

**MARY DURACK MILLER PAPERS:****FJ: Florence James correspondence, 1952-1989**

Correspondence between Mary Durack Miller and Florence James extended over three decades. James, in the 1950s a reader for Constables Publishing Co, was introduced to Mary Durack via their mutual friend, the Sydney-born anthropologist Phillis Kaberry. Before leaving for the UK, James had enjoyed considerable literary success with *Come in Spinner*, a best-selling Australian novel written in collaboration with Dymphna Cusack. Prior to this the joint authorship had produced a children's book *Four Winds and a Family*. A tireless worker for righteous causes, among her many UK involvements, Florence had been a member of the 'Committee of 100', the group forming the core of the anti-nuclear weapons campaign (CND) headed by Sir Bertrand Russell – a support that earned her a brief spell in Holloway Prison. In 1970 she would join the Quaker movement with equal favour.

In 1952 Mary Durack was contemplating the daunting task of re-writing a family biography - the historic material and documentation turned up in a clear-out of the company office following the death of MP Durack having made redundant the original version she had begun in the 1930s. The post-war Australian literary scene come to a standstill; Mary Durack thought the London market may offer more encouragement for such a saga. James – herself a New Zealander - had always been particularly concerned with promoting Australian and New Zealand authors to Constables. Responding positively to Mary Durack's outline of the story and the extracts of family diaries provided, James approached Constables. The idea approved, a contract was drawn up and then began the tremendous effort of the next eight years. Over this period Mary Durack and Florence continued in close communication, the formal 'Dear Mrs Miller'/'Mrs James' of the initial contact adjusted to a first name basis after two letters. The correspondence also expanded from advice and information on the work in hand to the divulgence of family affairs and more intimate matters. Divorced from her husband, (barely mentioned in this correspondence) FJ was a devoted mother to her two daughters and a fond friend to the increasingly beset Phil (Pip) Kaberry.

In turn, the dramas, successes, and travails of her own family are conveyed by Mary Durack to James. It is the combination of the professional and personal that make these letters of such interest – not to mention the frank discussion concerning various literary figures of the day. In the mid-1950s Mary Durack put the family saga aside to edit *Keep Him My Country*, a novel for which there had been the familiar dead-and-alive response from Australian publishers. Constables having accepted the message with heartening

enthusiasm, the book would receive critical praise and good sales from the outset. With the publication of *Kings in Grass Castles*, Mary Durack took a deserved place among Australia's most literary renowned.

Florence left Constables in 1959 to work for Richmond Towers and Benson agency as a literary advisor and reader/promoter/editor for Australian and NZ authors. There was at the time a good market in the UK for Australiana, and it is interesting to note how many authors of the day, including from WA, have a UK publisher. This still stands as an indictment to the Australian publishing industry.

Met first by PMM in London in the early sixties, in 1963 FJ came to Perth and a long-anticipated warm embrace and welcome from her dear penfriend of the past decade. The by now middle-aged ladies (FJ was eleven years the senior) spent time together at the Busselton retreat shared by Mary Durack with the ophthalmologist Ida Mann. Together they worked to edit and make publishable *Wild Cat Falling* a novel by Colin Johnson, then thought to be the first book written by an Aborigine. Florence had long been an important adjunct to MDM's generosity to fellow writers. An introduction or recommendation from Mary Durack to James was frequently the key to having a manuscript accepted – an outcome formerly elusive to many of Mary Durack's supplicants. In return, Mary Durack reviewed for the Australian market many books coming through from Florence. Although she would remain dubious about FJ's judgment regarding the worth of certain writers, Mary Durack generally trusted her opinions and advice.

After an overland trip to Adelaide for the Festival, FJ embarked upon a full year of travelling round Australia, including Tasmania, before re-visiting NZ. Her original plan to return to the UK subverted by circumstance, in 1965 Florence accepted residence at a shared retreat in the Blue Mountains. She continued to travel widely, often a visitor to WA and frequently visited in return by Mary Durack. Representing Australian writers as a permanent delegate to PEN International, she also undertook lecture tours under the auspices of a Commonwealth Literary Fellowship. By now introduced to literary friends and Durack relatives across the continent, Florence was regarded as an adopted family member. Largely because of FJ's involvement Mary Durack engaged Richmond Towers & Benson as her agent, while she remained with Constables Publishing Co. Thus, through the production of *Rock and the Sand* and the 1983 sequel to *Kings, Sons in the Saddle*, the two kept in close communication.

The correspondence tapers off after this date – but the connection of a long, fond association was always there, and they usually managed to meet up at least once a year.

In 1992 Mary Durack contributed to a video celebrating her old friend's 90th birthday. Both were by then aged and infirm.

After FJ's death in August 1993, a documentary, "*In My Grandmothers Footsteps*" made by one of her grandchildren and incorporating some of this footage appeared on SBS TV. There is no mention in the obituary notices of FJ's interminable work on a comprehensive coverage of Australian and NZ literature – an occupation that took up much of her 60s writing time. Much is made of her 1940s

collaboration with Dymphna Cusack on *Come in Spinner*, which was adapted for a TV film in the 1980s. Despite many efforts to draft another book this would appear to have been her singular literary achievement. Not herself a star, she polished and fostered the talent of others - the shiners and the mere twinklers - and her contribution to writers and the promotion of the antipodean scene and literature at a time of a homegrown cultural cringe was of great and lasting value.

In 1996 PMM contacted FJ's daughter Julie James Bailey regarding obtaining copies of Mary Durack's letters of the years to FJ. Her mother's literary material deposited with the Mitchell Library, JJB gave her permission for this transaction. Unfortunately, the earliest correspondence retained was from 1963 - post publication of *Kings in Grass Castles* - although there is correspondence with M. Sadler from Constables from 1953. (See/MDM/PUB)

Nevertheless, this collection represents one of the rare examples in the Mary Durack archival collection of both ends of the exchange. A more complete file to be found in the MDM correspondence with her cousin Kathleen MacArthur. The file should in fact be read in conjunction with MDM/KMCA and PK. For a complete coverage of the saga involving the publication of *Wild Cat Falling* see the Colin Johnson (CJ) file.

Numbered letters from Florence James to MDM are prefixed by an F. and from MDM to F. James with an M.

**Cross-referencing, descriptions, and comments by Patsy Millett (PMM)**

REQUEST THIS NUMBER ↓	Date	To	From	Descriptions	PMM index reference
ACC 7273A/box 170.1	1996	PMM	Bailey/Mitchell Library	Letters re request for copies of Mary Durack Miller (MDM) to Florence Hames (FJ) as held in Mitchell Library. Letter dated on 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1996.	FJ/1
ACC 7273A/box 170.2	1952	MDM Perth	FJ London	Offer to publish book from family diaries made by Constable Directors. Letter dated on 6 <sup>th</sup> June 1952.	FJ/F2
ACC 7273A/box 170.3	1952	MDM Broome	FJ London	Constable chairman impressed by material MDM to deal with and her plans for tackling. Manuscripts of earlier books to be submitted to Richmond Towers. She has also read the manuscript (MS) of <i>Early Birds</i> by Horrie Miller and read with interest. Letter dated on 6 <sup>th</sup> August 1952.	FJ/F3
ACC 7273A/box 170.4	1952	MDM Broome	FJ London	Constables is anxious to proceed and require outline – Looking forward to receiving children’s books to present to Richmond Towers (RT). Re <i>Early Birds</i> – the report received not sufficiently encouraging from RT to handle. Letter dated on 18 <sup>th</sup> October 1952.	FJ/F4
ACC 7273A/box 170.5	1953	MDM Perth	FJ London	Re contract from Constables. FJ is delighted with MDM’s plan for the first volume, (total 3 volumes being considered.) Letter dated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 1953.	FJ/F5
ACC 7273A/box 170.6	1953	MDM Perth	FJ London	Neither Constables nor FJ have heard from MDM, and FJ is wondering if there are any queries regarding the contract. FJ attended meeting of Australian Writers Society at Australia House. A copy of Dymphna Cusack’s <i>Southern Steel</i> on the way to MDM. Letter dated on 15 <sup>th</sup> May 1953.	FJ/F6
ACC 7273A/box 170.7	1953	MDM Perth	FJ London	Regarding question of overseas royalties, FJ she is urging the Society of Australian Writers to go into the question with object of safeguarding Australian writers. FJ persuaded MDM to structure the story into three volumes instead of one volume. Reviews of “ <i>Southern Steel</i> ” and “ <i>Caddie</i> ”. Letter dated on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1953.	FJ/F7
ACC 7273A/box 170.8	1953	MDM Perth	FJ London	FJ Congratulated on the first piece of work and titled it as “ <i>Wandering River</i> ”, and few suggestions would be made. She had a long talk to Ursula Winant of R Towers about the children’s material. She is disappointed at not having placed the stories for MDM. Letter dated on 5 <sup>th</sup> November 1953.	FJ/F8
ACC 7273A/box 170.9	1953	MDM Perth	FJ London	A list suggestion provided to MDM on 26 <sup>th</sup> November 1953 to gain insight into reader’s reactions instead of re-writing <i>Wandering River</i> . Also discussed MDM’s writing name on the book. Exciting news about MDM’s pictures purchased by the University of WA.	FJ/F9
ACC 7273A/box 170.10	1954	MDM Perth	FJ London	( <i>Wandering River</i> has now become <i>Keep Him My Country</i> with MDM’s addition of new stories into the novel. PMM) <i>Keep Him My Country (Keep Him)</i> was liked by all readers who have read	FJ/F10

