

# J S Battye Library of West Australian History

## Private Archives – Collection Listing

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Acc. 1053A, 1100A, 1113A, 1392A, 1937A, 1938A, 1973A part, 2244A, 3706A, 6298A

### **HARPER FAMILY**

Charles Harper, born 1799, arrived per Eleanor on 23 December 1837 with his wife Julia Gretchem (nee Lukin). Their children, all born in Australia, were: Julia, Isabella, Mary, Charles and Sarah. He built "Braybrook" in Newcastle (later Toodyay), studied for the ministry and was ordained in the Church of England in Adelaide 1849.

Charles Harper Junior (born 1842, d. 20 April 1912), married Fanny, (b. 6 January 1849, d. 25 November 1925), daughter of Robert and Clara de Burgh. Their children were: Charles Walter, Clara Julia, Harcourt Robert, Gresley Tallock, Prescott Henry, Mary Elizabeth, Mildred Louisa, Wilfred Lukin, Geoffrey Hillesden and Aileen Fanny. Charles built Woodbridge, Guildford, in 1885, was the owner of "West Australian", MLC 1878-1995, Speaker 1903-4.

### **The Papers**

The original papers were donated to State Archives by Misses Harper (515) Government Archive (1053A) Mrs MJ Hamersley in 1962, (1100A) (1113A) August 1962 (1392A) January 1966. From National Trust of WA, lent for copying (1937A), May 1971. The Misses ME & AF Harper May 1971 (1973A). From Guildford Grammar, lent for copying (1938A), May 1971. From Miss AF Harper (2244A), November 1972, Mrs MJ Hamersley, May 1989 (3706A), and by Julius Milne-Robertson (ACC 6298A) in January 2004.

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**Summary of Classes**

ACCOUNT BOOKS  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
BIOGRAPHY  
CORRESPONDENCE  
DAY BOOKS  
DIARIES  
HISTORY  
LEGAL DOCUMENTS  
LETTERS  
LETTER BOOK  
MAPS  
MINUTE BOOK

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS  
NEWSPAPERS  
PETITIONS  
PHOTOGRAPHS  
POEMS  
PROGRAMMES  
PROOFS  
RECEIPTS  
RECORDS  
REGISTERS  
TEXT BOOKS

- 1113A/2 ACCOUNT BOOKS  
Charles Harper 1870
- 1113A/5 1882-1884  
Charles Harper for Woodbridge and Spring Park
- 1113A/6 1878-1880  
De Grey Station (Grant, Harper & Anderson)
- 1113A/7 1876, 1879-1883, 1881  
Charles Harper in England 1876 and later  
accounts 1879-1883 at back, record of Lambs  
marked, 1881
- 1113A/9 1909-1921  
Ferndale, Balingup
- 3706A/19 ANNOUNCEMENT  
Typescript of evening out to farewell Mr  
Hastings Reid [1904]
- 3706A/16 BIOGRAPHY  
27 April 1912  
Recollections of Charles Harper collected by the  
family after his death, includes typescript of an  
article which appeared in the Western Mail
- 1973A/1 CORRESPONDENCE  
1872-1879  
Letters and papers of De Grey Station (Grant,  
Harper and Anderson)
- 1973A/2 1880-1900  
Letters and papers of De Grey Station

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- 1973A/3 1901-1907  
Letters and papers of De Grey Station. Also some undated material
- 1973A/4 Personal letters including letters to Charles Harper from his wife (nd) from Lionel Gould 1875-1883), from Bishop Salvado (1880). Also letters about the murder of a native (1888) and a legal document (1893)
- 1973A/5 1876-1882  
Letters and papers dealing with the “Annie Beaton” affair
- 1973A/6 1877-1879  
Letters on elections and a petition to the Colonial Secretary on the native problem in the Ashburton River area
- 1973A/8 Letters and other material dealing with stock, Scab Act, land, bulk-handling, fruit etc. 1878-1921. Also registration of horse and cattle brand, 1882 and a dog licence, 1885
- 1973A/9 1879  
Letters from Sir T Cockburn-Campbell
- 1973A/10 Letters and papers dealing with the “West Australian”, C. Harper’s will, papers concerning the struggle between C. Harper’s executors and Sir W Hackett, 1910-1915. Also two letters of introduction for Charles Walter Harper (son of Charles Harper) from Sir John Forrest, 1912
- 1973A/11 Insurance papers and receipts, 1890s
- 1973A/12 1906  
Papers on inquiry into insect control. Part missing
- 1973A/13 Inventions and patents thereof – 1886, Improved Sheep Shearing and Clipping Machine; 1905 Economic Disposal of Septic Effluent, 1905. New Product from the Pith of Blackboy Trees.
- 1973A/14 Papers on ‘Haisthorpe’ and ‘Ferndale’ properties, early 1900s.
- 1973A/15 1907-1910  
Papers relating to a school for girls
- 1973A/16 Letters in reference to collecting material for the book “The Life of Charles Harper” by FR Mercer 1952-1956
- 1113A/3 Photographic copies of (a) letter dated 4.9.1871 from C Harper to EA Stone re purchase of the WA Times newspaper. (b) agreement with Sir T Cockburn-Campbell re this paper (now the West Australian) dated 3.9.1879. (c) statements of financial position of the paper (3pp) on 31.12.1880

