

BUSSELL, Charlotte (nee Spicer) 1808-1899

Charlotte Bussell was born on 18 January 1808 daughter of Captain Peter Spicer, RN and Jane Spicer (nee Batty). She first married John Cookworthy and they had four children – Edith, Frances, Josephine (who died when she was four years old) and William Spicer (known always as Spicer). After John Cookworthy died she met John Garrett Bussell who was in England visiting his cousin Thomas Arthur Bussell. They were married, after a whirlwind courtship, on 22 August 1838, and left with the children for Western Australia. From her second marriage the children were: Capel Carter 1839-1924; Emily Jane 1841-1911; Horatio Peter born and died 1841; Caroline 1846-1913 and Charlotte Josephine 1849-1929.

Charlotte lived at Cattle Chosen until her husband John died in 1875. She then moved to Paris with her daughter Caroline and eventually died there. Caroline was joined by her young niece Emily Flora Brockman to help look after Charlotte. Charlotte died on the 26 August 1899 in Paris (more letters in MN586)

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		ADDRESS BOOKS
ACC 4621A/94		Kept by Charlotte in Paris entitled "where is it?"
		ALMANACS
ACC 4621A/95	1869	Western Australian Almanack and Directory for 1869. Printed and published by Stirling and Son, Perth. Entries in Charlotte's handwriting. Written at Cattle Chosen, the Vasse
		BANK BOOKS
ACC 4621A/96	1882-1900	National Provincial Bank of England Ltd Mrs Charlotte and Miss Caroline Bussell
		CARDS

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ACC 4621A/97		4 Christmas cards (texts) two dated 1884 – from Lily (Cookworthy?)
		CORRESPONDENCE
ACC 4621A/98	22 September 1837	From Maria Porter to Charlotte Cookworthy. Proposed moved to Kingsbridge. Transcript
ACC 4621A/99	7 June 1839	From ME Bowker – cousin of Charlotte and John. Long letter about relatives and friends in England. Mentions maintenance for the children of Charlotte (by her first marriage) to be paid for out of Joseph Cookworthy's estate. Interesting letter
ACC 4621A/100	26 August 1841	(incomplete – no signature) Addressed to Mrs Bussell. Vasse inlet, new Swan River. Post-marked Sydney
ACC 4621A/101	23 April 1842	From Fanny Bowker (later to marry Thomas A Bussell) at Laura Green, England. Is sending a box of baby clothes. News about all their mutual friends
ACC 4621A/102	7 March 1848	From Thomas Arthur Bussell – now married to Fanny Bowker. Birth of a daughter – Frances (Francie)
ACC 4621A/103	6 December 1850	A 28 page letter to Charlotte from Fanny Bussell (nee Bowker) written from her home at Blackheath, Kent. A convict ship was to leave London on the next day for the Swan River. Interesting letter
ACC 4621A/104	26 July 1852	From her daughter Frances Cookworthy – it is sister Edith's birthday (incomplete)
ACC 4621A/105	12 September 1853	Written from Cattle Chosen to Charlotte, who is away. Josephine Prinsep is looking after the farm and the family. Two pages written by grand-daughter Margaret T Brockman
ACC 4621A/106	16 October 1855	Daughter Edith Sanderson to Charlotte from Aspenden Vicarage, England
ACC 4621A/107	27 February 1860	From a niece who has been staying in Albany (incomplete)
ACC 4621A/108	30 December 1860	From Edith at Aspenden Vicarage (incomplete)
ACC 4621A/109	13 July 1861	Long letter from Fanny Bussell (nee Bussell) from Blackheath. Death of someone called Richard (Mowbray?). About a box she is sending Charlotte containing silver, clothes etc. Transcript
ACC 4621A/110	25 October 1866	From HM Ommanney in Glamorganshire, Scotland. About an appointment he is seeking – Deputy Surveyor General of the Lands and Surveys Department, Perth, WA
ACC 4621A/111	19 November 1866	Another from HM Ommanney about another post near San Francisco
ACC 4621A/112	27 May 1868	To Caroline wishing her a happy birthday (incomplete)
ACC 4621A/113	24 June 1871	Frances Fry to Charlotte. Duplicate letter. Frances is seeking to buy Plymouth porcelain (Cookworthy China)
ACC 4621A/114	20 November 1872	From Fanny Bussell in England. Fanny (Ardagh?) to leave Rangoon
ACC 4621A/115	8 September 1875	From her husband John. Looking forward to Charlotte's return from Perth
ACC 4621A/116	8 September 1875	To her daughter Caroline. Charlotte in Perth shopping and arranging their passages to England. John Garrett Bussell died 9 days later on 17 September. Transcript