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				the book. FJ was moved by the story and MDM's novelist's gift. Dust jacket idea was considered. FJ also shared her daughter's news. Letter dated on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 1954.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.11</b>	1954	MDM Perth	FJ London	Re acknowledgement for the second version of manuscript (MS.) book. Problems have arisen requiring alterations about the first two chapters and flashback. MDM's plans for a Broome novel greeted with warm approval. A letter from Phil-still slightly heady over the meeting with MDM. She and her daughter are tired of London. Letter dated on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 1954.	<b>FJ/F11</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.12</b>	1954	MDM Perth	FJ London	Re advance royalties and two insertions. FJ was excited to hear 100,000 words done on the family sage by MDM. Phil showed her snaps taken in Australia. She hasn't read Miles Franklin's <i>Cockatoos</i> . She has read Version Splendid with great interests; however, she does not think it is a good novel in her option. Letter dated on 28 <sup>th</sup> October 1954.	<b>FJ/F12</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.13</b>	1955	MDM Perth	FJ London	Wondering how MDM found the proofs? They found the note of acknowledgement at the beginning rather intimidating – a heavy introduction for a novel. Phil Kaberry suggests move the other list to the rear. MDM was afraid her brother would not approve of the book because one character was based on him. FJ and Phil want a photo of MDM. Letter dated on 19 <sup>th</sup> March 1955.	<b>FJ/F13</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.14</b>	1955	MDM Perth	FJ London	They have discussed the dedication to Phil and feel that giving her full title and degrees is stiff and introducing the note they were trying to banish- Dr. PK is sufficient. Good news that the novel has received a Book Society recommendation, which means a wide publicity. Letter dated on 6 <sup>th</sup> April 1955.	<b>FJ/F14</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.15</b>	1955	MDM Perth	FJ London	Delighted to hear the news of birth of John Christopher from Phil. Sorry to inform that the novel postponed and publication hopes to export copies sway to Australia for Christmas. Letter dated on 8 <sup>th</sup> June 1955.	<b>FJ/F15</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.16</b>	1955	MDM Perth	FJ London	FJ got two letters from MDM and pleased with the photos. Phil was thrilled with the novel's dedication. It is to be featured in <i>Book and Bookman</i> . Frances has a job of selling books in Australia House. And FJ is off to Holland with Phil. Letter dated on 6 <sup>th</sup> August 1955.	<b>FJ/F16</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.17</b>	1955	MDM Perth	FJ London	Glad to hear of press interest in the <i>Keep Him</i> and good news that the Sydney Morning Herald is to be serialised it. Re Don Stuart's MS. FJ agreed that it is a remarkable writing. Fj is glad to hear MDM possessed by the Broome novel, and she still anxious to have the first volume of the Durack story. <i>Keep Him My Country (Keep Him)</i> has gone into second impression with an extra 2,000 on top of original 6,000. Letter dated on 24 <sup>th</sup> October 1955.	<b>FJ/F17</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.18</b>	1956	MDM Perth	FJ London	Re MDM's request of twenty-five pounds was sent to Florence Rutter from royalties. Also, Re German rights. FJ is off on a continental camping tour with daughter, and she has trouble with her communist friends. Letter dated on 19 <sup>th</sup> September 1956.	<b>FJ/F18</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box0170 .19</b>	1957	MDM Perth	FJ London	FJ is sending a copy of <i>Mother Signed the Contract</i> to MDM for review. Glad to hear that book section of Festival of Perth went off well. FJ asked if the family story yet in any state to read. Lovely news that MDM will come over to London in a couple year. Letter dated on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1957.	<b>FJ/F19</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.20</b>	1957	MDM Perth	FJ London	FJ is excited to hear of discovery of Patsy Durack's cheque butts and personal papers which has set MDM to work again. Bill Harney's book <i>Life Among the Aboriginal</i> is due. Julie is delighted that Pasty will review her book. Letter dated on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 1957.	<b>FJ/F20</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.21</b>	1957	MDM Perth	FJ London	Expecting MDM's juvenile stuff to arrive. Getting a part of <i>Kings in Grass Castles (Kings)</i> . Exciting news in FJ family. Betty Roland's play on ITV and got bad reviews. Letter dated on 26 <sup>th</sup> May 1957.	<b>FJ/F21</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.22</b>	1957	MDM Perth	FJ London	Constable is very keen to publish <i>Kings</i> , however more backgrounds wanted for readers who are unacquainted with Australian history and geography. Everyone found that ramifications of the family very confusing. FJ I in the middle of editing a novel, and Frances is getting married. Also, regarding cover suggestion from Elisabeth. Letter dated on 25 <sup>th</sup> August 1957.	<b>FJ/F22</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.23</b>	1957	MDM Perth	FJ London	FJ feels for MDM having to go over so much of the ground. FJ thinks that <i>Sources of Australia</i> may be a help to MDM to fill in gaps. Phil awarded River Medal for fieldwork, and she is off to the Cameroon for 9 months. Letter dated on 15 <sup>th</sup> November 1957.	<b>FJ/F23</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.24</b>	1958	MDM Perth	FJ London	FJ received MDM's letter with news that the first part of <i>Kings</i> completely rewritten, and the last part re-worked after Christmas. FJ was happy to give MDM a subscription to <i>Books and Bookman</i> . FJ has read a book from Donald Stuart and agrees with MDM that it is wonderful materials, but Constable is having difficulties making up minds about it. FJ is worried about Bert Vickers. Two books Patsy might like to review coming through in Spring catalogue. Also, FJ shared news about her son-in-law. Letter dated on 7 <sup>th</sup> March 1958.	<b>FJ/F24</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.25</b>	1958	MDM Perth	FJ London	The magnum opus has arrived. FJ thanks MDM for her letter with summary of changes. Notes MDM is off to Broome and hopes MDM can get back to her Broome novel. FJ's two headaches remains: Bert and Donald. Also, FJ starts writing again. Letter dated on 22 <sup>th</sup> July 1958.	<b>FJ/F25</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.26</b>	1958	MDM Perth	FJ London	FJ is excited with <i>Kings</i> and thinks highly of it. FJ provides two suggestions regarding an omission in the listing of the contributory droving parties and the prologue. And she wants the second copy for offering in the USA. Shared Julie's news as well. Letter dated on 14 <sup>th</sup> August 1958.	<b>FJ/F26</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.27</b>	1959	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	Re copies of <i>Kings</i> for school prizes. Australia House is sending a review copy of <i>Kings</i> to the <i>Goulburn Evening Post</i> . FJ is delighted in write up in <i>The Women's Weekly</i> . She mentioned Randolph Stow's <i>A Haunted Land. Keep Him</i> and <i>Kings</i> present to various universities. Also, re visit to Australia of Grace Hogarth from Constables. Bert Vickers got a commonwealth Literary Grant to write on a British migrant's Australian experience. Julie is looking for a TV job in Australia. Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> November 1958.	<b>FJ/F27</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.28</b>	1959	MDM Perth	FJ London	FJ showing off her new paper with Richmond Towers and Benson Ltd letterhead Re MDM's query on the value of an agency over a publisher. FJ would not want to start her own agency in Australia. If MDM wants to let her handle the Broome novel she would be delighted. Further to MDM's query what an agent can do better than a publisher can for an author. Notes MDM's heavy involvement with president of Fellowship for coming year. Further to visit of Grace Hogarth of Constables. Letter dated on 5 <sup>th</sup> November 1959.	<b>FJ/F28</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.29</b>	1960	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ has an account from Irene Greenwood of MDM's signing copies of <i>Kings</i> at Alberts bookshop and selling like hot cake in the morning. Reviews coming in-all good. 23 copies sold at Australia House. Re Grace Hogarth arriving on the Himalaya in March and her travelling arrangements. Grace will be happy to talk with MDM regarding publishing and FJ is sure that everyone will warm to Grace immediately. Letter dated on 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 1960.	<b>FJ/F29</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.30</b>	1960	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ shares some news with MDM: Faber & Faber have accepted Ida's book; <i>Kings</i> now in 2 <sup>nd</sup> impression. FJ caught with Grace in London and delighted to hear of MDM's meeting with Grace. A book <i>The Spinster</i> is now picked up by a film by MGM; Phil is in west Africa with her friend, and they just have been awarded a prize for a joint article on the Nsaw. Letter dated on 19 <sup>th</sup> June 1960.	<b>FJ/F30</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.31</b>	1960	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ is horrified to hear that the reprint of <i>Kings</i> not yet arrive, which means FJ can do nothing for the Christmas market. She feels guilty that MDM has suffered by her having left Constables., and she hopes look ager MDM's literary business Through Richmond Tower & Benson. She thanks MDM for her work on Ida's book. Re news of family members. Letter dated on 19 <sup>th</sup> November 1960.	<b>FJ/F31</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.32</b>	1960	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ has spoken to Ursula Winant about various points of literary business raised by MDM in her last letter. She is delighted that MDM is going to write her expedition up in the book form. Letter dated on 13 <sup>th</sup> December 1960.	<b>FJ/F32</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.33</b>	1961	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ 's job now is to act as literacy advisor and to keep a close and monthly eye on the clients she introduced. Ursula oversees the book section- contacts etc and Thea Benson does the subsidiary rights. FJ also mentions other practical matters. Including Constable, Nelson etc. Letter dated on 13 <sup>th</sup> January 1961.	<b>FJ/F33</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.34</b>	1961	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ was a bit staggered that MDM would like her to find a USA publisher for <i>Kings</i> . Arnold of Constable sent her a list of 12 publishers, and the best chance will be they can sale MDM's next novel in the States first. FJ thinks highly of Nene Gare. FJ is going to make her own enquiries regarding Australian distribution of <i>Kings</i> . Letter dated on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 1961.	<b>FJ/F34</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.35</b>	1961	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	Seems a long while since they set Nelsons and Constable in motion towards MDM's contract. FJ has sent the information re the tour of Wilfred and France to MDM and Irene in hopes of advance publicity and in hopes of an ABC concert in Perth. Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> May 1961.	<b>FJ/F35</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.36</b>	1961	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ shared MDM's letter with Ida and Phil about Broome. And congratulated MDM on her Commonwealth Lectures in Adelaide this month. FJ is not appalled at the growing length of <i>The Calm Eye</i> and would be delighted to see ay section of it. Letter dated on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 1961.	<b>FJ/F36</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.37</b>	1961	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ talked about their frozen holiday weather, and she had Julie with her for Christmas. FJ tells MDM stop writing articles and reviews and all the rest of <i>The Calm Eye</i> . She also asked for (MDM's daughter) Pasty coming date. FJ has not heard from Henrietta nor met Dorothy and her husband. Letter dated on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1961.	<b>FJ/F37</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.38</b>	1962	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ has met Patsy and helped her find a flat in Kensington. FJ has been in London for Women's Peace Rally. Frances (FJ's daughter) has an operation coming up and she is learning guitar. FJ met up with Henrietta Drake asked an English and US publisher at a pen meeting. Letter dated on 16 <sup>th</sup> March 1962.	<b>FJ/F38</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.39</b>	1962	MDM Broome	Ursula Winant	The contract sent to MDM was only a draft and signature was needed for the attached. There is no question that the author paying for the illustrations. Ursula also asked for MDM's tax exemption number and bank details. Letter dated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 1962.	<b>FJ/F39</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.40</b>	1962	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	MDM's letter about the Adelaide Festival has given FJ something to think about. FJ hopes to meet MDM in Melbourne and Sydney at PEN international Congress. Letter dated on 12 <sup>th</sup> June 1962.	<b>FJ/F40</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.41</b>	1962	MDM Perth	FJ Essex	FJ has had a letter from Irene about her W.I.L.P.F. and C.N.D. activities. Regarding a paperback version of <i>Kings</i> , FJ suggested MDM deal with Constables directly. Letter dated on 27 <sup>th</sup> July 1962.	<b>FJ/F41</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.42</b>	1962	MDM Perth	FJ London	MDM's long letter is an absolute joy to FJ, and lots of things were mentioned in the letter. Phil has had a bright idea of disposing of month in Broome with MDM. Letter dated on 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1962.	<b>FJ/F42</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.43</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ London	FJ is thrilled to hear MDM's plan to get away off to work together. FJ hears from Irene that MDM is doing a school of writing for the Albany Festival as an extension to the Festival of Perth. Letter dated on 11 <sup>th</sup> January 1963.	<b>FJ/F43</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.44</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ London	Iran's trip will be possibly delayed until September. FJ's dates for Australia are still more-or-less the same. She would love to do the Albany Festival with MDM. Thanks for <i>Westerly</i> and <i>Texas Quarterly</i> —With MDM's contribution to. Letter dated on 13 <sup>th</sup> March 1963.	<b>FJ/F44</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.45</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ Canberra	Life hectic again after MDM left Melbourne. FJ thanks MDM for all introductions. FJ failed to get Kim on the phone, and just wrote a note to him, and she is off to Cooma. FJ wants to buy the Hesling table for MDN with love from her. No date yet for her Northwest trip. Letter dated on 7 <sup>th</sup> June 1963.	<b>FJ/F45</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.46</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ Sydney	FJ is still in Sydney with things to do. She will now go different cities and visit Bill and Noni in Toowoomba. FJ heard from Kay that the ABC film expedition is now off until next year. No news on Colin J from Ursula yet. Letter dated on 13 <sup>th</sup> August 1963.	<b>FJ/F46</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.47</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ Sydney	FJ's plans to go to NZ has hanged due to airline ticket issue. Glad that MDM heard from the Fyshs and their dinner with her. Fysh is writing a history of an aviation in Australia. FJ and Kim Durack got along well when they met. Some news regarding FJ's daughter, Frances. Enclosed an article on Father Worms from <i>the Herald</i> . Letter dated on 19 <sup>th</sup> August 1963.	<b>FJ/F47</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.48</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ Brisbane	Re FJ's travelling schedule and sharing details of her life: what she is going to do, whom she is going to meet up with, and what she has done etc. Letter dated on 27 <sup>th</sup> Augst 1963.	<b>FJ/F48</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.49</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ Alice Spring	FJ has been in touch with Ursula regarding getting back the rights to <i>Keep Him</i> , which must be done before another paperback publisher can be approached. <i>Wild Cat Falling (Wild Cat)</i> has sent to Lovat Dickson, and Ursula has suggested a possible a joint publication for both <i>Wild Cat</i> and <i>Keep Him</i> . FJ longs to return once more to peace and quiet in WA. Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 1963.	<b>FJ/F49</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.50</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ Darwin	FJ missed Julie in Darwin, she met one of MDM's old friends and stopped over in Adelaide River to meet Myetle after seeing the Ronans at Katherine. Ursula has written to say that she has back the rights to <i>Keep Him</i> . Lovat Dickson won't commit to <i>Wild Cat</i> – wants to see more than one chapter. Letter dated on 30 <sup>th</sup> September 1963.	<b>FJ/F50</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.51</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ Kun- unurra	FJ has been out to Diversion Dam and the CSIRO centre and remembered this was once all Durack country. Reg will meet her at Rosewood, and she stays with Hertzfelds. Sally sent her love to MDM, and she is looking forward to seeing MDM when she is down in January. Letter dated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 1963.	<b>FJ/F51</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.52</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	FJ has been plunged back into the whirlpool from her arrival back in Sydney. France now can bring FJ out from England as a migrant's mother. She wants to go to NZ for Christmas. Some business about her seeing different people. Hearing of breakup between Gran Durack and her career, FJ understands MDM's worry over the Robin and Harold situation. Many thanks for Perth hospitality. Letter dated on 6 <sup>th</sup> December 1963.	<b>FJ/F52</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.53</b>	1963	MDM Perth	FJ Sydney	Re a sequel to <i>Way of the Whirlwind</i> - discussing this with Beatrice Davis. FJ has spoken to Beatrice about Eleanor's <i>The Trotman Story</i> . FJ enclosed a letter from Anne Tully with Queensland news. Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1963.	<b>FJ/F53</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.54</b>	1964	MDM Perth	FJ NZ	Ursula Winant has bought out Thea Benson. Thea had the serials, radio and TV end but was on the verge of retiring. Ursula bringing in a bright young man called Sebastian Thewes. They are going to have to be more selective about the writers they take on – Helen Wilson and Alex Hasluck for eg – both middle-of-the-roaders. Re MDM's return to Perth and enduring hope of getting her book finished. FJ hopes nothing else will insert itself between MDM and her writing – she knows the ABC TV project will be an interruption. FJ is doing a great deal of NZ reading to enrich her intended travels – she will shortly have the loan of a little house across the harbour with superb views of the South Is. Re her family history and desc. of her NZ tours. Letter dated on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 1964.	<b>FJ/F54</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.55</b>	1964	MDM Perth	FJ NZ	FJ is wondering if the ABC Kimberley film project still on? Kylie T. has sent a letter of recommendation re <i>Wild Cat</i> to Gollancz – quoted. Advises from FJ that MDM not to do the article on Gavin Casey until her latest opus completed. Desc. of her month in the South Island. Re carefully controlled timber cutting. Letter dated on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 1964.	<b>FJ/F55</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.56</b>	1964	MDM Perth	FJ NZ	The anniversary of the 'Bali dawn' so clearly remembered of FJ's first morning in WA - a breath-taking welcome. FJ is worried about her plans to return to Perth coming unstuck. She encloses letters sent to Brian Parkes of the Adult Education Board Perth re her giving talks in WA about the Regional Novel and the Commonwealth literature. fund required. The proposed jaunt to the West with Jacqueline Tully now seems to be off. Good to hear from MDM from the Adsett	<b>FJ/F56</b>