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1937A	MICROFILM	Building Woodbridge wages sheets, receipts, specifications 1882-1885. Also includes copy of Share Script for Agricultural and Horticultural Association Ltd.	
1113A/12		1898-1911	
3706A/5		Correspondence to Wahakea Gingin 16 February 1875 to October 1910 Letters and receipts to Charles Harper. Mostly for the year 1979	
3706A/6		21 October 1877 – 14 January 1911 Letters to Charles Harper	
1938A	MICROFILM	1901-1910, 1927-1929	
3706A/15		Guildford Grammar School and Charles Harper September 1921 Valuation of Woodbridge	
DAY BOOKS			
1113A/10a		1912-1920 “The estate of the late Charles Harper”	
DIARIES			
1113A/1		Rev C Harper with notes of his visit to Adelaide for ordination August/October 1849, with manuscript copy by Miss Harper and Mrs Hamersley. (Very frail almost indecipherable)	
1973A/17	Photocopy (original very frail)	Journal of an expedition into the interior of WA by Messrs Clarkson, Harper and Lukin, July-August 1864. Harper’s account. Clarkson’s account can be seen in SD/J2/400	21 p very frail
1113A/16		CW Harper WA to London and return by air 1937, 20 June – 7 September also narrative	Typescript
HISTORY			
1100A		Early days in the North West Recollections of Mr Sam Viveath 1865 – Charles Harper was with Sam Viveath during the time the recollection are about	
LEGAL DOCUMENTS			
1113A/4		16 June 1880 Indenture for Lease from FH Stirling and AW Thorold of Woodbridge estate Guildford, by Messrs ET Hooley and J Morrison and transfer of Lease to C Harper	
1113A/8		Records kept by C Harper as executor of AE Anderson’s estate. 2 vols (1) 1888-1889, (2) in account with HW Anderson 1888-1902	

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- 1973A/7 1877-1915  
Business letters – shares, agreements, mortgages, Ice Company
- 3706A/1 Estate of Mrs JG Harper and Partition of Braybrook. Wills of Mary Harper, Charles Harper, Sarah Harper and Harcourt R Harper. Deed of Indemnity and arrangement. Valuation of Woodbridge etc.
- 3706A/2 Wills and Execution thereof, Memorandum and Articles of Association of Woodbridge Nursery Co. Marriage Licence of Charles Harper and Fanny de Burgh
- 3706A/9 LETTERS  
1 May 1874  
Letter to Fanny from Belcamps and letter to Charles from Sarah Harper [?]
- 3706A/10 Letters to Clare from father Charles Harper
- 3706A/11 10 April 1902  
Letter from Charles to Fanny Harper
- 3706A/3 1904  
Letters, postcards, maps, mostly from America and Canada to CW Harper and JV Ferguson to introduce them to various grower and plant organizations on a fruit fact finding tour
- 3706A/4 1904  
Letters to Walter – from the family while he was on tour and two earlier letters from aunts and grandmother JG Harper
- 1113A/13 1910-1911  
Letters from Prescott Harper to his father C. Harper, from Koojan
- 1113A/14 Unassigned
- 3706A/7 1911  
Letters to and from Prescott H Harper. 1 item enclosed is notes on Prescott and notes taken out of his diary at a much later date [1950s].
- 3706A/8 1907  
Letters to Aileen and one undated letter.
- 3706A/12 Letters from Gresley and Wilfred Harper from Perth, Egypt and Gallipoli. Some of these letters have been copied and appear with Charles W Harper's letters
- 3706A/13 Letters of CW Harper to various people some of these letters contain copies of letters received from Gallipoli and Egypt
- 3706A/14 Letters to Miss Harper from FR Mercer, also copy of leaflet No. 2133 and letter from International Horticultural Exhibition 1912

