

RANFORD family papers

Benjamin Bristow Ranford (b. 29 September 1826 in England) came to South Australia in 1848 and to Western Australia in 1851. He was a tanner and currier, employed at first in this State by William Padbury but later took over the business. On 28 June 1853 he married Sarah Ann Summerland (1832 – 1891): they had six sons, including Henry Samuel (1854 – 1934) and Benjamin Summerland (1862 – 1941) and four daughters.

Henry Samuel Ranford was a Surveyor, Government Land Agent, Inspector of Lands and Services (Acting Surveyor General) & Emigration Officer in London (1909).

Benjamin Summerland Ranford lived at some time at Nedlands and later at Bannister.

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2279	6126A	10 cm	16 September 1988	BA/PA/01/0266	
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SUMMARY OF CLASSES					
CERTIFICATES CORRESPONDENCE EXTRACTS FILES INDENTURES INVENTORIES LETTERS			LISTS MANUSCRIPTS NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS NOTES PHOTOGRAPHS POEMS TESTIMONIALS		

REQUEST THIS NUMBER	DATE RANGE	DESCRIPTION
		CERTIFICATES
ACC 6126A/1	29 September 1826	Baptismal Certificate (Extract) of Benjamin Bristow Ranford – from records in County of Surrey, England
ACC 6126A/2	29 June 1853	Duplicate of marriage certificate of Benjamin Bristow Ranford and Sarah Ann Summerland.
		CORRESPONDENCE
ACC 6126A/3	3 March 1876	Letter from Carl R. Pether, Captain of PBFC to G.F. Gallop, Hon. Secretary of FCBC, re cricket match (including proposed list of players)
ACC 6126A/4	9 November 1934	Letter to Mr. Ranford from Cygnet re historical “memories”.
ACC 6126A/5	18 October 1936	Letter from E. Noonan, Bunbury, to Mr. Ranford re historical detail of cabin boy on wreck of Georgette.
ACC 6126A/6	11 November 1936, 16 March 1937	Letters to B.S. Ranford from newspapers The West Australian and The Sunday Times re historical notes.

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ACC 6126A/7	12 November 1936	Letter from B.S. Ranford to The West Australian re ; historical background of Armadale District.
ACC 6126A/8	23 December 1936	Letter to B.S. Ranford from C.H. Smith and Co., Undertakers, re a diary found at their premises.
ACC 10727A/1	25 November 1939	Letter from Mr Stephens, Albany correspondent of the WA Historical Society, to B.S. Ranford. Includes hand-written notes regarding the Gregory Brothers
ACC 10727A/2	10 December 1939	Letter from B.S. Ranford to Mr Stephens
		EXTRACTS
ACC 6126A/9	28 October 1939	The Telephone – Historical Notes and References. Extract from papers read by G.P. Stevens at Historical Society, including covering letter to B.S. Ranford
		FILES
ACC 6126A/57	1848 – 1904	Ranford Collection – duplicate Folio 1. Photocopy
ACC 6126A/58	1848 – 1904	Ranford Collection – duplicate Folio 1. Photocopy
		INDENTURES
ACC 6126A/10	17 September 1852	Between Walter Padbury of Perth and Benjamin Ranford of Perth, Currier and Tanner, re lease of 3.3/4 acres of land at Lake Sutherland near Perth.
		INVENTORIES
ACC 6126A/11	18 September 1852	Inventory of Stock of Leather etc. at the Old Perth Tannery – taken over by B.S. Ranford.
		LETTERS
ACC 6126A/12-48	1848 – 1939	Personal letters to and from members of the Ranford family.
ACC 6126A/60	2 December 1936	Written by BS Ranford and describes family connections of the Gorman and Rowe families
		LISTS
ACC 6126A/49	6 July 1856	Order sent by Benjamin Ranford for materials, household linen and other goods
ACC 6126A/50	n.d.	List of names of old cricketers of Perth.
		MANUSCRIPTS
ACC 6126A/51	13 December 1937	Manuscript sent by B.S. Ranford to Non Com, Western Mail, re old timber mill between Murray and Hay Streets, Perth.
		NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
ACC 6126A/52	1918-1939	Cuttings from newspapers on various matters of historical interest.
		NOTES

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ACC 6126A/59	n.d.	One page handwritten, by BS Ranford explaining how to pronounce Minding and talks about working with his brother HS Ranford surveying in that district c 1876. He is commenting that they worked with Aboriginal people to try to use native names and pronounce them correctly.
		PHOTOGRAPHS
ACC 6126A/53 Transferred to Pictorial BA1839	April – November 1886	Views of Cambridge Gulf, about 25 miles from Wyndham, and other landmarks in the area (pictures taken by H.S. Ranford).
		POEMS
ACC 6126A/54	26 July 1878	Verse entitled Old Mother Shenton's Prophecy.
		TESTIMONIALS
ACC 6126A/55-56	21 October 1848, 21 July 1851	Letters of recommendation of Benjamin B. Ranford.

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