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NEVILLE, A.O.

Mr A.O.Neville was born in Northumberland England in 1875? He came to Western Australia and joined the Public Service in 1897, where he remained until his retirement in 1940. He served in the Premiers, Chief Secretary's, and North West Depts, from which in 1915 he was appointed Chief Protector of Aborigines. Following new government legislation in 1936, he was appointed Commissioner of Native Affairs, in which position he remained until his retirement.

He retained his interest in matters concerning the aborigines, and published several papers and a book on their conditions in Australia. He died in 1954.

The Papers

The Papers were deposited in the State Archives by Mr J. Neville on 12 February 1991 and 23 February 1993 (4691A).

Holdings = 0.16m

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Summary of Classes

CORRESPONDENCE
LEGAL PAPERS
MAPS
NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
NOTE BOOKS
PUBLICATIONS

4691A/1

CORRESPONDENCE
16 April 1935 - 11 January 1954
Correspondence with various people concerning his proposed biography of Daisy Bates.

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- 4691A/2 27 January 1949 - 11 March 1949
Personal with S.G. Middleton. Comm. of Native Affairs.
- 4691A/3 17 August 1950 - 4 March 1953
Personal with C. Stitfold. Dept. of Native Affairs.
- 4691A/4 13 June 1950 - 29 January 1954
Concerning leprosy and tuberculosis among natives.
- 4691A/5 30 Sept 1952 - 1 April 1954
National Association for the Advancement of the Native Race.
- 4691A/6 Miscellaneous Topics
War patriotic fund for West Australians 1921
Purchase of Merrylands farm Kellerberrin 1947
Country Women's Association 1953
Victorian aboriginal group 1953
D. McLeod - activities in the Pilbara 1953
Nurse training for aboriginal girls 1954
Mrs Neville to Col. Mansbridge 1956
- LEGAL PAPERS
- 4691A/7 1 December 1920 - 18 April 1929
Estate of R.D Hardy
- 4691A/8 7 August 1933 - 15 August 1934
Bequest by A.E. Hardy to R. Neville
- 4691A/9 19 January 1937 - 20 August 1937
Sale of A.O. Neville's land at Donnybrook
- MAPS
- 4691A/10 1901, 1902, 1906.
Perth Lands Office map showing pastoral leases in the Pilbara region held by D. Bates.
- NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
- 4691A/11 1937 - 1954
Include personal details of A.O. Neville's career; letters from correspondents to newspapers; general reports on native affairs. 'West Australian' newspaper.

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- 4691A/12 1942 - 1948
Scrap book of cuttings from West Australian, Daily News, Bulletin, Sydney Morning Herald on native affairs.
- NOTEBOOKS
Handwritten by A. O. Neville
- 4691A/13 undated
Miscellaneous notes on customs and languages.
- 4691A/14 undated
Notes concerning book by Daisy Bates
- 4691A/15 May - July 1928
Notes of a trip through the north-west of the state.
- 4691A/16 1931 - 1935
Notes on cases of ill-treatment and injustices
- PUBLICATIONS
- 4691A/17 March 1922
The north and north-west of Western Australia. Prepared by A.O. Neville for Dept. of the North-West.
- 4691A/18 June 1924
The north and north-west of Western Australia. Prepared by A.O. Neville for Dept. of the North-West.
- 4691A/19 November 1953
"Mankind". Journal of the Anthropological Societies of Australia.
- 4691A/20 May 1954
"Mankind"
- 4691A/21 Published 1944
"Passing of the Aborigines" by Daisy Bates. With annotations by A.O. Neville.

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