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2244A/2-15	1875-1876 Letters from Mary Harper	Original & typescript
2244A/22-16	20 December 1876 Letter to Julia from Grace Bostock	
2244A/17-28	22 January 1877 to 28 August 1878 Letter to Charles from various people	Original & typescript
2244A/29	24 February 1881 To Julia	Original & typescript
2244A/30-34	4 April 1884 – 20 August 1884 To Mary	Original & typescript
2244A/35-37	5 June 1908 – October [1900] 1908? To Wilfred	Original & Typescript
2244A/38-43	Undated Letters to various members of the family	Original & typescript
2244A/43a-49a	Undated Letters from England	Original & typescript
2244A/50-53	Letters from Miss E Hunt to Charles Harper while she was in Australia	Original & typescript
2244A/54-58	Letters from Miss Nellie Tatlock to Charles Harper while in WA	Original & typescript
2244A/59-62	Letters from Miss Nellie Tatlock while in Australia	Original & typescript
2244A/63-69	Letters from Mrs Harper to her son Charles	Original & typescript
2244A/70-74	Letters from Mary and Julia Harper to Charles Harper	Original & typescript
2244A/75-79	Letters incomplete and undated to family ends missing	Original & typescript
2244A/80-86	Letters incomplete undated, beginning missing	Original & typescript
2244A/87-93	Incomplete, undated centers of letters only	Original & typescript
	LETTER BOOK	
1973A/20	September 1879 – December 1884 Letterbook of Charles Harper	
1973A/21	March 1885 – September 1891 Letterbook of Charles Harper	
1973A/22	January 1905 – April 1907 Letterbook of Charles Harper	

MAPS

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- 1113A/19 Showing area around Balingup Scale 40 ch = 1 inch (2 copies 1 mounted) 569C. Detailed map of Ferndale and surrounding area in June 1920 – Crossland and Hardy Scale 10 ch = 1 inch (4 copies 1 mounted) 567C Detailed plan of Ferndale, showing individual paddocks. Scale 20 ch = 1 inch and another showing location 568C/1-2
- 1973A/23 MINUTES  
December 1880 – May 1890  
Minute Book of the Board of Advice to assist the Government in Administering the Scab Act. (Charles Harper was a member)
- 1973A/19 NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS  
Series of mounted newspaper cuttings – letters to the West Australian by Bishop Gibney, Charles Harper and others about treatment of aborigines in the North-West by white settlers, October and November 1892
- 1973A/24 Book of newspaper cuttings – orchards and overseas cuttings
- 1392A/1 Security Stack  
1392A/2 Security Stack  
NEWSPAPERS  
Copy of “The West Australia” 11 February 1889 4pp on Silk in sachet of silk.  
Program for the Annual Wayze-Goose of the employees of the “West Australian” and “Western Mail”, to be held at Woodbridge, Guildford, on Saturday March 9, 1895. Front of the program depicts the front page of the Western Mail, the inside contains two small photographs: JW Hackett and Sir Thomas Cockburn. There is an indentation where, presumably, another such photograph or small item sat.  
The program is printed on silk.1 folio
- 1973A/18 PETITIONS  
15 October 1888  
Petition to the Legislative Council from Charles Harper and John Winthrop Hackett over the Gibble case
- 1113A/15  
20 October 1920  
Signed by electors of Swan requesting CW Harper to contest the Swan seat

PHOTOGRAPHS

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- 1113A/18 Cheriton, Gingin, showing homestead. Mr and Mrs Henry Brockman at Cheriton in their carriage c.1890. 2294B/1-2
- 2244A/1  
POEMS  
Poem to Mary Harper from her brother Charles
- 1113A/20  
PROGRAMME  
Souvenir program of unveiling of Busselton Soldiers memorial by Field Marshall Birdwood 6 January 1920. Autographed by Lord Birdwood [this item from Mrs Norman Martin, Broom Street Cottesloe] PR 3255 8pp illust
- 6298A/1a  
PROOFS  
195-  
Printer's proof of "The life of Charles Harper of Woodbridge" (text)
- 6298A/1b  
195-  
Printer's proof of "The life of Charles Harper of Woodbridge" (illustrations)
- 1113A/11  
RECEIPTS  
Relating to building a house at Woodbridge not Woodbridge house 1911.
- 3706A/17  
Receipt for alterations for house in Mount Street No. 60 or 70 both numbers appear 1921 and 1926
- 515  
RECORDS  
Original Manuscript of various statistical Returns York, Toodyay and Guildford
- 3706A/18  
Index mostly orchard some other items
- 1113A/10b  
REGISTERS  
1914-1928  
Estate of Charles Harper, register of securities
- 1053A  
TEXT BOOKS  
School Books Three (3) of Rev. Charles Harper 1812  
Also: Advertising pamphlet for Massey\_Harris Reader and Thresher-early 1900s – has photographs PR 6297

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