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				retreat but the correspondence should be put aside. Eleanor has written to say how eternally grateful she is for MDM's work on The Trotman Story. Letter dated on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 1964.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.57</b>	1964	BRIAN Perth	FJ NZ	Carbons of two letters and biography details sent by FJ to Brian Parkes in Perth WA re a WA lecture tour. Letter dated on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 1964.	<b>FJ/F57</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box .58</b>	1964	MDM Perth	FJ NZ	FJ will be now coming to WA, and she will do a 3-week tour. An exploratory letter from Professor Jones of Texas University telling her about the series in Australia authors and asking if she would be interested. FJ hesitates to play too heavily the card of 'first novelist of Aboriginal blood' but thinks very important to get it published. Re news of various family members. Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> June 1964.	<b>FJ/F58</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.59</b>	1964	MDM Perth	FJ NZ	Re FJ'S WA lecture tour – to be delayed until after the Royal Show and re air tickets etc. Re Albany trip together for writer's week. Lovely – but she is barren of ideas for an appropriate competition card and hard on MDM to have to do the judging. She mentions the sequel to children's book Four Winds to be done with Dymphna Cusack after the Australian book is finished. Re <i>Wild Cat</i> . She thinks MDM is right and that they should tackle publication from the Australian end. Re news from Frances' divorce. Letter dated on 7 <sup>th</sup> July 1964.	<b>FJ/F59</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.60</b>	1964	MDM Perth	FJ NZ	FJ is wondering why B. Parkes didn't fix dates for WA lecture tour with MDM. Going to Wellington to finalise her ticket. Good news regarding Elizabeth and Institute of Aboriginal Studies. Glad to hear Gran Durack (MDM's mother) feeling better and contemplating a trip. Letter dated on 12 <sup>th</sup> August 1964.	<b>FJ/F60</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.61</b>	1964	MDM Perth	FJ Sydney	Glad to be back in Australia after 8 months in NZ. Enclosed text to Colin Johnson re congratulations on his book <i>Wild Cat Falling</i> has been accepted by A&R. FJ would like to take Elizabeth's sketches to Beatrice personally. She phoned the news to Kylie – spoke to Roddy who tried to persuade her to set up an Australia based literary agency. Re MDM's visits to schools and approximate age of the children as advised by B. Parkes. FJ will be in Perth on the 28th of October. Letter dated on 8 <sup>th</sup> September 1964.	<b>FJ/F61</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.62</b>	1964	MDM Perth	FJ WA	Things are going well with FJ – four talks a day, and audience sizes have varied. Schools have responded very well. Wildflowers are glorious. Re Elizabeth's sketches for <i>Wild Cat</i> . Ursula does not feel she can sell Lyndall Haddow's short stories, and FJ thinks that C.L. Fund might sponsor publication in Australia. Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> October 1964.	<b>FJ/F62</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.63</b>	undated	MDM Perth	FJ Ade-laide	FJ's handwritten note from Hotel Richmond. All went well on the trans train – the Nullarbor. Ian Mudie met her. She has seen Heslings and Nancy Cato – happy Christmas.	<b>FJ/F63</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.64</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ Sydney	FJ gets too involved in Sydney. Frances auditioning for NZ opera and ballet orchestra. Paperback of <i>Keep Him</i> has arrived. Re serial sales - better to do it from Australia, FJ thinks highly of Jenny (Colin's wife). She has spoken to the Beales (Howard Beale a QC) about <i>Wild Cat</i> and Colin's dilemma about publicity and identification. In Adelaide with Ian Mudie, Nancy Cato, Heslings. She saw Dorothy Blewett in Melbourne. She has got no satisfaction from Lansdowne re <i>Four Winds</i> publishing date. Missing MDM – thanks for the perfume. Letter dated on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 1965.	<b>FJ/F64</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.65</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Re a shortened version of <i>Keep Him</i> for Pacific Editions. <i>Wild Cat</i> too short for a serial but there will be an extract from in Meanjin. FJ saw Marie briefly on her travels through. She is helping one Marie Byles with editing a book called <i>Paths to Inner Calm</i> – on the teachings of Tenko San – she is fascinated with the material. Re news from family members. Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> February 1965.	<b>FJ/F65</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.66</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	FJ wonders how MDM thinks of <i>Wild Cat</i> in book form, and FJ is aware of how MDM sweated over the foreword to get it down to such admirable simplicity. Because of various reasons, the book is not eligible for the Miles Franklin Award. Re Colin's latest novel, FJ is more worried about the text than the title. Re MDM's contract for <i>Keep Him</i> from Pacific Books. – not their policy to offer an advance against royalty, and the book won't be out until 1966. Re a story of Betty Roland's sold to McGraw-Hill in the US and Nancy Phelan's travel book on Turkey just out for Macmillan. Re MDM's news of family members – messages for all. Letter dated on 20 <sup>th</sup> March 1965.	<b>FJ/F66</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.67</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Enclosing SMH cutting re <i>Wild Cat</i> . Re other reviews. Radio interview with Colin not good. Re an idea for a novel MDM has been mulling over for some time called <i>The Land that Laughed</i> and some mention of 'a follow-up novel'. How are the ABC plans going? FJ hopes the fee takes into account all the preliminary work MDM is doing. Children's books selling so well – she is contemplating giving up facts for fantasy. Further to Brian Parkes and the book lists – still unsatisfactory. Letter dated on 5 <sup>th</sup> April 1965.	<b>FJ/F67</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.68</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	FJ is depressed about the slow pace of her work. A terrific news is Penguin have made an offer for <i>Wild Cat</i> with possibility of world paper-back rights. She has fixed the deadline on her tickets again so that she will be able to carry on working in Australia and can use the Ansett tickets MDM acquired for her. Re Sun Paperbacks – a G Dutton, Brian Stonier and Max Harris company intending to concentrate on Australian subjects and writers. FJ notes interview with Joyce Nicholson in The Australian – a	<b>FJ/F68</b>