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ACC 4621A/117	28 October 1875	Spicer Cookworthy to Charlotte, his mother. Written from Anchor Gate House, Portsmouth (incomplete)
ACC 4621A/118	16 May 1876	From a daughter at Sandilands (owned by Frances Cookworthy) (incomplete)
ACC 4621A/119	16 May 1876	From Josephine Prinsep – account of some theatricals in Perth (incomplete)
ACC 4621A/120	29 November 1876	From Capel at Cattle Chosen
ACC 4621A/121	9 November 1877	Mary Yates Taylor to Charlotte. About Kate's illness
ACC 4621A/122	30 December 1877	To her son Spicer Cookworthy. Charlotte in London. Transcribed
		Before listing the next letters some explanation must be made regarding the Cookworthy' china which crops up now and again in the letters. It was left by Charlotte's first husband John Cookworthy and one presumes that it was china that had originated from William Cookworthy. He owned a Plymouth factory that produced hard paste porcelain within the years 1768-1776. The enterprise was later moved to Bristol. William Cookworthy independently re-discovered the Chinese method of making hard-paste porcelain in 1768 and subsequently patented it. Later in 1770 when the factory was moved to Bristol it was purchased by Richard Champion. William Cookworthy lived between 1705 and 1780. He owned the Plymouth Porcelain works before it was sold. Details of porcelain – underglaze blue, blue enamel, red or gold. Marking 41
ACC 4621A/123	23 February 1879	From Capel Brockman to her mother Charlotte and sisters Edith and Caroline. About the birth of Capel's little boy Ted – feared he would not live – good description of the birth. Also description of the driving of 22 horses to Bunbury for sale to Mr Mitchell who would ship them to India
ACC 4621A/124	9 May 1879	From Spicer Cookworthy to his mother Charlotte. About the division of the Cookworthy china
ACC 4621A/125	11 May 1879	From Charlotte to Spicer. Re the Cookworthy China
ACC 4621A/126	16 May 1879	From Spicer – more about the china and the plate
ACC 4621A/127	5 October 1879	From Charlotte's daughter Josephine Prinsep. News of Perth. Birth of son to Bessie Brockman
ACC 4621A/128	15 October 1879	To Charlotte from her agent Robert Campbell in Singapore re the sale of the estate
ACC 4621A/129	19 November 1879	To Mr Campbell from Charlotte regarding the sale of her land in Singapore
ACC 4621A/130	19 December 1879	A note from Capel Brockman to Emily Vines and a letter from Emily to Charlotte and Caroline
ACC 4621A/131	Before Christmas	Emily to Charlotte. About the Vasse Show
ACC 4621A/134	14 January 1880	From Robert Campbell, Singapore. Re estate
ACC 4621A/135	18 January 1880	To Caroline from Charlotte in Southsea, England. Transcribed
ACC 4621A/136	20 January 1880	Re estate. From Singapore
ACC 4621A/137	5 February 1880	Charlotte to Caroline. Complaints about the weather. Still at Hastings

