28 February 1835 Rides to Augusta meeting Charles and Lenox Bussell with their cattle, loses Mr. (John) Bussell's horse. With Mr. Chapman to the Chapman River. Met Dawson, 'found my good wife had sent out some provisions for me'</p> <p>3 March 1835 Arrives at Augusta and resumes daily record of temperatures, weather conditions, farm activities and occupations of employees and settlers. (Hurford, Dawson, Andrew Smith). Mr. H. Kellam house burnt. The Bussell's search for lost horse ineffectual. Richard Connor re-engaged. Death of Mrs. Smith, her husband imprisoned pending enquiry. Gardening and building activities. Ludlow and Cumming employees.</p> <p>29 April 1835 Death by drowning of Robert Heppingstone whilst fishing. Daily entries continue, building, Mr. Green ploughing on the Killiter. Dispute over problem with oxen occupying Mr. Turner's garden. Bobby (Heppingstone), son of Robert, employed with oxen. Staples dismissed for insolent behaviour to his mistress, writes apology and offence overlooked. Entries continue until 16 September covering farming and domestic activities.</p> <p>17 September 1835 Embarks on board the 'Fanny' for Fremantle.</p> <p>24 September 1835 Rounded Cape Naturaliste, bivouacked on shore, walked to Mr. Bussell's grant.</p> <p>27 September 1835 Among the Freemantle (sic) heathens. Makes several purchases of stock and provisions. At Guildford Fair, further purchases.</p> <p>13 October to 25 November 1835. No entries.</p> <p>26 November 1835 to 15 March 1836 Recording temperatures, farming and domestic activities. Mr. Herring appointed to Postmastership. Mr. Turner and Salkild sealing. The Bussell family make final move to the Vasse, only Charles remains as storekeeper. To the Island (Molloy Island) with Bobby Heppingstone, found house and outbuilding burnt to the ground, obviously by design.</p> <p>16 to 22 March 1836 Excursion to Vasse with C. Bussell. Left the Vasse in search of some tolerable land.</p> <p>25 March 1836 Left the Vasse, halted at 'Cavalli pardito', searched for missing gun about Glen Arty, proceeded to Augusta. Daily entries recording farm activities and duties of employee (Messrs Shea, Hurford, Kellam, Wallace and Robinson) and settler activities continue until 4 September. Birth of son (John) on 21<sup>st</sup> April.</p> <p>6 August 1836 'This day 7 years I was married to my beloved Wife &amp; we have won the Flitch of Bacon'. (Custom prevailing in Dunmow, Essex)</p> <p>5 to 16 September 1836 Leaves Augusta for the Vasse, via Glenarty and Bowline Knot Stream, explores country around Vasse, marks out Town Boundary.</p> <p>17 September 1836 Returns to Augusta, visit of American whaler 'Huntress' under Capt. Cole. Farming activity entries continue until 15 December.</p>