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				worker but slight talent – just ‘dogged’ – like JK Ewers and Bill Lindsay. Re a children’s book from Bria Parkers. Letter dated on 12 <sup>th</sup> July 1965.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.69</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Re arrangements being made with FJ’s Qantas ticket. In Perth she will be in the hands of MDM. FJ wants to go to Esperance with MDM. FJ is writing further re her happy evening with Kim Durack and dinner with the Fyshs. She had lunch with Douglas Stewart (Executive Director of Sirius Books for A&R.) Letter dated on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1965.	<b>FJ/F69</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.70</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Re <i>Love Me Please</i> , it needs doing to bring it to <i>Wild Cat</i> standard. Eileen also read it and made notes. Re good news that MDM is on final chapters of <i>Rock and Sand</i> . Letter dated on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 1965.	<b>FJ/F70</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.71</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Re Colin Johnson. He has some unusual gifts but also some serious failings. Doubts the detailed editing suggestions will be worked upon. Follows a detailed critique of the novel. Letter dated on 11 <sup>th</sup> November 1965.	<b>FJ/F71</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.72</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Been very homesick, but FJ is so lucky to be in Australia. FJ introduced Eileen to MDM, she assures MDM there is a spare room for her if she visits. The reprint of FJ children’s book in collaboration with Dymphna Four Winds is out but she regrets the loss of the original illustrations. Re MDMs family and FJ family—sharing some news about family members. Phil has had a car accident. Re Nene Gare and a Sun Books contract for The Fringe Dwellers. Pacific Books may not now reprint Come in Spinner. – want to cut it by 40,000 words. Stories in it too closely interwoven to cut and would require weeks of work. She does not think MDM can do anything about the current Constables – Sun Books situation. Colin wants to sell their latest hard-cover edition. She has heard that Sirius books has been discontinued. Letter dated on 21 <sup>st</sup> November 1965.	<b>FJ/F72</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.73</b>	1965	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	FJ thanks MDM for her two letters re Colin’s MS. Follows her comments on – four pages of close detail on the book and its many problems. She will write and tell him that MDM has again generously undertaken to help him with the revision – and better he now just deals with her over. MDM is considering sending FJ’s notes to Beatrice – FJ says no! Letter dated on 30 <sup>th</sup> November 1965.	<b>FJ/F73</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.74</b>	1965	Gran Durack Perth	FJ NSW	FJ thinks Gran Durack writes the most wonderful letters, and FJ has been thoroughly refreshed with her family news of the year. Good news re MDM so close to the end of <i>Rock and the Sand</i> . Re family news from FJ. Letter dated on 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1965.	<b>FJ/F74</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.75</b>	1966	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	FJ thinks highly of MDM's services to Australia literature. Re Sirius books – apparently still going and strong and interested in <i>Kings</i> . What is the present position with Sun Books? Re critic A.A. Phillips on <i>Patrick White and the Algebraic Symbol</i> . Re Colin's jerky writing to convey jerky characters. Re family news. Letter date on 10 <sup>th</sup> January 1966.	<b>FJ/F75</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.76</b>	1966	MDM	FJ NSW	Colin sent a letter saying he has left work in preparation for his trip abroad and has given himself a fortnight to revise his novel. FJ was indignant that Colin didn't appreciate their (FJ and MDM) precious time, and Colin did not have any idea of all the work that went into <i>Wild Cat</i> and already gone into <i>Love Me Please</i> . Letter dated on 15 <sup>th</sup> January 1966.	<b>FJ/F76</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.77</b>	1966	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	FJ comments on letter that MDM has sent to Colin. FJ is sending selected introductions from North to South of the island. Wonderful news that MDM and Ida are coming to the Blue Mountains to see FJ. Re family news from MDM. Letter dated on 27 <sup>th</sup> January 1966.	<b>FJ/F77</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.78</b>	1966	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	(Original and carbon copy) Colin's revised MS. not arrived. A&R still want <i>Kings</i> for their Sirius Books. What a relief to have the enthusiastic approval of Geoff Bolton and Father Moynihan for <i>Rock and the Sand</i> . Re Andy's visit to NZ and FJ's work on his behalf – she has not yet heard when he is going – she has sent information re the NZ Forest and Bird Society. She has read Bet's article on Mauritius in the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH). Letter dated on 5 <sup>th</sup> March 1966.	<b>FJ/F78</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.79</b>	1966	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	FJ has taken on the nursing of her dear friend Linda McIntosh, and she is making a recovery. Re <i>Early Birds</i> –FJ thinks that MDM has no obligation to Rigby -nor Kylie for the Macmillan Juvenile series – she has only had tentative discussion, she would choose A&R as they are the publishers of PG Taylor and Hudson Fysh. She should not be disturbed at the length – 65 to 70,000 words a good length – possible film script etc. Re Eleanor – what an excitement, what a good job it finally is (it has won some prize.) Re <i>Wild Cat</i> , not a copy of the book available in UK when the announcement made – usual poor organisation of A&R. FJ is to be a grandmother in March and other news about family members. Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 1966.	<b>FJ/F79</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.80</b>	1967	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Re Doubleday Catholic Prize, date extended. FJ asked if MDM considered <i>Rock and Sand</i> for this Prize. FJ is sorry to have been out of touch, but she has been in such a state of problems – literary and otherwise. Her granddaughter Pippa born in Feb. Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> May 1967	<b>FJ/F80</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.81</b>	1967	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	(It is now August 1967, but FJ has just found this letter not sent to MDM and is now sending to give an idea of her disturbance at the time.)	<b>FJ/F81</b>