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ACC 4621A/138	20 February 1880	Charlotte, still at Hastings, to Caroline. Many instructions given about the new house Caroline is preparing
ACC 4621A/139	23 February 1880	Charlotte to Caroline
ACC 4621A/140	29 April 1880	Progress of sale in Singapore from R Campbell
ACC 4621A/141	7 June 1880	Progress of sale in Singapore from R Campbell
ACC 4621A/142	8 June 1880	A long letter from her sister Frances Sutherland (nee Bussell) at Cattle Chosen
ACC 4621A/143	28 May 1881	To Charlotte from her sister Frances Sutherland (nee Bussell) at Cattle Chosen
ACC 4621A/144	8 June 1881	From her daughter Emily Vines at Cattle Chosen. Aunt Fanny has died at Cattle Chosen. Frances Louisa Bussell married Henry Sutherland. She was John Bussell's sister
ACC 4621A/145	24 June 1881	From her daughter Emily Vines
ACC 4621A/146	23 December 1881	From her daughter Edith Sanderson at Aspenden Rectory Christmas greetings
ACC 4621A/147	1 March 1883	From daughter Edith. Family news
ACC 4621A/148	1 May [1883]	From daughter Edith. Family news and notices of the deaths of family friends. Charlotte Hood Wetherfield and Blanch Tross Dalgetty and her stillborn daughter. (Wife of Frederick Dalgetty)
ACC 4621A/149	11 May 1883	To Edith – Charlotte in Paris. Charlotte remembers Blanch Dalgetty when they were both young girls
ACC 4621A/150	25 May 1883	Possibly from one of Charlotte's sons-in-law. About value of Cattle Chosen and sheep (incomplete)
ACC 4621A/151	16 July 1883	From daughter Edith Sanderson. The Sandersons have moved to Harrogate for the reason Edith's health. Charlotte had attached a note to say that this was Edith's last letter to her. She died on 4 September 1883
ACC 4621A/152	7 September 1883	From Charlotte to Alfred Sanderson on the death of Edith. Very sad letter
ACC 4621A/153	11 October 1883	From AP Sanderson. Long and moving account of Edith's death
ACC 4621A/154	27 April 1884	From Flora Brockman at The Warren. Family news (Flora was 12 years old)
ACC 4621A/155	4 May 1886	Charlotte to her daughter Josephine. Charlotte is in London. Much about who writes and who doesn't.
ACC 4621A/156	23 June 1886	From her grand-daughter Isabel Brockman and a note from Capel – she has posted papers containing 'The Gribble Case' to Charlotte. Great sensation in the colony!
ACC 4621A/157	1 July 1886	Charlotte to Frances Cookworthy. More about the Cookworthy China. Transcribed
ACC 4621A/158	28 December 1886	From Richard Gale. Interesting letter
ACC 4621A/159	28 September 1888	From Bishop Hale thanking Charlotte for a French Testament
ACC 4621A/160	27 November 1889	From Cousin Lizzie in Norwich. About her family and a will
ACC 4621A/161	[1891]	Possibly written when Caroline, Carlotta and Flora were in Oberammergau and had delayed their return to Charlotte. News of various friends and movements at their boarding house. Transcribed