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	16 December 1836. Entries by Georgiana Molloy commence, concluding on 17 February 1837.
	The Captain accompanied by ye Governor &c to the Swan. Daily domestic, gardening and farming activities, problem with employee, William Rump. Spends 12 <sup>th</sup> night with the Turners. Describes drawing characters with daughters, Sabina and Mary. 'I heard from dearest Jack by Mr. Bussell'. 'I was stupified with ironing & nervous from that execrable wretch Polly' (Smith). Gardened in ye Italian Garden. Messrs. Hurford, Shea, Kellam and Mrs. Heppingstone, Bobby and Charlotte Heppingstone employed in various occupations Depredations of crops and garden by domestic stock. Mr. Kellam refusing to harvest any crops. 'I played the part I have been so duly instructed in, since my sejour in Swan River to humble to every one, & to pocket a few unpalatable incivilities'. Discontent at being left to share the brunt of all things. Natives stealing potatoes and would have been troublesome but for Messrs. Herring & Bussell and vigilance of Mr. Hurford. Mr. Green warned as to his conduct.
	18 February 1837 Entries resumed by John Molloy when the Champion returns to Augusta. Fellow passengers include Messrs. Belches, Pollard and Leake. Farming and domestic activities, problem with drinking among soldiers.
	22 February 1837 Overland to the Vasse via Mcleods Creek, Bowline Knot and the Black Snake. Arranging building of cottage. Three native word translations. English correspondence with Kennedy's, Capt. Mangles &c. Final incomplete entry dated 8 April 1837.
6927A/2 SECURITY STACK	Diary commencing the 1 July 1837. Recording of weather conditions and farming activities. Natives herding cattle, maligned by untruthful Bobby Heppingstone. "La Donna (Georgiana) sowing seeds". Natives herding cattle, maligned by untruthful Bobby Heppingstone. Messrs, Hurford, Orrick, Shea and Wallace. employed in various occupations. Performs divine service regularly on Sundays. Social activities, (Bussells and Mr. Green).
	11/12th November 1837 Records death by drowning and burial of his son John.
	28/29 <sup>th</sup> November 1837 Wm. seed collecting for Captain Mangles with Georgiana. (Wm. is not further identified)
	22 January 1838 Entries by Georgiana Molloy commence.
	Captain Molloy and party set out for Swan River via 'ye Vasse'. Natives stealing potatoes and implements, Lenox Bussell and the Military recover portion, also seize many implements of war and take 3 prisoners, one boy and two girls. Captain Molloy returns and resumes entries.
	27 February 1838 Ploughing on the Killiter. Natives desirous to be friends with the settlement, but find potatoes irresistible. Cobbett a native employee. Visit of American whaler 'Harmonie'. Wallace, Costigan and Brown employed in various farm occupations. Leaves for the Vasse on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, La Donna (Georgiana) depressed in anticipation of forthcoming confinement.
	Georgiana resumes entries on 4th May. Mr. Green, (surgeon's assistant) sent for frequently but often inebriated and unreliable. Learns of husband's safe progress. 'Busy preparing & arranging what may be my Deathbed'. Mr. Herring and Orrick employed in various farm activities.
	John Molloy returns and resumes entries. Birth of daughter Amelia on 1st June. Georgiana learns of the death on 13 <sup>th</sup> March of her brother George. She writes on 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 1838 'My good husband and best friend set out for Vasse taking with him all the cattle but 4. Very low'. John Molloy is moving to and from the Vasse prior to the permanent transfer of his household to his grant there and he and his wife's

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	<p>entries are now interspersed. Visit of whaler 'America' and Capt Cole. Packing and preparing for departure, announcement of the removal of Military from Augusta to Albany.</p> <p>7 May 1839</p> <p>'We left poor Augusta in the Whale Boat accompanied by Capt. Cole and reached the Governor's Bivouac' Georgiana describes the journey to the Vasse on foot and on horseback 'and the commencement of a grand undertaking'.</p> <p>Arrival at the Vasse on the 10<sup>th</sup> to find Mr. and Mrs. John Bussell had arrived from England. Expresses satisfaction with arrangements made for her new home. Learns with surprise of the arrival of her sister, Mary Kennedy from England. Visit of Governor Hutt and party, meeting of inhabitants about the church. Bletchington, Brown and Blechynden employed in various farm activities and building. Diary concludes on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1840.</p> <p>The last pages of this journal have detailed inventories of stock (horses and cattle) that include their names, offspring and dates of purchase and births, a double page drawing of farm layout, detailing crops and planting dates. Final two pages show garden plantings in 1837 and 1838.</p>
	LETTERS
5213A/1	<p>3 September 1839</p> <p>From Joseph Paxton to Captain Mangles regarding the success of their plant propagation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Original and photocopy</p>
5213A/3	Not allocated (see photocopy at 5213A/1)
5211A/3	<p>15 December 1907</p> <p>From Caroline Bussell to "My dearest Georgie" which accompanied the account of Colonel Molloy from Augusta to Vasse in 1833.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Original and photocopy</p>
5211A/6	Not allocated
	NOTES
5213A/2	<p>n.d</p> <p>Handwritten notes regarding the Molloy Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Original and photocopy</p>
5213A/4	Not allocated

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