

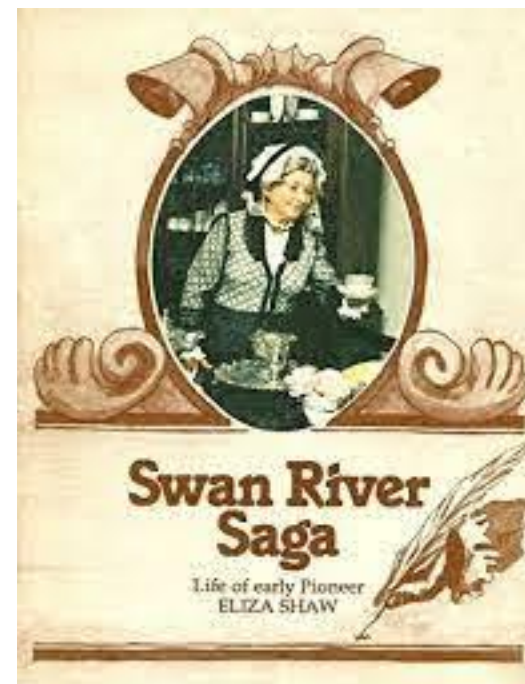
MARY DURACK MILLER PAPERS:

MDM/SRS: SWAN RIVER SAGA

By Mary Durack

This collection includes materials relating to Swan River saga : a monodrama on the life if a Western Australian pioneer, Eliza Shaw. This project commenced in 1970 as a series of three sketches performed at the Western Australia Art Gallery and later included in a programme at the Octagon Theatre, University of Western Australia. In 1972, the pioneer theme was developed into a full monodrama with the collaboration of Nita PANNELL (actress) and performed for the Festival of Perth at The Hole In The Wall Theatre and in the courtyard of the Maritime Museum and Arts Centre. This was followed in 1973 by an Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust tour to all capitals of Australia including Tasmania. Performed again at St Georges Hall Perth May 1979. A revival with Jill PERRYMAN at the Effie Crump Theatre Perth was presented in Perth February 1993.

The material researched and obtained for this play, was expanded into the book *To Be Heirs Forever*. In 1974, ABC broadcast a feature interview with Mary Durack and Nita Pannell.



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

REQUEST THIS NUMBER ↓	Date	Description	PMM index reference
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.1 (housed in large folder)	1877	Photograph of Eliza SHAW aged 83.	MDM/SRS.1
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.2A	1972	<i>Swan River saga</i> (Perth : Service Printing, 1972.)	MDM/SRS.2
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.2B	1972-1993	<p><i>Swan River saga</i> materials</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newspaper cutting, West Australian dated 2 February 1972 2. Newspaper cutting, West Australian dated 24 May 1972 3. Newspaper cutting, West Australian dated 1 February 1993 4. Newspaper cutting, West Australian, no date. Possibly in 1993 5. Invitation letter to Effie Crump Theatre 6. Letters from Mindy Coppin to Mary Durack dated 14 January 1993 and 11 February 1993 7. Flyer on the play <i>Swan River saga</i> at Effie Crump Theatre 8. Programme booklet on the play <i>Swan River saga</i> at Effie Crump Theatre 9. Article on <i>Swan River saga</i> published in Royal W.A. Historical Society's newsletter, March 1972 	MDM/SRS.2
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.3	1972	<i>Swan River saga</i> , two typed scripts in 33 leaves.	MDM/SRS.3
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.4	No date	Excerpts Eliza Shaw's letters and early version of manuscript with notations by Mary Durack.	MDM/SRS.4
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.5	1830-1974	Research materials for Eliza SHAW, includes photocopied of Land titles, maps, family trees and early research for William Shaw.	MDM/SRS.5
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.6	1872-1972	Research materials on the BROCKMANS, Governors of WA, related people of that time and info on Belvoir Castle.	MDM/SRS.6
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.7	1970-1980	Materials containing accounts, contract and correspondence regarding <i>Swan River saga</i> .	MDM/SRS.7

ACC 7273A/BOX 96.8	No date	Photocopied file containing Land Leases and description of Boundaries on Swan River and Avon River.	MDM/SRS.8
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.9	1839-1957	Photocopied file with information on BLAND and WHITFIELD.	MDM/SRS.9
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.10	1840-1845	Photocopied file on information regarding Land 1840 - 41.	MDM/SRS.10
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.11	1832-1963	Photocopied file on information on number of convicts in WA towards the end of 1852.	MDM/SRS.11
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.12	No date	Photocopied file on information on AUSTRALIND - WA Company 1840. Also Emigrants Bounty Regulations 1842.	MDM/SRS.12
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.13	1993	Publicity file for <i>Swan River saga</i> , 1993 production performed by Jill PERRYMAN.	MDM/SRS.13
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.14	1836-1844	Materials containing extracts from Perth Gazette regarding the Church in WA and Bishop Augustus SHORT.	MDM/SRS.14
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.15	1973	Material containing details of Wheat Production and Export 1856.	MDM/SRS.15
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.16	1860	Photocopied file on statement made by R. SHAW to authorities regarding attempt on his life - 1860.	MDM/SRS.16
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.17	1835-1837	Photocopied extracts from Perth Gazette regarding court cases involving SHAW family.	MDM/SRS.17
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.18	1929	Extracts taken from Historic Press regarding MR G. BARRETT-LENNARD'S enterprise.	MDM/SRS.18
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.19	1836-1841	Photocopied file on Natives - Firing crops and other matters 1837.	MDM/SRS.19
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.20	1841-1844	Photocopied file on Nat SHAW 1841/1843/1844.	MDM/SRS.20
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.21	1830	Handwritten on Ann WHATLEY'S diary extracts.	MDM/SRS.21
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.22	1839-1856	Photocopied file on W. SHAW applications for positions under the Crown.	MDM/SRS.22