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ACC 4621A/162	4 May 1890	From her daughter Capel Brockman at The Warren. Thanking her for paying one of the boys fees at High School
ACC 4621A/163	30 December 1890	To Flora staying with the Wilkinson's in England. Chides Flora about letter writing
ACC 4621A/164	2 April 1891	From Carlotta in Birmingham with the Wilkinsons. In bed with a cold. Postcard
ACC 4621A/165	10 April 1891	Another card from Carlotta. About her visiting a sister of a Miss Pernell who used to live in Bunbury
ACC 4621A/166	14 August 1891	From her son-in-law, Edward Brockman thanking her for a gift of 20 pounds, also for school fees of 60 pounds for his son Peter. A Miss Ball to open a school at Busselton. Hopes that Isabel might attend
ACC 4621A/167	29 December 1891	From 'S' in Clifton (possibly Sabina Hale)
ACC 4621A/168	1 January [1892]	From her daughter Emily Vines in WA. Her own daughter Mary is to visit Charlotte when she visits England. Wishes Charlotte a happy birthday
ACC 4621A/169	2 January 1892	From Mrs Isabella Ferguson. An old friend of Charlotte's in Perth. News of friends and family
ACC 4621A/170	19 January 1892	From grandson, the Rev CP Sanderson. Thanks her for a photograph. Hopes to get a new living soon. From Kingston Hill, England
ACC 4621A/171	25 February 1892	From Mrs Mary Vines – Emily's mother-in-law in Reading – Mary Vines grandmother. Family news
ACC 4621A/172	28 July 1892	From her daughter, Josephine Prinsep in Perth. Speaks very well of a Dr Jameson in Perth. Family news
ACC 4621A/173	20 September 1892	From Mary Bussell at The Vicarage, Strathalbyn, South Australia. About the state of Australia and the miners' strike
ACC 4621A/174	20 December 1892	From the artist who painted Charlotte's portrait in 1891 – (Nieper or Lieper?)
ACC 4621A/175	30 December 1872	From Capel discussing the possibility of her daughter Edie replacing Flora as Charlotte's companion
ACC 4621A/176	17 January 1893	From grand-daughter Agneta Poyntz Sanderson Aspenden Rectory. Buntingford, England. Birthday wishes to Charlotte. Hopes Charlotte will visit England soon. Mentions Mrs Christian (Mary Hale) – showed her the Poyntz Pedigree – Sir Matthew Hale was son of Joan Poyntz
ACC 4621A/177	10 May 1893	To Aunt Charlotte from a "dutiful nephew" re Mary Vines leaving England
ACC 4621A/178	31 June 1893	From Charlotte's cousin Frank Hooper Rawlins. About genealogy of the Hoopers
ACC 4621A/179	28 December 1893	From Colin Cookworthy at Cannes. Her nephew inquiring about her bank shares for her
ACC 4621A/180	15 February 1894	From her cousin E Cobb living in Melbourne, who has recently been reunited with her beloved brother. Became very ill
ACC 4621A/181	18 June 1894	From grand-daughter Margaret Willmott (nee Brockman). Thanks Charlotte for a gift of some cows. She and her husband Percy visited Cattle Chosen – gives news of family

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ACC 4621A/182	31 August 1894	From her grandchild Mary Capel Vines. Long letter about possible engagement of Amy Wilkinson and Fred Vines. Family news. Mary now elected Hon Secretary of the Girls Friendly Society branch in Busselton
ACC 4621A/183	7 October 1894	From Flora Brockman visiting in England. Visited Mrs Schofield
ACC 4621A/184	13 October 1894	Postcard from nephew Colin Cookworthy
ACC 4621A/185	11 December 1894	From her daughter Capel Brockman. Capel laments at not having planted more orchards when first at The Warren
ACC 4621A/186	[Late 1894]	Part of a letter from Frances Cookworthy regarding the end of the engagement between Amy Wilkinson and Fred Vines
ACC 4621A/187	13 January 1895	From daughter Capel Brockman at The Warren. Much comforted by Charlotte over the broken engagement of Amy Wilkinson and Fred Vines
ACC 4621A/188	1 October 1895	From Georgina Hale at Marlow in England. Postcard has been to Charlotte's old village 3 Mile Cross. Tried to find the house where C lived
ACC 4621A/189	13 December 1895	From Charlotte's nephew General Ardagh "Thanking for Lord Nelson's letter" written in purple ink on envelopes
ACC 4621A/190	24 July 1896	From the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney about a dividend of 116.10s
ACC 4621A/191	8 October 1896	From Jane Becker – Thea's mother – telling Charlotte of Mrs Reiby's death. Written at the end of part of a letter from Emily Dobson also about Mrs Reiby's death
ACC 4621A/192	7 June 1897	From grandson Fred Vines who manages Cattle Chosen with his mother Emily. News about the farm. Praises Sir John Forrest
ACC 4621A/193-194	Undated – Possibly 1879	The year Spicer Cookworthy (Charlotte's son by her first husband died. [194 transcribed]
ACC 4621A/195	Undated	Incomplete letter from her sister Jane Hutchings
ACC 4621A/196	[Prior to 1875]	Written before John Bussell's death. From her daughter Emily Vines
ACC 4621A/197		From Charlotte to her daughter Frances Cookworthy re Spicer's marriage to Lily. Not to be passed around the family – very private. Charlotte has grave doubts about Lily.
ACC 4621A/198		Written by Charlotte whilst visiting the Eastern States (Incomplete)
ACC 4621A/199	[1892]	From a nephew MF Webster re failure of a Bank
ACC 4621A/200		From Sabina Hale at Clifton. Charlotte obviously has been thinking of visiting Australia because of the cold weather. Sabina adds private note – would love to farm in Victoria
ACC 4621A/201	[1890s]	From nephew Richard Ardagh re Flora Brockman's finances and a proposed visit to Winchester
ACC 4621A/202		From A Van Amstel – a Paris friend
ACC 4621A/203	[1890s]	From Archibald Richardson Bunbury
ACC 4621A/204		Fragment from her daughter Frances Cookworthy
ACC 4621A/205		From a Laura de Lane thanking Charlotte for sketch and cuttings about G Bussell (Grace?)
ACC 4621A/206		Nephew MF Webster writing from Guildford