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				FJ attempts to give the details of a devastating situation that has arisen over her care for a seriously injured elderly woman. She has just read the paragraph back and what a monster she has made Marie sound – perhaps this person is deformed in as much as warm human love that asks no return just left out of her makeup. Also, she has fastened on friend after friend and repeated the pattern – the situation invading her dreams. Letter dated on 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1967.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.82</b>	1967	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Re Rigby contract for <i>Early Birds</i> . Further to the contract and what not to accept. FJ is obviously an expert on contracts, and she gives good advice. Eleanor shared the Journalists Society Australia Biography prize. Hoping to soon get MDM's copy of CORGI version of <i>Kings</i> . Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> August 1967.	<b>FJ/F82</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.83</b>	1967	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	FJ is glad to hear MDM has finished <i>Rock and the Sand</i> , and much praise for this effort. Re Corgi <i>Kings</i> – 30,000 in first consignment very impressive. Re MDM's family news – and Eileen's news. Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> August 1967.	<b>FJ/F83</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.84</b>	1967	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	FJ has heard from Max Fatchen re enclosed conditions and entry form for the non-fiction Advertiser prize. Also, re serial rights for the Advertiser. Max Fatchen has been to London to meet Ursula – has won the Children's Book Council Award for <i>The River Kings</i> . Letter dated on 18 <sup>th</sup> August 1964.	<b>FJ/F84</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.85</b>	1967	MR.M Page Adelaide	FJ NSW	Copy to MDM of FJ letter to M. Page of Rigby re contract for <i>Early Birds</i> . Problems with the contract outlined. MDM has asked her to deal directly with Rigby rather than hold them up further over by sending to the London agent. Letter dated on 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 1967.	<b>FJ/F85</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.86</b>	1967	M Page Rigby	FJ NSW	MDM is aware the delay over finalising the contract not M. Page's fault. Proofs have now been received and approved. FJ has wired to Broome of Rigby acceptance revised contract. Letter dated on 8 <sup>th</sup> September 1967.	<b>FJ/F86</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.87</b>	1967	MDM Broome	FJ NSW	Re the Rigby contract for <i>Early Birds</i> . However, FJ is disturbed to find Harry Miller listed as the author in the catalogue. About the Winant Towers agency, FJ would like her role to be that of friendly adviser, and certainly wouldn't accept a personal agency fee. Re <i>Rock and Sand</i> – off to England and an enormous sigh of relief. FJ was very touched by the inscription in MDM's Corgi copy of <i>Kings</i> and thanks her for it. She is so glad she stayed with MDM in the old Broome house. And re news from family members and friends. Letter dated on 11 <sup>th</sup> September 1967.	<b>FJ/F87</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.88</b>	1968	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Thanks for MDM's Christmas presents. They (Peter, Julie, and FJ) have been on a visit to Queensland where they saw Anne Tully who gave FJ a handwritten a family biography and send on to MDM, which will possibly be useful as a reference to MDM. Re all MDM's family – Patsy married in Canada and Robin back home from the ferry flight – etc. Delighted to hear of R. Arnold's reaction to <i>Rock and Sand</i> – a feather in MDM's capacity. A new publishing house in WA - Landfall - Walter King is 1973 in charge. Re a contact of Eileen's – an old man from Birdsville track – his son would like to tape his memories – would George Farwell be interested? Letter dated on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1968.	<b>FJ/F88</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.89</b>	1973	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	(There has been a gap in correspondence. From MDM in reply, it is evident that there was a continued communication with FJ, although to a lesser degree from the end of the 60s – so some letters not kept by MDM. The problem now arises of the hopeless agent Ursula Winant. MDM hates to 'sack her'. Knowing her to be an old associate of FJ, she asks how the matter might be handled in letter of 2/3/73 and for suggestions re an Aust. agent. It is evident that Florence is still at the Blue Mountains address five years on from the previous and she has not returned as planned to the UK. PMM) FJ has made inquiries and the two best choices seem to Tim Curnow and Babette Johnson. T Curnow now works for Curtis Brown – now very selective about taking on only established writers. FJ is not satisfied he would be right for the varied work of MDM. Babette Johnson more adventurous. Letter dated on 9 <sup>th</sup> November 1973.	<b>FJ/F89</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.90</b>	1974	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Re Colin Johnson. <i>Wild Cat</i> is not sufficient a recommendation – agents in the game for money. He does not have the education for a work in depth and FJ doubts he will ever achieve any quality writing beyond autobiographical fiction. FJ's next job is transcribing a cassette from Julie, and she is pleased to hear MDM has a satisfactory secretary. Letter dated on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 1974.	<b>FJ/F90</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.91</b>	1974	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Re MDM's ankle, FJ wants to know if MDM is getting better. Re Babette Johnson and Ursula. FJ hopes Babette will be a great help in ordering and promoting MDM's literary business. Re the father of Frances, he was seriously ill and anxious to see his daughters, he died of a stroke a few hours before Frances's arrival. As next of kin Julie had to do the arrangements – and legal business over Pyn's complicated will made before his last divorce in Jersey – thus also a codicil and will made in Majorca less than a month before his death in favour of his mistress who was a very greedy girl. Letter dated on 14 <sup>th</sup> June 1974.	<b>FJ/F91</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.92</b>	1974	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Thank MDM for making Julie so welcome in Perth.	<b>FJ/F92</b>

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				Has MDM read <i>The French Lieutenant's Woman</i> ? If not, FJ will send a copy. Frances and John Kennedy have set up house together. FJ saw Elsie Gare when in Melbourne. FJ is also wondering how business and family things going with MDM. Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1974.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.93</b>	1976	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	(Letters missing here again. In the interim MDM's daughter Robin has died. PMM) FJ writes of the happy event of returning to NZ for the Yearly Quaker Meeting. Re Farwell review of <i>End of Dreaming</i> , appreciating its warm human quality. FJ and her friend Eileen have purchased a small cottage in the Blue Mountains. FJ looks after the library and book sales – Quaker literature. She intends to come to Perth for the 1979 Yearly Meeting. Frances is to have her first baby in October. Letter dated on 4 <sup>th</sup> May 1976.	<b>FJ/F93</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.94</b>	1976	MDM Perth	FJ NSW	Re FJ's NZ tour – back to Sydney and an operation on the veins in her leg. Phil sent a letter talking of her progress and of buying a flat in North London since she was due to retire in 1977 at the age of 67. FJ is planning to go back to England on a six-month ticket in 1977 and hopes to see a lot of Phil. Re Anne Von Bertouch who wrote February Dark and her involvement with Guy Boyd sculptures. Also, re Douglas Stewart's book on Norman Lindsay. Letter dated on 30 <sup>th</sup> July 1976.	<b>FJ/F94</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.95</b>	1976	Gran Durack Perth	FJ NSW	FJ talks about Gran Durack's 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday. After 14 years in Australia, FJ will be returning to England for 6 months – the ticket a present from her Dutch sister-in-law. Letter dated 21 <sup>st</sup> October 1976.	<b>FJ/F95</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.96</b>	1977	MDM Perth	FJ	(Handwritten note dated on December 1977) So sorry to miss MDM in Sydney – but FJ's plans are still underway for 1978 Quaker meeting in Perth. Re FJ's coming trip.	<b>FJ/F96</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.97</b>	1977	MDM Perth	FJ Victoria	A card to be given to Gran if she has made it to another birthday. FJ has been travelling round for 6 months, and she will be coming to Perth for Quaker meeting in 1978. She is in Melbourne to look after her new grandchild as Frances is recovering from an operation. On her return to Sydney, she is going into a retirement unit at Manly. FJ also talks a lot regarding her staying in London with Phil. Letter dated on 26 <sup>th</sup> October 1977.	<b>FJ/F97</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.98</b>	1977	MDM Perth	FJ Manly, NSW	FJ has just heard that Horrie has had a stroke. Re Gran and advised hip replacement. Frances has had another serious operation to remove infection from the brain. Frances' husband John 'drying out' in a Melbourne hospital – the situation a serious drag on the recovery process. She has loved looking after Erica who is now 14 months old. A wrench for FJ to give up living in the Blue Mountains and she is 75 and the place has facilities to upgrade for increasing infirmity. Letter dated on 15 <sup>th</sup> December 1977.	<b>FJ/F98</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.99</b>	1978	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	Re news that the Blue Mountains ablaze, all phones at Woodford out and FJ was terribly anxious for Linda and her friends. Addition dated 28 Feb. Frances went through another operation. FJ encloses a cutting re Colin Johnson who has surfaced and refers to his writing again. Re her plans to visit. Re MDM's New Year honour – well deserved but FJ can't bring herself to address her as 'Dame'. She will have to remember MDM's plain Quaker ways. Letter dated on 7 <sup>th</sup> February 1978.	<b>FJ/F99</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.100</b>	1978	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	Re arrangements to come to Perth for Quaker Meeting in May. Tells MDM not to worry if she is too harassed - she can stay at a Quaker house. Still worried about Frances. Letter dated on 7 <sup>th</sup> April 1978.	<b>FJ/F100</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.101</b>	1978	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	Re FJ's daughters Julie and Frances' current situations. Re ASA meeting, FJ saw Helen Wilson there – now a Manly neighbour. Re her visit to Perth. FJ Feels for MDM and the fragmentation of her days. Re Linda with whom she shared the Blue Mountains retreat – can't make up her mind to go into a retirement home. She feels at home in her diminutive unit– her return this time she hopes is for keeps. She is beginning on a grand paper and file chuck-out – she will then get down to the job she has been meaning to do since Julie brought her papers out from England three years ago. Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> June 1978.	<b>FJ/F101</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.102</b>				Extracts from a Post-primary School bulletin issued by the NZ Department of Education. ' <i>The Novel</i> ' by Ian A Gordon. Notes on how to read and write a novel – something connected to Florence and evidently sent to MDM.	<b>FJ/F102</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.103</b>	1978	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	A sad news regarding Phil's death. Re MDM's family news. Re Tim Curnow and contract for Robin's book. And explanation of FJ's changing address. Re her giving a talk at W.A.I.T. She mentions the Aborigines in Australia Literature talk MDM recently gave WAIT – impressive. Thanks for a copy of and for the Tjakamarra booklet. Letter dated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 1978.	<b>FJ/F103</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.104</b>	1978	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	Sally Chilver's promised memorial notice and obit for Phil have not arrived, neither did Julie get any reply from the executors. Daughter Frances has recovered well. A note from Cyril Gare to say Horrie is taking driving lessons. Re Robin's book. Has MDM read her <i>Bend to the Wind</i> ? She thinks it's a remarkable piece of writing. Great news of Nancy Cato's success. Comments on The	<b>FJ/F104</b>

