

## O'CONNOR, Charles Yelverton (1843-1902)

The O'Connor family is best known in Western Australia through Charles Yelverton O'Connor.

O'Connor was responsible for Engineering the Mundaring to Kalgoorlie Water Supply and the inner Fremantle Harbour. Originally from Ireland, he went to New Zealand and performed contract work for private groups as well as Government schemes. His lineage is interesting in itself and many of the deposited papers refer to his family and ancestors.

For additional biographical information refer to:

"The Chief, CY O'Connor" / Tauman, Merab. -- Perth: UWA Press, 1979 (B/OCO in State Library WA)

MN	ACC	meterage / boxes	Date donated	CIU file	Notes
403	608A				
403	1994A		1969		
403	3436A		18 February 1987	BA/PC/00/468	
403	4690A		December 1987		
403	6311A		7 July 2004	BA/PA/01/0086	

### SUMMARY OF CLASSES

AWARDS	MEMORANDUM
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES	MISCELLANEOUS
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LISTS	TESTIMONIALS
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE	

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ACC		AWARDS
1994A/12	1897	Warrant conveying to him CMG 2 June 1897 with two accompanying letters regarding the investiture in London on 20 July 1897
		BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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3436A/37		Notes on CY O'Connor by his Aunt Frances (handwritten original)
3436A/38		Typewritten notes with corrections on CY O'Connor (possibly entry for Debretts)
3436A/39	16 June 1956	Letter from M Tauman in "Cork Examiner" to the Editor of CY O'Connor and search for family members
3436A/40		Typewritten notes on CY O'Connor
		CERTIFICATES
3436A/1	11 June 1878	Baptism – CY O'Connor. Copy
1994A/9 PA18-9	6 April 1880	Certificate as member of the Institution of Civil Engineers London
		COATS OF ARMS
608A		Coat of arms and crest
		CORRESPONDENCE
3436A/2	3 December 1864	Letter to Mr Hermans from John C Smith – Re CY O'Connor going to New Zealand
3436A/3	18 December 1864	Letter to O'Connor from William Malcomson. Re: La Plata
1994A/1	1864 - 1877	File containing printed testimonials 1864, correspondence and memoranda 1865-1877
3436A/4	6 May 1865	Letter from New Zealand to CY O'Connor at Survey Camp – Ngahimapouri, Waipa River
3436A/5		Photocopy of above letter [3436A/4]
3436A/6	23 July 1868	Letter from E Dobson Jnr Re: Grey River Coal Tram, Christchurch
1994A/2 MICROFILM	1880 - 1890	Correspondence and memoranda 1880-1890, includes statement of Mr CY O'Connor's services as Civil Engineer
1994A/3 MICROFILM	1884	File of correspondence relating to CY O'Connor's post and official duties in New Zealand
3436A/7	14 December 1884	Letter to O'Connor from William Smith. Re: Coal found near Sydney, NSW
3436A/8	3 November 1884	Letter to CY O'Connor to go to NSW
3436A/9	5 January 1884	Letter to CY O'Connor from Mr Evans, Wellington, New Zealand re Meeting
1994A/10 MICROFILM	1891-1901	Correspondence and memoranda
3436A/10	5 August 1894	Letter to CY O'Connor from sister, Frances O Connor
3436A/11	14 June 1898	Letter to CY O'Connor from Aunt Fanny Tisdale
3436A/33	17 October 1899	Letter to CY O'Connor from Cousin Walker
3436A/12	18 January 1899	Letter to CY O'Connor from Aunt Fanny Tisdale
3436A/13	17 March 1900	Re Comment on South African War by CY O'Connor
3436A/14	25 January 1901	Letter to CY O'Connor from ? Higginson (text difficult to read)