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ACC 4621A/207		From a niece C Mc D Riebey – about her marriage. Lives in Tasmania
ACC 4621A/208		From a grandchild
ACC 4621A/209		From Valerie Sharwood, Bath
ACC 4621A/210		From daughter Emily Vines. Written after a serious illness
ACC 4621A/211		From Harry Prinsep after his wife Josephine's (nee Bussell) breakdown after the birth of a baby
ACC 4621A/212		From Emily Vines at Cattle Chosen
ACC 4621A/213		From Emily Vines at Cattle Chosen
ACC 4621A/214-222		Fragments of letters to Charlotte
ACC 4621A/223	30 September 1850	Envelope addressed to Charlotte from JG Cookworthy
ACC 4621A/224		Envelope to Charlotte at 35 Rue de Labeck, Paris, France
		Note on a portrait mentioned in letters of Charlotte. Painted – large portrait of Charlotte, her daughter Caroline and grand-daughter Flora Brockman. Was hanging at Beachgrove, Busselton but currently at Brackenhurst, Bridgetown
		GENEALOGY
ACC 4621A/225		Charlotte Bussell's family – the Spicers
		LEGAL PAPERS
ACC 4621A/226		Power of attorney given by Charlotte Bussell to Edward Brockman
ACC 4621A/227		Certificate of shares – Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd
		POETRY
ACC 4621A/228	1823	Written in The Ladies Own Memorandum Book for 1823. Note inside by researcher
		RECEIPTS
ACC 4621A/229	28 September 1878	From Josiah Russell – photographer, Portsmouth
ACC 4621A/230	29 June 1881	Joseph Long, Draper, Reading
ACC 4621A/231	1 March 189-	Au Bon Marche – Paris
ACC 4621A/232	13 October 1894	Dr Lade's Hof – Apotheke. Wiesbaden and envelope
ACC 4621A/233	17 March 1896	P Founier Furniture establishment
		SKETCHES
ACC 4621A/234	17 December 1882	Painted sketch by Emily Vines – grand-daughter
ACC 4621A/235		Christmas, Painted sketch by Carlotta. In envelope marked Angleterre
ACC 4621A/236		Pencilled sketch of Aunt Charlotte
		WILLS
ACC 4621A/237	10 December 1892	List by Charlotte of silver Last will and testament of Charlotte Bussell. Handwritten

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ACC 4621A/238	4 July 1894	Last will and testament of Charlotte Bussell. Handwritten
ACC 4621A/239	4 July 1894	Copy of above
ACC 4621A/240	31 May 1897	Last Will and Testament of Charlotte Bussell – handwritten
ACC 4621A/241	Undated	Last Will and Testament of Charlotte Bussell – Handwritten. Written in purple ink
ACC 4621A/242		Rough notes of Charlotte Bussell's wishes regarding division of Cattle Chosen
ACC 4621A/243		Regarding land bequeathed to daughter Capel Brockman
ACC 4621A/244		Copy of solicitor's letter regarding Charlotte's estate
ACC 4621A/245	26 August 1899	Probate granted
ACC 4621A/246	5 October 1900	Notarial fees – receipt Stanley, Money and Walker Solicitors

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