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				Manhattan Project and tragic state of the arms race. Family and Xmas pressing upon FJ. She has just bought an ancient Toyota Corolla. Letter dated on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 1978.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.105</b>	1979	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	Information from S Chilver about deposition of Phil's papers with the London School of Economics library. Good to know they will be properly dealt with. Re FJ's Christmas with family. Letter dated on 9 <sup>th</sup> January 1979.	<b>FJ/F105</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.106</b>	1979	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	(This is marked in unknown hand 'unsent letter from F James given to MDM during Frances' stay in Perth January 1984.') FJ has heard from Carol Serventy at Betty Roland's book launch of MDMs ghastly accident. FJ has become deeply involved with Quaker book supplies, and she also serves on the Manly Citizens Advice Bureau. Letter dated on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 1979.	<b>FJ/F106</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.107</b>	1983	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	FJ has changed her plans – intended going to England after the Yearly Meeting of Quakers in Perth – however postponed until May. Could MDM put her up? Delighted to see <i>Sons in the Saddle</i> on so many best-seller lists. Did MDM see TV series of Nancy Cato's <i>All the Rivers Run</i> ? Letter dated on 12 <sup>th</sup> December 1983.	<b>FJ/F107</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.108</b>	1982	MDM	FJ	Handwritten card dated on 1982 Christmas. Re <i>Sons in the Saddle</i> . MDM's part in the Olsen book (Land Beyond Time) – 'you villain – the girl who couldn't say "no"'. Re Nancy Cato film series and the TV series of Spinner – Julie in charge – slowly proceeding.	<b>FJ/F108</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.109</b>	1984	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	FJ's thoughts of MDM's delivering the KS Prichard talk. FJ encloses <i>Prayers from the Ark</i> . She sends a cutting from SMH – article on her daughter Julie's appointment to the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal. She rang Leslie Rees with MDM's greeting. He is working on a novel set in WA and going camping to Tasmania with friends. Re her coming travel plans with friend Joyce Johnson to London, Amsterdam - a round-the-world-ticket. So good to meet MDM's family. Letter dated on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 1984.	<b>FJ/F109</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.110</b>	1984	MDM Perth	FJ Holland	FJ hopes to find an opportunity to quote a piece from <i>Keep Him</i> . Re her hostess Rins de Voogd. She rang Geoff Bolton but found he was back in Australia for a month – spoke to Geraldine Byrne. Had a pleasant session at Constables with Paul Marks and Prudence Fay – same old family spirit with this firm – MDM has good friends in Orange St. Geraldine said Land Beyond Time out in grand style. The trip all she could hope for – Yearly Meeting in London then lectures (desc of) – visits to friends and to Pyn's family in Holland. Letter dated on 21 <sup>st</sup> August 1984.	<b>FJ/F110</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.111A</b>	1985	MDM Perth	FJ	Handwritten card dated on 4 <sup>th</sup> December 1985 re the lovely prospect of seeing MDM in Sydney. The Yearly Quaker Meeting to be held in Brisbane and she shall miss Cyril Gare	<b>FJ/F111A</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.111B</b>	1986	MDM Perth	FJ Manly	Post card dated on 1986 – so sorry to have missed MDM in Sydney. She is catching up with Frances and nine-year-old Erica. ‘See you in Sydney in September – love your old friend Florence.’	<b>FJ/F111B</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.112</b>	1989	MDM Perth	M, North	Re an award for Florence – will have been honorary as she is still a NZ citizen. Can MDM make any enquiries regarding the FJ Biography. Could MDM put together the letters and any other papers relating to the 50s when FJ at Constables – any contracts or correspondences. with publishers – they are trying to piece together the historical ‘writers rights.’ It would be wonderful to read her diaries of Florence’s times in the West with her. The first volume will be called ‘The Spinner years’ – other ‘Women’ and ‘Peace.’ Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> November 1989.	<b>FJ/F112</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.113</b>	1984			Article from Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) re appointment of Julie James Bailey to Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.	<b>FJ/F113</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.114</b>	1963- 1993			News cuts various dates re Florence James (pics) including 1993 obit. With personal note from Julie Bailey re her mother’s peaceful death. She had been working on a documentary for SBS prior to her death. She went into a nursing home for a rest – however, her sight going so she couldn’t read, and she decided she had had a good life and died peacefully within two weeks. She would have been 91 tomorrow (1/9/93). From the Australian ‘No Surrender for this Spinner of Earthy Tales.’	<b>FJ/F114</b>
				The following letters from FJ/M1 (ACC 7273A/box 170.115) are MDM’s letters to Florence James. MDM letters are photocopies of originals held by the Mitchell Library. There are some carbon copies. Unless indicated as hand-written, all are typed.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.115</b>	1963	FJ London	MDM Perth	MDM is writing the letter from her Adsett retreat at Siesta Park Busselton Thrilled to know of FJ’s arrival in May. Re dates for Adelaide Writer’s School, she is not available to attend it, if subsidy provided, she would reconsider it. She is at Adsett to clear the decks and try to get in some solid work. Ida back from India somewhat depressed – but recovered and coping with her Busselton eye clinic. They might be able to come to Adsett together if Ida not there – or she could stay at Bellevue Avenue or a nice little hotel close by (Nedlands Park). She has just read MS. of Ida’s China 13 – a lot smoother than Cockney and Crocodile. She still has the MS. of the boy Colin Johnson awaiting his reply if he wants her to do anything with it. Letter dated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 1963.	<b>FJ/M1</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.116</b>	1963	FJ London	MDM Adsett	MDM had three heavenly days when she did not speak to a soul – dolphins, whales, wildlife, black swans. (She is working on the Dampier land history that will become <i>Rock and the Sand</i> . PMM). MDM explains to FJ what this book is about. And agreement regarding FJ's arrival. Re Adelaide Writer's School – she will only go if they pay her expenses. David Hutchison lives way out and has two young children - Irene Greenwood will talk her into the ground. Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> January 1963.	<b>FJ/M2</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.117</b>	1963	U.Wina nt	MDM	Extract of letter from MDM to Ursula Winant, UK. MDM is now to be paid for the Adelaide writers' school and she hopes FJ might go with her. She found the Albany week stimulating. Everyone eager to welcome Florence. Henrietta Drake Brockman had a letter from Dorothy Blewett asking about forming a branch of PEN in Perth, MDM would discuss it with Florence. Letter dated on 13 <sup>th</sup> February 1963.	<b>FJ/M3</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.118</b>	1963	FJ NZ	MDM Perth	Re FJ's MMA bookings, itinerary and these arrangements. Author's Society have invited MDM to join their Council and she has agreed. Jobs press upon her like a load of bricks. Re J.J Jones going to Adelaide Festival instead of her – Queen Mother to open. Letter dated on 27 <sup>th</sup> August 1963.	<b>FJ/M4</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.119</b>	1963	FJ Darwin	MDM Perth	Re FJ's travel plans as facilitated by Cyril Gare and MMA. Julie will not be in Darwin as expected owing to roster changes. Wonderful to hear about FJ's meetings with family members. Thanks for cheque from Offset, 56 pounds. Re visit of Kay Kinane – they mapped out a rough working script for five projected Kimberley programs and saw various powers about getting around. Re her seeing Tom Ronan. Re photos of the Nullarbor trip and MDM's Walkabout article. Eleanor had had no definite word re her manuscript. Re Gran's coming birthday. Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> September 1963.	<b>FJ/M5</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.120</b>	1963	FJ NZ	MDM Perth	Re a letter MDM has received from Colin Roderick. And she has just heard from Iris Milutinovich - very excited about the idea of a competition for the Albany writers. Looks like the situation between Gran and her 'carer' - niece Margaret is breaking down. Robin and HCM crossed the Nullarbor in record time – but Robin had a sort of bad turn when she got to Adelaide. Letter dated on 4 <sup>th</sup> December 1963.	<b>FJ/M6</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.121</b>	1963	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Just coping with Christmas. Re various publishing matters – Eleanor's MS. and A&R. Re visit of 'nervous case' from Qld connected to the Tullys – (Norley Watts). Re Kay and her wonderful new ABC appointment. FJs Four Winds reprint – and arrival of first copies of Kookanoo. Whole first edition turfed out because of printer's error – after she had corrected the galleys etc. All available copies sold at Xmas and now no more available. Re Patsy coming home from England	<b>FJ/M7</b>

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				and her (Patsy's) reaction to idea of Marie going to school in UK. Letter dated on 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 1963.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.122</b>	1964	FJ NZ	MDM Perth	Thanks for thoughtful gifts. Re the Baldwin book she sent and an African visiting Quaker from Kenya who got caught up in it. She has heard from Kylie re Coin Johnson's MS. she recommends Gollancz. Macmillans would not take it on. Hard work continues Eleanor's MS. – not a single sentence that is not somehow muddled and she had not properly investigated obvious sources of material. Re Perth Festival Ida and Henrietta Drake Brockman and Gran who has gone to stay with old friend Matron Marj Marshall. Letter dated on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 1964.	<b>FJ/M8</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.123</b>	1964	FJ NZ	MDM Adsett	Comments re <i>Wild Cat</i> . Re a letter from Colin (quote from). Interested in news of Ursula Winant buying out Thea Benson. Re Marie Rose and her mouse house. Re problem of Gran and another idea in the air involving buying Gran's house and forming a family company. Re Eleanor's book. Further to MS. of <i>Creepy and Whirlwind</i> reprint. Letter dated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 1964.	<b>FJ/M9</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.124</b>	1964	FJ NZ	MDM Perth	Xavier came to 'face the music' after his biography <i>Disturbing Element</i> but found few had read it. He was disgusted and took it out on WA in general. The story is really amusing. Nothing more about <i>Wild Cat</i> yet. Work on opus slow and seemingly doomed, as every time she picks it up something happens. The work on Eleanor's book much more than she had anticipated. Re family news of Gran. Letter dated on 16 <sup>th</sup> May 1964.	<b>FJ/M10</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.125</b>	1964	FJ NZ	MDM Perth	Delighted FJ is coming in September. Competition just closed. A contract has arrived for her to do the biography bit on Gavin Casey. He has agreed but is at death's door and almost impossible to communicate with. Re <i>Wild Cat</i> . She has been asked by Jim Penberthy to do an opera for the ETT. She will mention her side of it to Ursula. Request came from Stephan Haag – a friend of hers and Jim. Re news about FJ MDM families. Letter dated on 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 1964.	<b>FJ/M11</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.126</b>	1964	FJ NZ	MDM Perth	Albany writers looking forward to seeing FJ and MDM. (Details of schedule.) MDM is sending Colin's MS. to Beatrice Davis. Colin says he is going to marry a Lithuanian girl in December. Ida is off to Fossil Downs. Life continually stalks up on her. Bet has a grant from Institute of Aboriginal Studies. Thanks for sending the excellent Pen to Paper book. Letter dated on 6 <sup>th</sup> August 1964.	<b>FJ/M12</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.127</b>	1964	FJ NZ	MDM Perth	Just had a letter re <i>Wild Cat</i> from Beatrice, hopes Colin will not mind the sort of publicity Beatrice suggests. MDM would be agreeable to write the foreword – might help to bulk the book out – and she could whack in some good propaganda for the coloured cause – though <i>Wild Cat</i> itself a strong piece of unconscious propaganda. Could FJ ask Ursula what happened to the sketches she	<b>FJ/M13</b>