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3436A/15	19 September 1900	Postcard to CY O'Connor from James G Wilson
3436A/16	15 February 1901	Letter to CY O'Connor from Louie Lob
3436A/17	6 February 1902	Letter to CY O'Connor from Bridget Y O'Connor (daughter)
3436A/18	23 February [?]	Mourning paper to CY O'Connor from cousin, Maletta Vanderleur
3436A/19	5 April 1916 – 20 February 1917	Letters to Aileen, sister of Roderick O'Connor from same whilst in war in France (including telegram of his death)
3436A/20	12 February 1927	Letter to Miss Kathleen O'Connor from Senator N Carroll. Including lines of poem by Kingsley Fairbridge said to be applicable to CY O'Connor
3436A/21	23 July 1929	Letter to Aileen from Cousins Fanny and Ena (daughters of Dr GM O'Connor)
3436A/22	1 August 1941	Letter to Cousin Aileen from Fanny O'Connor
3436A/23	19 February 1952	Letter to Mrs Simpson from Miss SC Woodside (Note: in someone else's writing)
3436A/24	10 March 1952 – 11 December 1952	Letters to Mrs Simpson from Maggie Murray
3436A/25	4 September 1952	Letters to Mrs Simpson from Lt Col. GM Woodside
3436A/26	3 May 1953	Letter to Lady Lee Steere from Mrs CY Simpson, Bedford
3436A/27	12 September 1961 and 11 November 1961	Letters to Lady Lee Steere from Miss Maude Bell
3436A/28	23 May 1967	Letter to Miss O'Connor from Osborne Art Gallery. Re Gift of painting and others as named
3436A/29	19 October 1979	Letter to Mrs Dawkins, from Merab Tauman
3436A/30	17 March [?] – 26 October [?]	Letters to Mrs Simpson from Jack B Simpson, Surrey, UK 14 July 1901 – 19 August 1901 To Susan from Frances O'Connor (sister)
3436A/31	[c1901]	Undated letter to CY O'Connor from Frances O'Connor (sister) Re "Orphir", storm, Albany and Water Works
3436A/32	[1891]	Undated letters to CY O'Connor from JD Lance, Horsley Down, Hawarden, New Zealand 4 February
3436A/33	25 January and 3 October [year unknown].	Letters to Cousin Charley from Cecelia Egan, Rathgar House, Dublin
3436A/35	4 June and December 8 [year unknown]	Letters to Biddy from Kate (sister in Paris)
3436A/36		Fragment of letter believed to be CY O'Connor's handwriting to Biddy
4690A/1	13 December 1878	Letter to Engineer – Middle Island regarding the Kumara Water Race and conflict with the local authority
4690A/2	31 December 1878	Letter to the Chairman of the Hokitika Harbour Board concerning maintenance to local river frontage works
4690A/3	12 February 1879	Letter to HA Gordon of Hatters Terrace, Nelson Creek concerning the appointment of an assistant surveyor

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		CUTTINGS
3436A/41	3 September 1904	Scrapbook belonging to Miss KL O'Connor, Perth Containing photos, newspaper clippings of CY O'Connor and other family members. Also clippings about Lord Avonmore, Railway Water Supply
		DIARIES
1994A/14	17 – 23 January 1899	
3436A/79	1 January 1869 – 31 December 1869	Includes accounts
		EXTRACTS
3436A/42		Newspaper – “Christchurch Star” Obituary to CY O'Connor
3436A/43	13 March 1902	Newspaper – “The Press”. Tributes by Hon W Rolleston
3436A/44	18 April 1902	Journal – “The Engineer”. Obituary to CY O'Connor with portrait
		GENEALOGIES
3436A/45		Ness – Tyers (Typewritten)
3436A/46		Nickson and families of issue (Handwritten) with other notes
3436A/47		O'Connor – Ness and family connections Carbon Copy – Typewritten
3436A/48	25 October 1959	O'Connor Family. To Mrs Lee Steer from Barry Yelverton. O'Connor – Nickson (typewritten sheet) compiled by Jack B Simpson, “Devoncroft”, Beaconsfield, Claygate, Surrey with correction
3436A/49		Yelverton family table
3436A/50		Yelvertons of Easton Maudit
3436A/51		Biographical Details – Born 1876 New Zealand, WA notes probably daughter (the “artist”) of CY O'Connor
3436A/52	1862	O'Connor/Stewarts. By Mrs Hickey nee Stewart
1994A/13		File containing draft press copy (in O'Connor's own hand) of biographical note, probably compiled by him for Debrett in 1898. Copies of inscriptions on family tombstones and tablets in churches in Ireland, mainly in O'Connor's hand
		LEGAL DOCUMENTS
3436A/52	1862	O'Connor. Notes on will included in Genealogy of family
3436A/53	1 June 1914	Will of Frances Cecelia O'Connor
3436A/54	1 June 1914	Letter from Frances O'Connor to Aileen Simpson regarding Will
3436A/56	28 April 1915	Statement relating to Will of Frances Cecelia O'Connor