ACC 7273A/BOX 96.23	1975	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of references used to research <i>Swan River saga</i>. 2. An original copy of Medical Journal of Australia (Special Supplement on Aboriginal Health), Vol. 1, no. 3, February 22 1975. 	MDM/SRS.23
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.24	1865-1950	Materials containing information on CURRIE family and AGETT family including from WA Historical Society Journal and Proceeding (1950).	MDM/SRS.24
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.25	1831-1974	Materials on Lands Department records regarding early settlement Swan River.	MDM/SRS.25
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.25a (OSM)		Map, 10 sheets bound together. Part of materials on Land Department as above.	
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.26	1834-1842	Photocopied file on about squatting 1834 and 1837 etc.	MDM/SRS.26
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.27	1834	Photocopied file on regarding labour (Correspondence from W. SHAW).	MDM/SRS.27
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.28	1846-1974	General information regarding Swan River saga research.	MDM/SRS.28
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.29	1972-1973	<p>Letters to Mary Durack from Nita PANNELL during <i>Swan River saga</i> tour (1972) and some other correspondence.</p> <p>X REF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDM/CW P(annell, N) • MDM/CC B(ain, Sister Albertus) 	MDM/SRS.29
ACC 7273A/BOX 96.30	No date	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Background to Swan River Saga" 2. two copies of poem "Eliza" 3. Mary Durack biographical notes 	MDM/SRS.30
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.31	1833-1972	General reference material regarding <i>Swan River saga</i> including information regarding photographs of early settlers - (SHAW and descendants and Alfred GREEN).	MDM/SRS.31
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.32	1970-1973	Materials on SHAW family tree.	MDM/SRS.32

ACC 7273A/BOX 97.33	1970?	Book one - notes from Eliza SHAW's Journal, handwritten by Mary Durack.	MDM/SRS.33
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.34	1970?	Book two - notes from Eliza SHAW's journal continued.	MDM/SRS.34
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.35	1970?-1972	ABC script for <i>Swan River saga</i> . Also, draft for <i>Swan River saga</i> - Hole in the Wall Theatre.	MDM/SRS.35
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.36	1877-1974	Research material and newspaper cuttings regarding <i>Swan River saga</i> . (Handwritten notes by Mary Durack).	MDM/SRS.36
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.37	1975	Typed manuscript of <i>Swan River saga</i> .	MDM/SRS.37
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.38	No date	<i>Swan River saga</i> , an introduction by Mary Durack (2 copies - typed and handwritten).	MDM/SRS.38
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.39	1991	Newspaper cutting, article from WAN 26 January 1991 on James STIRLING and Swan River settlement.	MDM/SRS.39
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.40	1973-1983	Reviews and press cuttings regarding <i>Swan River saga</i> , also pamphlet and poster advertising <i>Swan River saga</i> .	MDM/SRS.40
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.41	1993	Programme and review of Jill PERRYMAN version of <i>Swan River saga</i> .	MDM/SRS.41
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.42	1979	Original programme of <i>Swan River saga</i> with song 'Western Australia for me' on back cover with music.	MDM/SRS.42
ACC 7273A/BOX 97.43	1972	Original Festival of Perth <i>Swan River saga</i> Programme, signed by Nita PANNELL, Mary Durack and members of the production crew, including producer Ron DENSON. Also includes handwritten alterations to Mary Durack's verse, 'Eliza'.	MDM/SRS.43

See also:

- *MDM/HF*, for material relating to 'To Be Heirs Forever'.
- *PHOTO FILES FOR SHAW FAMILY PORTRAITS ETC.*
- *H&B/SUBJ Swan River Colony*

- *MDM diaries (See diary summaries, diary box 5)*
- *MDM/CG A(rts Council of WA), C(onti, Anne), D(e Burgh, Bill), D(ickinson, Mollie), G(oodchild, Dr DJ), W(oolcott, John), for letters regarding 'Swan River saga' and Shaw family history*
- *MDM/CON for contracts regarding production of, copyright etc.*
- *MDM/CW P(annell, N), for correspondence regarding 'Swan River saga'*
- *MDM/PLY, for other Mary Durack plays, ABC talks and dramatic works.*
- *MDM/TLKS1, no's 37 & 42, for discussion of regional drama, includes Swan River saga. MDM/VER2, no's 141, and 153 for verses regarding Eliza Shaw, by Mary Durack.*

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