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				sent over? Ida and Eleanor may both come to Albany with she and FJ. Letter dated on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 1964.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.128</b>	1964	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Wonderful to know FJ will soon be with them again in Perth. Re Colin's book and his personal life. MDM has suggested a couple of names he might use. She has some ideas for the foreword. Letter dated on 11 <sup>th</sup> September 1964.	<b>FJ/M14</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.129</b>	1965	FJ Sydney	MDM Adsett	Thanks for FJ's wonderful Xmas gifts. MDM has been doing the selections for the University reading – Australia Literary Frontiers. No one to look after Johnnie (disposal of family members) so she had to bring him to Adsett with her. DMD wants to get the first few chapters of <i>Rock and Sand</i> straightened out and ready for re-typing. She is very cross about having to return to Perth for a talk to the Rotarians. Bet back home in good heart – her work very well received, and she got the grant for the first edition – six vols. All doors in Canberra open to her after visit from the Prime Minister. Hopes FJ is finding the bush hut a good place to work. Letter dated on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 1965.	<b>FJ/M15</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.130</b>	1965	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Re the wonderful news of Eleanor's Trotman Story. Re <i>Wild Cat</i> – MDM expects to see it in February. Re-entering the book in the Miles Franklin Award. He has written a new novel – however neither she nor FJ can afford another editing job at this juncture. Re MDM spending time at Adsett. She will be going north to do the ABC film in May. (Details of the itinerary for this.) Re a tragic death of Mother Gertrude and three nuns. She has had a visit from Nelson's representative in place of J. Overton, name of Rosenberg. Reg going north with a nifty little caravan he intends to use when out on the Kildurk run. Re news of family members. Letter dated on 13 <sup>th</sup> March 1965.	<b>FJ/M16</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.131</b>	1965	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Re <i>Wild Cat</i> and Colin's second book. MDM feels a follow up novel to <i>Keep Him</i> boiling up in her – may erupt when she is in the Kimberley. Re Eleanor and her contract and advice given – a relief no mention of sending the book back for further editing. MDM's life for past two or three weeks has been a tangle of cross telephone calls about arrangements for the film The arrangement to stay with friend in the Blue Mountains sounds better than the bush hut. Re Florence's inquiries about the artist Boissevain – an interesting story – they know him quite well. Re MDM's Family news. Letter dated on 28 <sup>th</sup> March 1965.	<b>FJ/M17</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.132</b>	1965	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Re review for <i>Wild Cat</i> . Glad to hear FJ has written suggesting Colin send her his latest novel. Re the itinerary and difficulties of organising the ABC project. Cecil Homes is being sued for defamation of character by Dorothy Bennett Robin having conference for lady pilots of which group she is President. Mrs Boda (Bodie) is back from Europe. Horrie gone north again. Letter dated on 9 <sup>th</sup> April 1965.	<b>FJ/M18</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.133</b>	1965	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Geoff Dutton has written making an offer for <i>Kings</i> for their new Sun Books project. They want to shorten the book for paperback publication. Julie off to the UK, will see Ursula, also, Constables and Phil Kaberry. Re <i>Wild Cat</i> – wonders how selling? How is <i>Love Me Please</i> reading? And re family news. Letter dated on 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 1965.	<b>FJ/M19</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.134</b>	1965	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Florence is now in the Blue Mountains. Colin's MS just turned up; MDM feels it's easier to read than the MS of <i>Wild Cat</i> . Re Sun Books and cutting <i>Kings</i> , Constables have done a further imprint of 3000 and have decided not to relinquish the rights for 18 months. Re news of family members and friends. Letter dated on 30 <sup>th</sup> October 1965.	<b>FJ/M20</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.135</b>	1965	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Details on how to improve Colin's latest novel <i>Love Me Please</i> . Marj Rees has now typed 25 chapters of <i>Rock and Sand</i> . MDM has been helping with boy story projects, and she thinks has more imagination and promise than the Albany writers most of whom have submitted hopeless stuff. Letter dated on 8 <sup>th</sup> November 1965.	<b>FJ/M21</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.136</b>	1965	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	MDM has received FJ's letter and appraisal of Colin's MS, and she talked about how to suggest Colin improve his writing. MDM is off to Adsett and hopes to work on the opus before Christmas. Sun books is not happy about the 18-month delay on rights from Constables. Letter dated on 18 <sup>th</sup> November 1965.	<b>FJ/M22</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.137</b>	1966	FJ NSW	MDM Adsett	MDM had good time at Siesta Park and it's perfect for work. MDM has gotten lots of contacts regarding congratulations on her Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE), including the Prime Minister, governor, and lots of friends. She has done a solid appraisal of Colin's novel. Re <i>Kings</i> , Sun Books and Constables. And re family matters. Letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> January 1966.	<b>FJ/M23</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.138</b>	1966	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	MDM tells her itinerary for Adelaide Writer's School– Queensland – Sydney – Canberra. She received Colin's book, and Colin has tried to carry out every single suggestion from she and FJ.	<b>FJ/M24</b>

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				Geoff Bolton and Father Moynihan have read MDM's opus and they both think highly of her book. Letter dated on 24 <sup>th</sup> February 1966.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.139</b>	1966	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	MDM needs advice of which publish agent she should choose regarding Horrie's <i>Early Birds</i> . Happy news from Bet in New York with Henrietta. Kay Kinane came to Perth, and they saw the three Kimberley films. Kay thinks Perpetua might like to work for the ABC as a PNG representative. Julie back from Bangkok and fighting for better conditions for hostesses. She Johnson and Marie are learning Spanish with Judy McCabe. Judy kept the baby, and both are staying at Bellevue Avenue. Re Ian Turner's very good article in Meanjin. Colin has sent (enclosed) letter from England. Letter dated on 12 <sup>th</sup> August 1966.	<b>FJ/M25</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.140</b>	1966	FJ NSW	MDM Adsett	(Handwritten on a Christmas card). MDM has received FJ's letter re <i>Early Birds</i> , and she was pleased for FJ's news about being a grandmother. MDM met Colin and felt he was in an unfamiliar world. MDM's opus was delayed from being completed. Bert Vickers resigned the presidency of FAW. And news of family members. Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> December 1966.	<b>FJ/M26</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.141</b>	1967	FJ NSW	MDM Broome	She posted the final draft of <i>Rock and Sand</i> off to Ursula the day she got away and wrote to her re the competition. MDM has spent three weeks on editing <i>Early Birds</i> and has had difficulties with communicating with Horrie. Another problem regarding <i>Early Birds</i> is contract with publisher. And MDM hops FJ can deal with it. Also, family news about Robin. Letter dated on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 1967.	<b>FJ/M27</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.142</b>	1967	FJ NSW	MDM Broome	Letter dated on 16 <sup>th</sup> September 1967. Bravo about fixing the <i>Early Birds</i> contract. Julie had a good idea for a cover, and she suggested airport displays of photos etc to advertise the book. Most inefficient bungling from Gordon and Gotch who are distributing <i>Corgi Kings</i> . A brief note from Ursula to say the MS of <i>Rock and the Sand</i> arrived. Family news regarding Perpetua, Bet, Michael, Gran, and Robin. MDM had enough to do, she had no intention of starting on anything else. But she shared the idea of plot of this novel with FJ, and by doing <i>The Rocks and The Sand</i> , she got a deeper and thorough insight into many factors concerned. Ida is to be joined by Robin on a trachoma survey.	<b>FJ/M28</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.143</b>	1967	FJ NSW	MDM Adsett	Letter dated on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 1967. MDM is at Adsett and escaping from Perth life. She followed FJ's suggestion regarding the <i>Rock and Sand</i> MS, and Constables liked the book. Disappointed that <i>Early Birds</i> won't be out for Christmas. Bet has had the idea of a series of travel books and completed two. Re family news for both FJ and MDM.	<b>FJ/M29</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.144</b>	1968	FJ NSW	MDM Adelaide	Handwritten note dated on 20 <sup>th</sup> March 1968. SMDM is just about to go to Port Lincoln on Festival Writers talks. (Her itinerary.) She is going first to Nancy Keesing – before seeing FJ. She wants also to see Kay Kinane and Vin Serventy.	<b>FJ/M30</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.145</b>	1968	FJ NSW	MDM Canberra	Handwritten note dated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 1968. MDM feels happy for both Kim and FJ. MDM also Sends thanks to Miss MacIntosh and Eileen for hospitality in the mountain sanctuary. Letter dated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 1968.	<b>FJ/M31</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.146</b>	1968	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Handwritten letter dated on 13 <sup>th</sup> June 1968. MDM told FJ the sad death of brother Kim. Kim left unfinished series of essays and unsent letters. It's a big loss, and everyone is in a big sorrow about his death.	<b>FJ/M32</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.147</b>	1968	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Handwritten Letter dated on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 1968. MDM Sent Horrie's book to FJ. The <i>Ship of Dreams</i> went off well in Broome and will be done again in Perth. There are lots of things going on with personal life and business projects.	<b>FJ/M33</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.148</b>	1969	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Handwritten letter dated on 16 <sup>th</sup> July 1969. Thanks for book FJ sent to her. And then a big loss and sadness about Julie's death.	<b>FJ/M34</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.149</b>	1970	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	MDM went to the Adelaide Festival as one of the Advertiser judges and a former Advertiser journalist. And she has been busy ABC on programs for young Aborigines. Lots of updated regarding family members and friends. MDM hears from Cyril Gare that FJ has joined the Quakers, which she is sure it's a good move. A sad news about Father Moynihan's death. Letter dated on 29 <sup>th</sup> July 1970.	<b>FJ/M35</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.150</b>	1970	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Handwritten Christmas note dated in 1970. MDM is hoping FJ can get together somewhere in 1971. She updates current situation regarding herself and family members.	<b>FJ/M36</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.151</b>	1972	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Handwritten letter dated on 4 <sup>th</sup> March 1972. MDM cannot go to Adelaide Festival. Updates regarding Robin and Marie. MDM has had reports of FJ from Cyril and Elsie Gare.	<b>FJ/M37</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.152</b>	1972	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Handwritten note dated on 8 <sup>th</sup> December 1972. MDM is sorry to have missed Phil Kaberry. She is now working on the sequel on <i>Kings</i> , and plans of going to north in the next year. Updated regarding Marie, Patsy, and Bob.	<b>FJ/M38</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.153</b>	1973	FJ NSW	MDM Adsett	(With MDM's carbon copy.) MDM thanks FJ for a useful gift-lovely address. She needs advice from FJ about whether she should discharge Ursula or not. MDM's immediate jobs are to finish a short biography and doing some jobs for the ABC. <i>Kings</i> is also in her plan. Updates regarding Ida, Johnson, Marie, and Patsy as well. Letter dated on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 1973.	<b>FJ/M39</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.154</b>	1973	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	MDM talks about her schedule when he is in Sydney on July 20th. She hasn't heard from Ursula Winant, and she needs an agent in Australia. Letter dated on 12 <sup>th</sup> July 1973.	<b>FJ/M40</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.155</b>	1973	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	regarding MDM's stay in Adelaide, she met up with some family members there. In her absence trouble at home. Horrie and Johnson have communication problems. MDM has hired a Secretary Joan Salom. MDM is glad to have seen FJ's daughter Julie and she is grateful with welcoming hospitality. Letter dated on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 1973.	<b>FJ/M41</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.156</b>	1973	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	(With MDM carbon.) Thanks for trouble FJ has gone to finding her a new agent. MDM now has a new secretary, Connie Hooker; she is well experienced and has been very helpful. She has had a MS from Colin Johnson who is now a monk in a Buddhist monastery in Calcutta, however, it looks a more hopeless case than usual. Gran's 90th birthday went off splendidly. Patsy and Bob off to New Guinea. Letter dated on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 1973.	<b>FJ/M42</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.157</b>	1974	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	(With MDM carbon copy.) MDM has followed FJ's overture and gotten touch with this new agent Babette Johnson. She enclosed a letter to FJ which she sent to Ursula to conclude their account. Nita Pannell's planning to take play on tour Sydney and Brisbane depends on Jim Pannell's health condition. MDM is suffering a peculiar affliction of the foot. Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> May 1974.	<b>FJ/M43</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.158</b>	1974	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Further to her last letter she has now heard from Ursula. A gracious letter – she encloses a copy to FJ. (Not available in this correspondence.) (See MDM/Pub/Cor)	<b>FJ/M44</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.159</b>	1974	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Babette Johnson seems capable and efficient with MDM's business, and she is currently negotiating the film rights of <i>Kings</i> . Nita can't go to London. But she has been in several local productions, and she is currently putting together a series of sketches for Stefan Haag's Festival 1975. MDM has also been asked by Literary Board to help with Aboriginal writers' workshop in Darwin. Delighted to hear news of FJ's Queensland trip. Re a lot of literary people in Perth. A malignant growth in Robin's groin – removed along with lymph glands and all clear. Updated regarding Marie Rose and Mike, Johnson, and Andy. MDM's foot problem suddenly vanished in Broome. Horrie is well. Letter dated on 15 <sup>th</sup> December 1974.	<b>FJ/M45</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.160</b>	1974	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	(With MDM carbon copy.) Thanking FJ's book and notepaper for Christmas. Patsy and children in Perth – got caught up with flood of refugees from Darwin cyclone. MDM is worried about irreplaceable papers in Aboriginal Theatre Foundation office in Darwin. Babette is doing a good job with the world rights for <i>Kings</i> . Letter dated on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1974.	<b>FJ/M46</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.161</b>	1975	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Handwritten note dated on 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1975. Thanks for FJ's letter of sympathy in MDM family's sad loss. An avalanche of mail descended to be dealt with. She flew up for funeral with	<b>FJ/M47</b>