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		Bequests to Mrs Aileen Simpson, Bridget Lee Steere
3436A/57		Notes to Mrs Simpson on above subject (2 strips paper, typewritten)
3436A/58		List of articles mentioned in Will of Miss Frances Sarah O'Connor. Died 20 September 1941
3436A/59	8 October 1952	Letter from Greer, Hamilton and Gailey – Solicitors to Mrs Aileen Simpson
3436A/60	8 October 1952	Memo from James Graig, Auctioneer to Lt Col AM Woodside
3436A/61	11 October 1952	Letter from AM Woodside to Mrs Aileen Simpson
3436A/62	15 October 1952	Letter from Solicitors to Mrs Aileen Simpson Re: Receipt of parcel
3436A/63	25 October 1952	Letter from Woodside to Mrs Simpson Re: Articles
		LISTS
4690A/14	7 December 1887	Staff employed at Greymouth and Westport engineering offices with relevant salaries.
4690A/5	31 December 1877	Engineering Staff employed by Public Works Department, Westland with relevant salaries
		MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
3436A/64	5 March 1874	CY O'Connor/Susan Letitia Ness (Copy taken 15 March 1899)
		MEMORANDUM
3436A/65	4 January 1960	Memories of Castleknock by WM Letts. Irish Times with card from Maude Ball to Muriel
		MISCELLANEOUS
3436A/66		Card with name CY O'Connor
3436A/67		Letter Head "Harrow Weald Lodge" Harrow Weald, Middx. (torn page)
3436A/68		Portrait – Barbara Yelverton AD 1501
3436A/78		Coat of Arms (O'Connor family) on note-paper and book plate
		NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
3436A/71	8 December 1953	Goldfields water: Inquiry backs O'Connor
3436A/72	[c.1960s]	Water Scheme keeps growing
3436A/73	1 August 1982	Tragic Story of CY O'Connor
3436A/74	Undated	Monument to CY O'Connor planned
3436A/75	n.d.	Viscount Avonmore
3436A/76	n.d.	"Life-line" – about CY O'Connor
3436A/77	13 April 1950	Views of Fremantle, Harbour and vessel used by O'Connor
		NOTE BOOKS

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1994A/11		Small notebook containing rough notes and memoranda, not dated but some in 1892
		NOTES
3486A/68a		Book titles and odd notes of account nature
3436A/69	10 March 1874	Inscription on presentation clock to George M O'Connor MD
3436A/70		Note by Kathleen O'Connor re CY O'Connor's birth date
		PAPERS
1994A/4 MICROFILM	1884-1886	1884-1885. File of New Zealand Papers 1885-1886. Two Files re New Zealand
1994A/6 MICROFILM		Public Works Statement (actually annual reports)
1994A/7 MICROFILM	1891	Papers connected with resignation from New Zealand post and application for position in WA
1994A/8 MICROFILM	1891	Papers connected with application and appointment in WA
1994A/5 MICROFILM		Seven files marked 1/1 to 1/6 Re: New Zealand Railways and Public Works
1994A/15 MICROFILM		File of undated and incomplete documents
		PHOTOGRAPHS
		<b>ALL PHOTOCOPIES –</b> original photographs filed in Pictorial Collection
3436A/80		View of Tombstone Rev. George O'Connor
3436A/81		Grandmother Ness (mother of Mrs CY O'Connor)
3436A/82		Lord Avonmore
3436A/83		CY O'Connor with cousin, daughter of Lord Avonmore – Mrs Goring, New Zealand (note on reverse states woman in photo is Mrs CY O'Connor nee Elizabeth O'Keefe, cousin of Lord Avonmore)
3436A/84		CY O'Connor, wife and seven children
3436A/85		Eliza O'Keefe, cousin of Viscount Avonmore, wife of John O'Connor and mother of CY O'Connor
3436A/86	c.1890	Aileen O'Connor (Mrs CY Simpson)
3436A/87		View of bridge at Owaharoa, Ohinemuri, New Zealand
3436A/88		"Park Bungalow" No 15 Quarry Street one of the homes of CY O'Connor
2569B/16		Portrait of O'Connor Family
2570B/17		Portrait of group of people, including CY O'Connor and wife, at a Fremantle picnic
4397B/18		Two studio portraits of CY O'Connor – CM Nixon and copy by Bardwell Clarke
		PLANS

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6311A CHARTS	ca. 1890	Book of standard drawings with note on cover "drawings were Mr O'Connor's personal property", Drawings include harbour works, harbour defences, lighthouses, wharves and coal straits, and are chiefly of New Zealand
		PLAY
3436A/89		ABC Schools Broadcasts, WA series: Famous men and famous deeds. "CY O'Connor – A great engineer." 11p.
		REMINISCENCES
3436A/90		CY O'Connor by his daughter Kathleen O'Connor [and signed]
		TESTIMONIALS
3436A/91		8 December 1864 From Lord Avonmore for his nephew CY O'Connor. "When he was planning to go abroad" [Comment from Lady Lee Steere]

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