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				Patsy and Marie Rose. MDM had a Christmas wish phone call from Phil. Letter dated on 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1975.	
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.162</b>	1976	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Handwritten letter dated on 15 <sup>th</sup> September 1976. Re MDM's plan in Brisbane and she hope seeing FJ there. Babette gave up the agency for a publishing venture Notes F's plan to go to England early '77. Re news about Phil and Ida. Gran is well.	<b>FJ/M48</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.163</b>	1976	FJ NSW	MDM Perth	Handwritten letter dated on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 1976. MDM missed FJ in Sydney, she hopes all goes well with FJ and the new grandchild. Sends copy of <i>To Be Heirs Forever</i> .	<b>FJ/M49</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.164</b>	1977	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	(Florence now moved to a retirement unit at Manley.) Handwritten letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> November 1977. Re MDM h's hip problem and Horrie's stroke. Andy is also in hospital with broken kneecap. And it's a shock to know FJ's illness. Good to hear her news of Phil and that Ursula seems to have risen above her (alcoholism) problem. A&R wants a new edition of <i>Way of Whirlwind</i> but with another illustrator, MDM has refused it. Re various bids for <i>Kings</i> for TV series. Pleased to hear F. will be in Perth next May for Quaker meeting Letter.	<b>FJ/M50</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.165</b>	1977	FJ Manly	MDM Perth	Handwritten card dated on 30 <sup>TH</sup> November 1977. Christmas wishes to FJ. And news regarding Horrie, Patsy, and Gran.	<b>FJ/M51</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.166</b>	1978	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	MDM is on the run getting Gran's place ready for her return from hospital, and she is waiting for FJ at Bellevue Avenue. Letter dated on 9 <sup>th</sup> March 1978.	<b>FJ/M52</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.167</b>	1978	FJ Manly	MDM Perth	(Top and carbon copy) A great joy to have seen FJ again and relieved to hear better news of Frances. Marie Rose's baby now thriving. Horrie awarded the Oswald Watt Medal. She has spoken to Don Grant of English Department of Wes Australian Institute of Technology (WAIT) re possibly inviting F. to speak or address a class. A film of Robin's life in the offing. Letter dated on 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 1976.	<b>FJ/M53</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.168</b>	1978	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Handwritten letter dated on 8 <sup>th</sup> August 1978. MDM has received the news about Phil's death and feels very grieved. Horrie is improving. She has not seen the film producer Joan Long – many complications re the Robin film. Encloses a picture of herself at the Concert Hall officiating at Children's Book Week. She did find (Hal Porter's) dialogue in Overland as mentioned by FJ depressing. <i>Ship of Dreams</i> script was not published but she might do it as a book sometime. The Dalgerie libretto was not published either (answers to F's queries). The Tjakamarra film moving slowly round Australia.	<b>FJ/M54</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.169</b>	1979	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	(Two copies including MDM carbon-copy.) She has received the papers re Phil's death. The New Year ushered in with unexpected demands to speak at innumerable functions, and She enjoyed the Summer School and meeting visitors. Updated regarding Pasty, Horrie. Ida and Gran. Letter dated 1 <sup>st</sup> February 1979.	<b>FJ/M55</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.170</b>	1979	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Handwritten card dated in December 1979. Re updates regarding family members and friends. Including Patsy and children, Horrie, Marie, and Gran etc.	<b>FJ/M56</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.171</b>	1979	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Handwritten Christmas card dated on 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 1979. (MDM has had a road accident and has been many months incapacitated. PMM) Thanks FJ for her Christmas present book. She is now home from hospital though' still in heavy plaster – Johnson and Barbara moved into the house to care for her.	<b>FJ/M57</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.172</b>	1980	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Handwritten Christmas card dated on 25 <sup>th</sup> November 1980. (Horrie and Gran have died in the same year. PMM) She is getting her Xmas mail away early as she is off to a meeting in Canberra and taking a quick trip up to Qld with Noni and Bill – would dearly love to stop off in Sydney to see her – but she is cutting it too fine. 'I have just finished going through 450 letters of condolence and also going through the old man's papers, letters and records of the years – a depressing task that still weighs on my heart and spirits.' She is hoping to get down to concentrated work in New Year. With the help of Cyril Gare, she has been looking into the housing situation in Broome as Johnson wants to set up business there and the others would like the sort of Broome base we used to have. Nothing suitable found so far.	<b>FJ/M58</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.173</b>	1982	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Handwritten Christmas card dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> December 1982. It is good to have seen FJ earlier in the year, she hopes they may catch up again in 1983. MDM tells FJ how her current writing is going on and the next plan of writing. Also, she tells FJ the death of her brother.	<b>FJ/M59</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.174</b>	1983	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Handwritten letter dated on 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1983. MDM is looking forward to seeing FJ. MDM will be gathering with her children and grandchildren for Christmas. She enjoys a TV series. Ida died and MDM has inherited Ida's written materials, including diaries, letters etc.	<b>FJ/M60</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.175</b>	1984	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Re MDM's plan to go to Adelaide to attend a meeting and catch up with ailing relatives. Letter dated on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 1984.	<b>FJ/M61</b>

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<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.176</b>	1989	FJ Sydney	MDM Perth	Trying to get her by phone but no answer. MDM goes to hospital due to her left knee. She is enclosing an article on their trip from WA to Adelaide. Can F. come over and stay at Bellevue Ave with her? MDM might also ask Elsie Gare to join them. Letter dated o 19 <sup>th</sup> November 1989. (This is the last letter from MDM to Florence James on file. Following correspondence is re Florence's 90th birthday and the film <i>In my Grandmother's Footsteps</i> . PMM).	<b>FJ/M62</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.177A</b>	1992	MDM Perth	J. JAMES Bailey Queens- land	Professor Julie James Bailey writes from Griffith University, Queensland, School of Film and Media – Faculty of Humanities. Letter dated on 10 <sup>th</sup> July 1992. Confirming conversation regarding arranging an interview with MDM on videotape as part of Florence's 90th birthday celebrations. Julie JB is interested in the assistance that FJ has given to MDM and other writers. Letter dated on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 1992.	<b>FJ/M63A</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.177B</b>	1992	MDM Perth	J. JAMES Bailey Queens- land	Julie Sent a copy of the 10-minute edited tape and a copy of the interview to MDM. Master tape will be lodged with National film and Sound Archive Library and National Library of Canberra. FJ's birthday dinner went well.	<b>FJ/M63B</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.177C</b>	1994	MDM Perth	J. JAMES Bailey Queens- land	Margie Bryant as an Australia Council grant to make a documentary film on FJ. Julie has let her use part of the interview with MDM made for the FJ's 90th birthday. The credit as she speaks will be <i>Mary Durack – Kings in Grass Castles</i> . Letter dated on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1994.	<b>FJ/M63C</b>
<b>ACC 7273A/box 170.178</b>	2008?			Summary/transcripts of correspondence between Florence James and Mark Durack, 1952-1989. By PMM. 1 volume, 114 page, compiled by Patsy Millet. [not listed]	

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